

## **Holy Rosary School Parents Club Meeting Minutes January 20, 2005**

Jill Price-Crawley welcomed everyone and Jillian Kane led the opening prayer. The minutes of the November 18, 2004 Parents Club meeting were approved.

### **President's Report – Jill Price-Crawley**

Anita Mitchell is heading up skate night. The night will be divided into two sections: Grades K-4 will skate from 5:30 – 7:30 pm and grades 5 – 8 will skate from 7:00 – 9:00pm. We have invited our teachers to skate with us as our guests.

If you use the childcare services during these meetings, when you pick up your child please make sure they have cleaned up the library before they leave.

**The next PC meeting will be Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.** The presentation will be on the Uganda trip.

Auction procurement forms are out.

In an upcoming FCE, we will have a survey about the gift wrap sale.

Reconciliation for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders is January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Please keep them in your prayers.

Don't forget about the toner cartridge recycling program.

### **Vice-President's Report – Becky Calkins**

The School Commission will attend a leadership conference at Bishop Blanchett High School in March.

The library has been a mess after the PC meetings. Please encourage your children to pick up before they leave.

The budget is being re-worked because of decreased parish contributions. The budget will be done before the end of January.

We have a new Sunshine Chair – Dena Suzuki. Dena is the person to call to coordinate activities such as meals, thanks you's, etc.

Please use our PC suggestion box. We want to hear from you.

### **Treasurer's Report – Sally Hasert**

The November and December reports were made available. There were no questions. The contributions for the renovation of the teachers' lounge are being run through the PC budget, not the parish. This is to account for the manner in which the money was given.

### **Principal's Report – Kris Brown**

The lounge looks great. If you haven't seen it, please stop by. Thanks to everyone who made it happen.

Catholic Schools Week is coming up soon. Our theme is Faith in Every Student. Please reflect as a family on how we do this. We would love to have every family participate in making a poster.

Please join us for any of the activities. Monday is class theme day. Tuesday is our Spelling Bee day. Wednesday is primrose planting. Thursday is the grandparent's lunch. We have 410 grandparents coming to lunch. Davi needs help setting up and cleaning up. Only the grandparents and the students will be enjoying lunch, as we don't have room for parents also. Friday is spirit day. Check the FCE for the complete schedule of events.

February is a very busy month. The 9<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday. School mass is at 8:45 am. Each class will attend daily mass together. February 10<sup>th</sup> mid-trimester reports go home. February 11<sup>th</sup> is the concert with Al Jarreau and the Morningstar Holy Name of Jesus Choir. The Choir will also sing at the 9:30 and 11:30 (new time for this day) masses on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

February 15<sup>th</sup> is when our 8<sup>th</sup> graders expect to hear about their high school choices.

School Commission is updating the Strategic Plan. One section of the plan deals with technology. A new Website Committee has been designated and is working on a new site for our school.

Thank you all for your continued support.

### **Vice Principal's Report – Pam Sturgeon**

Alumni Newsletter was mailed in the fall. The spring edition will go out in May. If you have any information you would like to have included, please let me know. Extra newsletters will be distributed to those attending the grandparents lunch.

The Grants Committee is setting its priorities for the year. Ms. Mudge will be getting new music risers and we are working on a grant to provide funds to upgrade our wiring.

We did receive a \$2,500 grant/gift card from Best Buy. We will be purchasing 2 camcorders and 3 digital cameras for our students to use.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

*Scrip* – Mary Campagnaro reported that our profit to date from Scrip sales is approximately \$11,500. This year, we will probably raise about half of the profits compared to prior years. Remember, Scrip is sold every school day and on Sunday after each of the masses.

*Christmas Tree Lot* – Dale DeGabrielle reported that the year was strange one. It started with a bang, then average, then little to nothing, and then closed very strong. We had fewer trees, more wreaths, and higher margin. The estimate is we raised about \$6,000.

Poinsettia sales have an estimated profit of \$4,000.

*Auction* – Regina Schultz and Cely Sasonoff thanked those who have donated or procured items already. There are two ways to submit your items: either on-line or in hard copy. Incentives for early procurement end next Friday, January 28. We are in need of a co-chair for the set-up crew. Contact Sue Morrison if interested. Karen Kuhar needs help with decorations. If you can paint, sew, or work on crafts, she will put you to work. Please contact her if you have time available. The next auction committee meeting is February 7.

*Safety Committee* – Mary McKay Vial reported that there have been lots of calls lately. A new sign for the end of the block (42<sup>nd</sup> and Dakota) will be coming from the city soon. Just because there isn't a sign there now, doesn't mean you can turn right onto Dakota. There is no eastbound traffic on Dakota. Our goal is keep traffic flowing. In order to meet that goal please: use your blinkers, don't park too close to the corner on 42<sup>nd</sup> & Genesee, be aware of what's going on around you, don't wait for the safety patrol when you see someone standing on the corner waiting to cross (the safety patrol have been instructed to wait for 5 cars to pass before stopping traffic), follow Tony's instructions, Do Not get out of your car, and call the office to report violators. The Safety Committee will follow up so you don't have to.

*Big Show* - Mary Rose Blatner reported that we have \$63,000 in pledges and collected money. Our costs are estimated to be \$82,000. We have sold over 700 tickets. Advertising has been placed, and we anticipate selling our 2,400 tickets. The choir arrives on February 10<sup>th</sup> and a few members will be the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> to celebrate with us during our prayer service.

**Program Presentation** – Diane Kocer, Development Director, Assumption-St. Bridget School Tricia McLean and Bill Ples, School Commission members, introduced our speaker. The School Commission is developing a plan to hire a part-time development director. Most of the schools in the north Deanery, and some schools in the south Deanery, have a development director. The position of development director may be a requirement in the future.

Ms. Kocer discussed why have a development office, what development means, and generally what you can expect once the office is in place. The “why” is answered simply: to keep the mission of Catholic schools going by keeping them affordable.

“What” is development is also a simple answer: it’s relationship building. We all need to continue to work on relationships with those who may have, or may want to have, a connection with our school.

Once the office is open, the donor base can be broadened. It’s a place where potential donors can turn to ask questions. This is a process and takes years to fully implement. It can be for annual fund drives, capital campaigns, etc.

**Next Parents Club Meeting: February 15, 2005.** Hospitality begins at 6:15; meeting begins at 6:30. Presentation: Uganda mission. Childcare is available in the library for \$1.00/per child.

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