

SAINT VIATOR PARENTS' CLUB MINUTES OF THE MEETING 5/4/09

Present: Sue Abrahamson, Diane Beletti, Fran Bertolini, JoJo Biondi, Jeanne Carney, Lori Cataldo, Eileen Cortese, Renee Diak-Witek, Jackie Frett, Kathy Gallagher, Kay Haubenreiser, Marie Julius, Sara Kay, Charlene Krawzak, Kathy Loy, Eileen Manno, Sharon McKee, Karen McLoughlin, Erin McMahan, Nancy Murray, Carol Sandmeier, Chris Schmidt, Teresa Stewart, Lynn Ward, Alice Wimberly and Anna Wozniak

THE MEETING:

OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was brought to order at 7:55pm by Parents' Club Co-President Nancy Murray.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the April minutes and seconded. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Teresa Stewart reported that there is @\$55,000 in the General Account after the deposit to Stonegate and end of year gifts for staff and faculty. If anyone has any outstanding bills they should get them to Teresa as soon as possible. Prom tickets are still being sold. 292 have already been sold.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Eileen Manno reported that AP exams are mandatory this year and over 500 have been taken (compared to 200 in previous years).

Senior exams are next week.

There is a new jacket currently being sold in the bookstore. There are two styles – fitted and loose. A new dress code will be implemented next year requiring that all pants and shorts be tan/khaki. Changes are required because there are “battles” everyday about the type of pants being worn. Limits are being stretched.

The online grade in student records will be of a new format next year.

Rumors are spreading regarding Seniors ditching and Seniors pranks. Be aware of where your seniors are in the middle of the night. They shouldn't be out tp'ing.

Work on renovating 2 science labs will begin June 4th. That whole end of the building will be blocked off for the summer. The cafeteria will be closed.

600 students will be coming through for summer school.

Book Buy-Back information will be posted online.

Summer reading assignments will be posted online.

Enrollment is steady. There is \$1,000,000 in financial aid this year. We have not received big numbers transferring from Driscoll. 1 has registered so far.

All cars in the Saint Viator lot and surrounding streets must have parking stickers. It helps to identify the cars in the area. There is a rumor that lot parking will be restricted to Seniors – it's not true.

There is no recycling in the cafeteria. It costs us. Perhaps a Recycling Club may be formed.

Eileen Cortese reported that a sympathy card and Donation to Standing Tall was sent to the Piechocki Family and a card and donation to the Saint Viator Faculty Endowment Fund was sent for Linda Nicholas.

We need a new Campus Minister. Brother John is moving to Belize. We have a lead on a Chinese teacher. We are looking for a Religion teacher. Bill Pirman had surgery and will hopefully be back for the summer session.

PARENTS' CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Nancy Murray reported that the Parents' Club Roster will be the same next year except for the Fashion Show. Fran Bertolini will chair. She needs co-chairs. Carol Sandmeier will work with Fran behind the scenes. The Fashion Show is our biggest fund-raiser.

There will be no more Housewalk.

Jackie Frett brought up the fact that there is a need for Parent Mixers/Fundraisers. We will be holding a Mom & Pop Hop with the New Colony Six on Saturday 8/22. It will be similar to the Trivia Game night in that it will be BYO. Funds will be needed (\$2500 for the band and \$1000 for lights and sound). It will be held in the gym (air conditioned). A motion was made and seconded to allocate funds for this Fundraiser.

Next meeting will be in September.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

-FLORAL SHOW

The same committee will be coming back next year: Laura Ferrari, Kim O'Grady, Pam Sammons and Lynette Toussaint.

SENIOR EVENTS:

-SENIOR CELEBRATION

New committee for next year: Diane Beletti, Marie Julius, Keri Stanley and Molly Wolfe

Senior Celebration is this Friday. It will be Farewell to Our Favorite Stars. There will be a red carpet. The kids will put their stars on the college they will be attending. Cost is \$40 per student. Barely one half of the senior families donated. It will be an easy transition for next year. Decorations were borrowed from St. Theresa. The DVD is ready to go. It's a tear jerker. Probably one half of the kids will win raffle prizes. (TV, luggage and gift cards) All will get a gift bag. The best was made with the least amount of money. Everything is covered as well as security. There will be a hypnotist, Blizzards, Buffalo Wild Wings, Olivettis. There will be a sweet table from Oak Mill Bakery. There is no need to dress up. Kids can wear sweat pants. Molly is planning to be there to get a feel for next year.

-POST PROM

Renee Diak-Witek will chair next year.

Kathy Gallagher reported that a few more junior parents are needed. 8 busses were donated. 4 faculty members will be there - Mike Manno and his fiancé and Chris & Julie Kirkpatrick. Parent don't have to be the "heavies". Volunteers will meet at the Meadows Club at 10pm. Saint Viator students will be the only ones on the boat. The busses will be back at the Meadows Club at 4am. The bus company needs checks and the numbers. Tips will be needed for the bus drivers.

-CLASS REPS

Sara Kay will be Freshman Class Rep. Another is needed.

-FASHION SHOW

Carol Sandmeier reported some facts on the Fashion Show. A minimum of 400 guests is necessary but we usually have > 500. It is a wonderful event to raise money. Students are selected to model on a first come first serve basis. Fran Bertolini will chair next year. Carol is providing Fran with a book with check off lists on what to do. The economy is a big concern this year. The prize baskets are a big draw. There is always a Silent Auction as well as a Raffle for some bigger prizes each year. The models' clothing comes from local vendors. Hopefully we will still be OK this year with the clothing due to the economy. People are needed to step up and volunteer. Carol will only advise this year. The Program Book needs to be done. Stores need to be solicited. Volunteers are needed to head the Silent Auction and the Basket Auctions. The framework is set. This year's theme is American Idol. The same production company will be used. The Jazz Band will perform. Carol thinks that most likely both York Furrier and Razny Jewelers will donate big ticket items. Last year there were 65 baskets. This year there may be only 20 – but better. Help is needed.

-HOSPITALITY

Graduation starts at 11. Committee is needed to set up before 10. Bodies are needed to set up flowers and pour punch.

-VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:

Contact Chris Schmidt at kcsj@att.net to volunteer. Chris will be working on the committee sheets. The Housewalk will be eliminated.

There may be Parent Tutor volunteers next year as well as some Alumni College Grads.

Senior parents will be needed for Senior Celebration.

-MARKETING/WEB PAGE & LION LINES:

Kay Haubenreiser said that the deadline for the summer Lion Lines is May 20th.

OLD BUSINESS:

It was questioned if we can perhaps offer Officer Aiello a stipend to come to our meetings. Everyone should still feel free to email him with questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

The proposed budget and funds dispersal was passed and seconded by Kathy Loy and Kathy Gallagher. There will be a \$2000 donation to The Viator Foundation. There will be 4 50% tuition scholarships (1 to a Junior, 1 to a Senior and 2 left up to the discretion of Father Egan). Smart Boards will be purchased for \$17,000 (maybe 10). \$3500 will go toward the New Colony Six Event.

A farewell was made to Pam Tidaback and Margaret Beiswenger.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

The next meeting will be in September.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen McLoughlin
Recording Secretary