

SAINT VIATOR PARENTS' CLUB MINUTES OF THE MEETING 10/11/11

Present: Sue Abrahamson, Mary Baur, Lori Cataldo, Joan Cooney, Kathy Copley, Eileen Daday, Kathleen Guth, April Hanes-Dowd, Diane Jamieson, Mary Ann Kouvelis, Kathy Loy, Eileen Manno, Ann McCollum, Erin McMahon, Ann Ptacin, Janet Southall, Gina Steiner, Kristie St. Pierre, Kathy Sutton,

OPENING PRAYER:

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

THE MEETING:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April Hanes-Dowd moved to approve the minutes and Kathy Sutton seconded the motion.

PRESIDENTS' REPORT: Kathy Loy & Lori Cataldo

Lori Cataldo passed a list around that included contact information about all the freshmen families and asked everyone present at the meeting to call 5 people each to invite these families to attend the fashion show on November 6 and also to tell them about the "Under the Streetlamp" event on December 2nd. At the fashion show there will be some freshmen tables so that if someone is not going with a group they can ask to be seated at the freshmen parent's table.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Eileen Manno

Test day for underclass is tomorrow (10/12/11) so the seniors have the day off. Students are encouraged to take the testing seriously as it helps the administration critique the curriculum at Saint Viator. For the junior class taking the PSAT, this is the qualifier for the National Merit Scholars.

The school is in the middle of homecoming week with lots of activities. There will be a pep rally on Friday. Tickets for the dance are on sale during the lunch period. \$18/single & \$36/couple.

Next week is the end of the first quarter. Parents are encouraged to check grades online. Also, parents can sign up for parent/teacher conferences online starting on October 19. The conferences are held on November 3rd. If you are signing up for multiple students make sure that you complete each sign up separately. If you push the back button to enroll another student, the first student enrolled will be deleted.

The Fun Fair hosted by the student council is Wednesday, October 26. This is a Halloween festival for little kids and is open to the community.

This year was the first year that Saint Viator conducted a workshop for college essays. It was 4 weeks and covered brainstorming, outlines, 1st draft and a final draft. It was free to all seniors. There was discussion about whether it would be beneficial to start it in August next year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mary Baur

Our balance right now is \$11,650.09 in the general fund and \$(2,068.23) in the senior events fund. It is not unusual for the senior events to be in the red at this time of the year because the general fund has advanced them money for various down payments for senior events but there has not been time to replenish the fund with fundraising. Mary distributed a detailed list of both accounts. She also reminded everyone that last year's senior class ended the year with extra money in their account due to the

generosity of parents so \$6000 was gifted to the Financial Aid/Tuition Assistance Fund from last year's seniors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FASHION SHOW: Alice Wimberley

The date is November 6 and it is important for everyone to come out and support this event. It is the largest fundraiser for Parents Club and it is a lot of fun. They are also still looking for donations for the basket raffle. This year the grand prize raffle will be a cash prize and any other high quality gifts will be added to the silent raffle. The show will also feature a celebrity in the form of an anchor from the Rockford area. She will be the commentator.

Rehearsal for the fashion show will be October 23rd from 1-5. More details to follow. Most of the models have been informed about their stores and if not, they will be hearing from the shop moms very shortly.

SPRING BOUTIQUE- Kathy Copley

Kathy has agreed to chair this event. Nothing to report at this time. Diane Beletti will turn over the binder to her.

HOSPITALITY - not present

Nothing to report, though it was mentioned that the reception for the junior ring ceremony was very nice.

CLASS REPS -

Nothing to report.

SENIOR EVENTS & POST PROM- Ann Ptacin

Cheers & Tears will be on January 28, 2012.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR- Mary Ann Kouvelis

Nothing to report though Mary Ann will get the volunteer list to Kathy Copley for the Spring Boutique. Mary Ann will also be at the football game this Friday selling ponchos.

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. The deadline to submit anything is the first Wednesday of each month.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

***UNDER THE STREET LAMP-** Sue Abrahamson, Joan Cooney, Eileen Daday

This event has been moved to Friday, December 2. Seats are still available but they are going fast with over 500 sold. They are still looking for sponsors. Eileen Daday is putting together the program and Parents' Club will have a page available to highlight what we do for the school.

NEW BUSINESS:

After 25 years there is no more ski trip.

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:

Erin McMahon made a motion to adjourn and Mary Baur seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Guth
Recording Secretary

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 15 at 7:30 in the Resource Center (Library)