

SAINT VIATOR PARENTS' CLUB MINUTES OF THE MEETING 09-08-08

Present: Sue Abrahamson, Officer Jeff Aiello, Linda Amrich, JoJo Biondi, Laura Ferrari, Jackie Frett, Kay Haubenreiser, Carol King, Charlene Krawzak, Anne Krzoska, Chris Kushner, Cheryl Lardner, Kathy Loy, Eileen Manno, Sharon McKee, Karen McLoughlin, Patti Menges, MaryKay Morsches, Nancy Murray, Nancy Naughton, Kim O'Grady, Amy Principi, Georgianna Rossi, Pam Sammons, Chris Schmidt, Jean Simpson, Mary Ellen Soch, Teresa Stewart, Cathy Sweeney, Pam Tidaback, Susie Thompson, Lynette Toussaint, Lisa Trimberger, Valerie Wallenberg, Alice Wimberly, Anna Wozniak and Lucille Young

THE MEETING:

OPENING PRAYER:

The meeting was brought to order at 7:30pm by Parent's Club Co-President Nancy Murray who introduced herself, welcomed all and led us in prayer.

Co-President Jackie Frett also welcomed all and introduced herself. Jackie asked that the members also introduce themselves. All members present announced their name and parish and what they do for the parent's club as well as what year their children are in.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Kay Haubenreiser motioned to approve the minutes and Sue Abrahamson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Teresa Stewart distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report. She asked that all be very specific when filling out forms for cash requests.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTATION:

Nora Cay Ryan gave a presentation on Saint Viator High School Branding. She distributed Guidelines for all to follow. She stressed that everyone is to spell out the word SAINT. All requests for the Saint Viator logo to be used on anything should be approved by her before ordering.

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS OFFICER'S REPORT:

Officer Jeff Aiello introduced himself and was very happy to be working with Saint Viator. He is our school resource officer. He reported on activities he participated in over the summer which included a lock down demonstration at Windsor, a training conference and a conference on school safety. He recommended that we try to get Michael Dorn as a guest speaker.

He warned us that Arlington Heights will be cracking down on speeders in school zones.

He handed out a pamphlet for all to review about the new driving laws and noted that the police department will be ordering more. The same information can be found at www.cyberdriveillinois.com. He also reminded us that we have access to our sons and daughters driving records.

He is attending a 40 hour training class and a juvenile investigation class.

His email address is jaiello@vah.com.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

School Principal Eileen Manno began by announcing that Wednesday this week is an all school Mass. The school will be introducing the Always a Lion theme which is Effort this year.

The Branding initiative is needed so that Saint Viator and its Viatorian Values will be presented uniformly. We need to keep our name out there.

Thursday is Meet the Faculty night. The phone directory will be handed out to the parents. Friday will be a late start day (one of only 2 this year).

A presentation will be given next Wednesday 9/17/08 on Becoming a College Student Athlete.

There will be no school 9/22/08. It is a teacher's retreat day on the Catholic Church and its role in social justice.

Mrs., Manno reported that the money received from the Parent's Club was greatly appreciated for the new wireless computer lab (32 computers) and the foreign language lab which was also underwritten by the Parent's Club.

A discussion was held on AP classes. Students will be required to take the exam this year. That is a good way to measure the success of the program. AP credits are widely accepted. Students can save money on tuition, get an internship sooner or possible study abroad.

PARENTS' CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Photos of past events were passed around.

This Sunday 9/14/08 The Viator Foundation will be honoring the Saint Viator High School Parents' Club. 10:00am Mass will be followed by brunch.

Next meeting will be 10/6/08.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

-HOUSE WALK:

Things are moving along. It will be Friday 10/10/08 9:30 – 3:30. 5 houses will be visited. This is a big fundraiser.

-FASHION SHOW:

In Carol Sandmeier's absence, Jackie Frett reported that the fashion show will be held Sunday 11/19/08 at Stonegate. Tickets prices will be slightly higher this year - \$60. Model numbers are down. Volunteers are still needed. It is a great event. The kids have fun and it is a big money raiser.

Prizes will include a hotel stay.

Orchesis and the Jazz Band will perform.

Donations are still being accepted for raffle baskets and the silent auction and can be dropped off with Cathy Abrahamian or a pick up can be arranged.

Don't hesitate to call with questions.

-FLORAL SHOW:

Nothing to report. Committee will be meeting this Friday 9/5/08.

-HOSPITALITY:

Kathy Loy solicited bakers for Parent Night. Baked goods can be dropped off in the Administration Office Thursday morning.

-CLASS REPS:

No problems. No questions.

-SENIOR EVENTS:

-SENIOR CELEBRATION:

Nothing to report. Last year's Bon Voyage will be a tough act to follow.

-POST PROM:

JoJo Biondi reported that there will be a fundraiser at Francesca's for 20% off. Dine in or carry out.

-VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:

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

-MARKETING/WEB PAGE & LION LINES:

Kay Haubenreiser reported the Lion Lines newspaper will be out around 10/1/08. It will contain stories about the kids and award recipients. Parents' Club will have an article. Order forms will be available from web site. Articles will pertain to teens – driving, dancing, drinking, etc.

Report was distributed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eileen said to let her know if anyone has a problem with email. There are known problems with Comcast, ATT and Wowway.

A question was raised if it is possible to have 2 email addresses per household. Not at this time unless 2 separate accounts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cheryl Lardner thanked everyone for the chaperones at the Post Prom Cruise. Kids were wonderful. There was a small glitch loading buses as students were volunteering their purses to be searched.

Drug testing has begun. No complaints.

Contact Cathy Sweeney with suggestions for guest speakers ladydj9@comcast.net. Perhaps we can consider "The Bags We Wear" for our Christmas Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Chris Schmidt to adjourn and seconded by Charlene Krawzak. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen McLoughlin
Recording Secretary