

SAINT VIATOR PARENTS' CLUB MINUTES OF THE MEETING 1/5/09

Present: Sue Abrahamson, Jeanne Carney, Lori Cataldo, Renee Diak-Witek, Jackie Frett, Kathy Gallagher, Kay Haubenreiser, Sara Kay, Charlene Krawzak, Eileen Manno, Sharon McKee, Karen McLoughlin, Patti Menges, Nancy Murray, Kim O'Grady, Paula Saban, Pam Sammons, Mary Ellen Soch, Teresa Stewart, Pam Tidaback, Lynette Toussaint, Lynn Ward, Alice Wimberly and Anna Wozniak

THE MEETING:

OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was brought to order at 7:35pm by Parents' Club Co-President Nancy Murray. She welcomed all and led us in prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Teresa Stewart made a motion to approve the December minutes and Kathy Gallagher seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Teresa Stewart reported that there is \$63,591 in the treasury.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS OFFICER'S REPORT:

Officer Jeff Aiello was not in attendance and will no longer be attending on a regular basis. Funds were cut and he is no longer paid for attending evening meetings. Parents can email him with any questions.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Eileen Manno reported that exams will be held next week Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Changes can be made in emergencies only. It is considered an emergency if a student has 3 exams on one day. The student may change the scheduling of one of those to another day to balance his or her exam schedule.

There will be a financial aid presentation this week Wednesday at 7:00 for current and incoming parents. This is for aid for attending Saint Viator.

This week Wednesday through next week Tuesday, the Departments have agreed to spread out any tests before finals to alleviate a student having to cram to take 6 tests next Tuesday before exams.

Mrs. Foley is retiring next week. This is a big loss as she was very dedicated. Jim Williams was hired as her replacement and will take over Algebra I 2nd semester.

Judy Amberg is also retiring. She taught at Sacred Heart and was an administrator there. Someone will be hired to replace her.

Summer school registration letters will be going out. One day will be designated for Juniors and Seniors. The next day will be open to all. Summer school classes will be limited especially this year because one half of the building will be closed for the installation of a new sprinkler system.

Catholic Schools Week is the end of January.

The ski trip is next weekend after exams.

An Adult World Religion class is being offered. More information will be coming.

Entrance exams will be held this Saturday January 10th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SENIOR EVENTS:

-POST PROM

Kathy Gallagher reported that Mary Jo Biondi has the paper work for the bus company. "Split the Pot" proceeds from basketball home games will be used for post prom activities. Saint Viator Graduation Thank You cards will be sold 10 for \$10. Since the cards cost 50 cents each, the committee will see a profit of \$500 for 1000 cards sold.

The prom (dinner and dancing) will be held at The Meadows Club. Busses will leave directly from the dance to go to Navy Pier for the Mystic Cruise where there will be a DJ and more food and dancing. Students will not be allowed to go to their cars in between prom and the bus.

Junior parents are needed to volunteer.

-SENIOR CELEBRATION

The Senior Celebration is a big fun night held some evening before the prom. It's a 4 hour controlled fun event for the seniors including tons of food, videos, raffles and surprises.

An informational letter similar to last years will be going out.

PARENTS' CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Nancy Murray reported that The Parents' Club will be getting their own stationary keeping in line with the new branding guidelines. The Parents' Club will be funding the purchase. The letters and envelopes will be used for correspondence from The Parents' Club separate from the school's.

Jackie Frett reported that Chris Schmidt and Mary Kay Morsches did the shopping for The Season of Sharing. The Parents' Club worked with Betsy Fons of Campus Ministry and sponsored a family – a single mom with two kids. Thanks to all.

Jackie mentioned that it's time to think about next year's Parents' Club board. New officers will be needed.

Nancy asked for ideas for guest speakers and topics to be presented.

Next meeting will be 2/2/09 at 7:30.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

-HOUSE WALK:

A chairperson is needed for next year – preferably a junior parent.

-FASHION SHOW:

Carol Sandmeier was not present.

-FLORAL SHOW:

Pam Sammons reported. The tickets are printed and ready for sale. Pam asked for ideas where it would be appropriate to sell tickets – at the musical or Booster Club events? It would not be a good idea to try to sell the tickets to incoming freshmen parents. A mass email will go out to Saint Viator parents.

It was mentioned that Mary Maher needs to approve all solicitations for donations.

It was suggested that the Floral Show be moved closer to planting time next year – later in the Spring – around Mother's Day. There may be too many conflicts. The date change issue needs to be raised with Mary Maher.

The florists participating in the show really donate a lot.

-HOSPITALITY

Open house was December 3rd. The Hospitality Committee did a great job. Family attendance was only down a few from last year.

-CLASS REPS:

Nothing to report from Freshmen, Sophomore or Senior Reps.

Junior class rep Renee Diak-Witek asked about raising money for the seniors next year. The Senior Parents' Club members fund post-prom activities. Perhaps a Cook Book with recipes from local restaurants (like Urban Harvest) could be put together and sold. Mary Mahrer would have to approve.

Nancy & Jackie should field all requests to Mary Maher first.

-VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:

Contact Chris Schmidt at kcsj@att.net to volunteer.

-MARKETING/WEB PAGE & LION LINES:

Kay Haubenreiser said that the deadline for February Lion Lines is this week January 7, 2009. There will be an ad for the Floral Show in it.

A request was made for a chairperson for the Housewalk next year.

How to Crash Proof Your Kids will be presented at 6:45 before the next Parents' Club meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Catholic Schools Week is the last week of January. There will be a Mass on Wednesday that week and the Pep Rally will be Friday. Treats are needed for the teachers.

The March meeting will be the first Monday of March – March 2nd, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen McLoughlin
Recording Secretary