

SAINT VIATOR PARENTS' CLUB MINUTES OF THE MEETING 9/12/11

Present: Sue Abrahamson, Mary Baur, Judy Busato, Lori Cataldo, Mary Cavanaugh, Kathy Copley, Patti Faerber, Linda Falotico, Kathleen Guth, April Hanes-Dowd, Kay Haubenreiser, Karen Heck, Diane Jamieson, Marie Julius, Sara Kay, Mary Ann Kouvelis, Anne Krzoska, Kathy Loy, Eileen Manno, Erin McMahon, Ann Ptacin, Diana Resendez, Mary Ellen Soch, Gina Steiner, Kathy Sutton, Dawn Thompson, Andrea Trovato, Greg Werba, Molly Wolfe

OPENING PRAYER:

At 7:40 pm the meeting was brought to order by Parents' Club Co-President Kathy Loy who led us in a prayer.

THE MEETING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Erin McMahon moved to approve the minutes, and Linda Falotico seconded the motion. In the future, the attendance sheet will be at the front desk as you walk in the Resource Center and you should check that and review your email address before you take your seat.

PRESIDENTS' REPORT: Kathy Loy & Lori Cataldo

Introductions were made around the room from all in attendance. The by-laws were passed around for review but they will also be entered into the Parents' Club website so that you can refer to them at anytime. Thank you notes were circulated from the teachers from the end of last school year. Kathy & Lori also reminded everyone to get approval from them before any mailers are circulated regarding anything related to the Parent's Club.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Eileen Manno

There is a college panel this Wednesday, September 14 in the auditorium. The colleges represented are John Carroll, Notre Dame, Marquette, Harper and the University of Illinois. It is open to any parents or students interested in finding out information about these schools. It will be in the auditorium at 7 p.m.

Due to the high heat last week the school day was shortened on Friday and the welcome back Mass for students will now be on September 15. The school closing was communicated via email, and email is the way that all future alerts will be sent. It is the quickest, most efficient way to get the word out to all families in a hurry. If you have not registered your email with the school, do so as soon as possible.

The speaker's series will begin next week. The theme is "Awakening the Servant in our Young Men & Women". Parents and students are invited to the presentation on Tuesday, September 20. Also during that week our freshmen class will be going through additional workshops to learn effective habits of successful students. It is a busy week as we will also be doing the EKG testing on Wednesday the 21. Students who are red flagged at being at higher risk due to family history of heart disease will be given an echo cardiogram test, as well as the EKG. It is not too late to register your student for this life saving test. The cost is only \$10 as it has been subsidized by the Boosters Club.

On Monday, September 26 there is no school for the kids. October 2 is the Junior Class Ring Ceremony followed by a reception organized by the junior class representatives.

On an academic note the constitution test is coming up on October 4. Saint Viator is also offering PSAT prep courses that are complimentary. This was added after we recognized the success of our ACT prep classes. Our average ACT score last year was 25.7, second only to Stevenson in our area. We are also

offering a writer's workshop to help students with their college essays. It is another complimentary workshop for anyone interested.

We have several maternity leaves coming up with one teacher on leave and 3 more going on leave this year. Our counselor Julie Kirkpatrick is also expecting twins this winter. Rita King is already back from sick leave but Mrs. Giusti might be out till next semester. Our enrollment is smaller this year after graduating a large class last year, but we still have 990 students with a freshmen class around 260.

Also, please remind your students that if they email a teacher or coach they should copy in their parents.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Baur

Mary circulated the balance sheet from the end of last school year so that everyone could see where our money was allocated. The biggest fund-raisers for the Parents' Club are the Fashion Show and the Spring Boutique. All check requests get issued from the 3rd floor on Wednesday of each week. Check requests should be submitted to Mary by Monday. Tax exempt letters should be used when purchasing items.

Our balance right now is \$9,045.79 in the general fund and \$1,450.70 in the senior events fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FASHION SHOW: Mary Ellen Soch and Andrea Trovato

If your child is interested in being a model, we have extended the deadline. What we need now is everyone to mark their calendars and plan on attending this fun event. The fashion show is Sunday, November 6 at Stonegate. We are also looking for donations and encourage every co-curricular group whether that be sports, clubs or patron of the arts to consider putting a basket together to donate for the auction at the Fashion Show, which is our biggest fundraiser for Parents' Club.

The Co-chairs are also looking for a missing binder from last year and a donation letter that is missing. These would be extremely helpful in guiding our volunteers through the event planning.

Spring Boutique

We are still looking for people to Co-chair this event. It is held March 15 and is an important fundraiser for the Parents' Club that also is a lot of fun for everyone who attends.

HOSPITALITY - Linda Falotico and Dawn Thompson

They have over 50 volunteer bakers this year. Their first event was Faculty Night and with the help of student volunteers was very successful. The next event will be the Junior Class Ring Ceremony but that event is handled by the junior class reps.

CLASS REPS -

Nothing to report though it sounds like the Freshman/Sophomore mixer was a success.

SENIOR EVENTS & POST PROM - Molly Wolfe, Ann Ptacin & Dawn Thompson

They are making phone calls to firm up the captains of the various committees. They are already lining up the boat for post prom and the hypnotist.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR- Mary Ann Kouvelis

Mary Ann did the volunteer charts from all the information she received this summer. As some of the stragglers come in, she will distribute the information to the appropriate Chairpersons.

MARKETING/WEB PAGE & LION LINES- Diane Jamieson

As a reminder, if you are not comfortable with your writing skills but need something in the LionLines, Eileen Daday is available to do an article for you. Diane will advertise for chairpersons for the Spring Boutique. The deadline to submit anything is the first Wednesday of each month.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

***UNDER THE STREET LAMP-** Sue Abrahamson

This is going to be a great event on December 3. It is a show put on by the former cast members of Jersey Boys. There are only 200 tickets left. The monies raised will go toward tuition assistance and Patron of the Arts.

NEW BUSINESS:

Check out V.I.P.'s website to order Saint Viator pictures from various events such as sports, graduation, golf outings, etc. You can go on anytime and pull up pictures and order anything that interests you.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mary Ann Kouvelis is still selling ponchos for \$50 if you are interested. They have the Saint Viator logo and come in handy when cheering on your favorite athlete at an outdoor game.

ADJOURNMENT:

April Hanes-Dowd made a motion to adjourn and Erin McMahon seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Guth
Recording Secretary

Next meeting: Tuesday, Oct 11 at 7:30 in the Resource Center (Library)