

## SAINT VIATOR PARENTS' CLUB MINUTES OF THE MEETING 10-06-08

Present: Linda Amrich, Rose Bruin, Eileen Cortese, Renee Diak-Witek, Cindy Dougherty, Jackie Frett, Kathy Gallagher, Charlene Krawzak, Chris Kushner, Eileen Manno, Karen McLoughlin, Erin McMahon, Patti Menges, MaryKay Morsches, Nancy Murray, Amy Principi, Marilyn Rittmeyer, Carol Sandmeier, Jean Simpson, Teresa Stewart, Cathy Sweeney, Pam Tidaback, Valerie Wallenberg and Anna Wozniak

### THE MEETING:

### OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was brought to order at 7:38pm by Parent's Club Co-President Nancy Murray. She welcomed all and led us in prayer.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Carol Sandmeier made a motion to approve the September minutes and Eileen Cortese seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Teresa Stewart reported that there is \$14,695 in the treasury and \$3,700 for Senior Events. She asked that if anyone needs a check the check request form needs to be completed and returned to her. She will not personally write out the check but will get it via the school.

### ARLINGTON HEIGHTS OFFICER'S REPORT:

Officer Jeff Aiello was not present.

### PRESENTATION BY BILL SANFORD, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT RECRUITMENT AND JEAN SIMPSON, DIRECTOR OF PARENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Bill Sanford made a very informative presentation about what he is doing to recruit new students to Saint Viator. He makes about 30 grammar school visits with students from the Ambassador Club usually alumni of the grammar school they are visiting. They stress the Viatorian Values. Prospective students and families are encouraged to attend the Open House. He also mentioned the musical benefit staged each year for the grammar school students so that they get a chance to visit Saint Viator.

Jean Simpson talked about her new position working to get parents and the community aware of Saint Viator. She needs about 25-30 parents for this years open house to stress the family feel of Saint Viator. She is working on getting our school posters in the parishes and information in school newsletters. There will be also be advertisements on the radio. Families will host small intimate groups to discuss the benefits of Saint Viator and parents may set up tables with Saint Viator information after Masses in the parishes.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

School Principal Eileen Manno began by announcing how pleased she is about Saint Viator's Blue Ribbon Award. She said that usually schools don't get it the first time they apply and this was a great honor. The award is based on all test scores. 99% of Saint Viator students attend college. She and Father Egan will be going to Washington to accept the award. 10/21/08 will be Saint Viator Day and there will be a big celebration on 10/22/08. They are expecting a big plaque.

Lion's Pride kick-off was held last Friday 10/3/08. The kids voted on using the money for the Tuition Endowment Fund.

Enrollment is a big challenge. We need new families.

Homecoming Week will be very busy and very crazy. There will be an outdoor movie Wednesday 10/15/08. The football game will be Friday and the dance will be Saturday. She has heard rumors of a Ditch Day and a Powder Puff Football Game. None are endorsed by the school and parents should be aware of this and discourage students from participating. There is to be no hazing and TP'ing by the Poms and Cheerleaders is also discouraged.

Wednesday of Homecoming week is test day for the freshmen, sophomores and juniors. Seniors have the day off. Parents should stress that these tests are important and not to be blown off.

Monday 10/27/08 is a faculty in-service day and no school for the students.

The Pep Rally is Friday 10/17/08. Parents are welcome to attend.

## PARENTS' CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Nancy Murphy reported that The Parents Club was honored at The Viator Foundation Mass and Brunch. Jean Spiegelhalter and Jean Simpson each spoke.

Jackie Frett mentioned that each year The Parents Club (working with Betsy Fons of the Campus Ministry) adopts a needy family. An envelope will be passed around at the next meeting for donations.

Next meeting will be 11/3/08 at 7:30. Fr Egan will speak at 7:00.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### -HOUSE WALK:

Jean Simpson reported that things are moving along. It will be this Friday 10/10/08 9:30 – 3:30. 5 houses will be visited – 2 in Prospect Heights, 2 in Inverness and 1 in Arlington Heights. Ticket sales are a bit down this year – 130 compared to 175 last year. It's not too late to buy a ticket and all houses will have ticket sales at the door. This is a big fundraiser.

### -FASHION SHOW:

Carol Sandmeier reported that the invitations have been mailed out. The Fashion Show is a huge fundraiser for The Parents Club. All kinds of donations are being accepted, including empty baskets. All can be dropped off at Cathy Abrahamian's office or a pick up can be arranged. Tickets usually sell out and all who attend have a very good time. .

The Grand Raffle will have 3 prizes:

1. Hotel stay and dinner in the city
2. Dinner Around Town that includes 12 dinners
3. An expensive handbag

There will also be a silent auction with prizes like 4 tickets to the Cubs opening day, furs from York Furrier, luggage, artwork, sporting goods etc.

About 40-60 theme baskets will be raffled off. Themes include entertainment, family, home and garden and personal fitness. Winning numbers will be posted this year so every winner can claim their basket.

There will also be a special raffle for a \$5,000 shopping spree at Razny's. Carol will be wearing pieces to demonstrate the unique and high quality jewelry.

Orchasis and The Jazz Band will perform.

Store Moms will be getting calls this week and are encouraged to use discretion when helping the girls choose their outfits.

**-FLORAL SHOW:**

Pam Sammons was not in attendance due to a death in the family. Nancy Murray reported that things are proceeding well.

**-HOSPITALITY:**

Hospitality for the Junior Ring Ceremony was great.

**-CLASS REPS:**

Nothing to report.

**-SENIOR EVENTS:**

**-SENIOR CELEBRATION:**

Nothing to report.

**-POST PROM :**

Kathy Gallagher talked about a fundraiser at Francesca's. They will donate 20% of the proceeds on a Monday night from both locations – either Arlington Heights or Barrington. Dine in or carry out. 11/10/08 was decided on. Another date after the holidays will also be set up.

**-VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:**

Contact Chris Schmidt at [kcsj@att.net](mailto:kcsj@att.net) to volunteer.

**-MARKETING/WEB PAGE & LION LINES:**

In Kay Haubenreiser's absence Jackie reported that the deadline for the Dec/Jan Lion Lines is 11/4/08 and 1/7/09 for the Feb issue.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Cathy Sweeney reported that Fr. Egan will speak prior to the next Parents Club meeting on 11/3/08.

The December meeting will start early with a Christmas Party.

Renee Diak-Witek suggested looking into holding a "casino night" to raise money for next year's senior events.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Kathy Gallagher to adjourn and seconded by Cindy Daugherty. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen McLoughlin  
Recording Secretary