

Holy Rosary School Parents Club Meeting Minutes April 14, 2005

Jill Price-Crawley welcomed everyone and Jillian Kane led the opening prayer. The minutes of the March 17th, 2005 Parents Club meeting were approved as written.

President's Report – Jill Price-Crawley

The next Parents Club meeting will be May 19.

The School Commission, at its recent meeting, approved a change in the Bylaws. The change allows the Parents Club Secretary to extend his/her term by one year, if asked to do so by the President.

The wrapping paper sale will be moved to the spring, with a date to be determined.

In order to plan for the next school year, at our May meeting we will have a list of our current committee chairpersons as well as those committees with open positions. Committee chairs are asked to serve a two-year commitment.

Vice-President's Report – Becky Calkins

The School Commission met on April 12. The School Commission, along with the staff, is looking into replacing/updating our math program. Parish pledges are up at this time, but the parish deficit is still approximately \$36,000. We learned that the Parish Center Renovation Team is in the process of obtaining bids for work to be done on the parish center. The Big Toy was vandalized recently and replacement of the vandalized piece is in the works.

Treasurer's Report – Sally Hassert

The report for March was distributed. No questions were asked.

A new form for tracking fundraising dollars was also presented. Please send your feedback/comments to Sally Hassert. The goal is to have this form on the school website so that each committee chair has quick access to it. Please remember that funds relating to events go to Mary Simpson at the rectory and the event history is to be tracked by the Parents Club.

Principal's Report – Kris Brown

The staff is examining five math programs, each of which incorporates the most recent state standards. Along with the math books, our religion and 7th/8th grade literature books need to be updated. Thank you, in advance, for supporting the Fund an Item at the Auction to support updating our math program.

ITBS/WASL testing begins next week. Please keep your kids in school, as make-ups are difficult to schedule. Please also talk with your children about the importance of these tests: it's how we compare nationally and shows us what areas we need to improve upon. Please take these tests seriously.

On May 11, we will honor Mary with an afternoon celebration.

At the teacher in-service on Friday, April 22nd, the discipline, homework and uniform policies will be reviewed.

Vice Principal's Report – Pam Sturgeon

The Grant Writing Committee is waiting for the electrical inspection report before proceeding with its work on fundraising to update the school wiring. We are working on a grant for dollars to replace the Big Toy. The green walls for the music room came today and it's wonderful to have an actual "room."

The Alumni News will go out in late May.

We hope to have a full recycling program in place by the end of the year.

Thank you for the milk survey response. We will have a milk program in the fall.

Our disaster preparedness plan is being updated and we will have drills before the end of the year.

Standing Committee Reports

Scrip – Mary Campagnaro reminded everyone that it's not too late to add your donation to the Scrip balloon. Summer scrip sales will happen twice a month.

Westfest – Colleen Gants and Jean Marie Butterworth announced that the dance would be moved to the Friday after Westfest. They are also looking for someone to shadow them this coming year with the possibility of taking over as chair the following year.

Auction – Cely Sassonoff and Regina Schultz reported that they need help with: security of items; moving heavy items on Thursday evening; floaters on Friday and Saturday; and taking the stage down on Sunday morning. To date, only 50 tickets have been sold for the Best of the Live raffle.

Father/Daughter Glow Bowl – Melody Sarkies reported that the event was attended by 107 families (252 participants), and had 6 families on the waiting list. Melody is considering splitting the event into two evenings for next year. Pictures will be sent home in the April 21 FCE provided that you have paid for the event. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Big Show Committee - Mary Rose Blatner and committee presented checks in the amount of \$6,072 to both the Rotary Boys & Girls Club and the African American Academy. Representatives of both beneficiaries were present to accept. The remaining proceeds of the show, approximately \$68,000, were given to the Fr. Mallahan Endowment Fund.

Parish Counsel – Len Quadracci asked for help in putting on the party to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Fr. Sarkies' ordination. The party will be on May 22 after the 9:30 mass.

Parish Picnic – Jeff Stewart and John Slee reported that the 2nd Annual Parish Picnic will be on June 18, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. There will be a 5K loop course and a 1K kids run, with medals for all finishers. Standard picnic fare will be served. This is an event for the entire parish.

Fishing Ministry - Albert Raines reported that 18 other folks are welcome and encouraged to join him and Fr. Sarkies in Alaska this summer to fish the Kenai River beginning July 24th. All extra salmon and halibut caught during this trip will be used to serve a charity dinner at some time in the future. Fr. Sarkies will decide what group/organization is the beneficiary of this fabulous dinner. Please look for more information in upcoming bulletins.

Program Presentations – 2005-2006 School Budget, Jay Casico, School Commission President

The School Commission’s priority has been to plan ahead, to look toward the future. This budget does that. A new line item has been added – the position of Development Director. The Annual Fund will be the kick off for this position.

Expense increases for next year include raising our teacher salaries to 96% of the state pay scale, a 17% increase in benefits, and the replacement of religion, language arts and math (to be partially funded by the auction) books.

Our parish subsidy continues to decrease. Parish income is down partly due to the Chancery reducing the dollars to be returned to parishes from the Annual Catholic Appeal and because Parish costs are increasing.

Budget highlights are as follows:

5% tuition increase

Additional \$40 registration fee (specifically allocated to technology)

Development Director – 25 hours/week to oversee various fundraising activities

Expense summary:

Salaries/benefits 81% of budget

Program expenses 13%

Operations/Maint. 6%

Revenue Summary:

Tuition/fees 70% of budget

Parish Subsidy 11%

Fundraising 15%

Annual Fund 3% (initial year)

Endowment 1%

There continues to be \$50,000 set aside for tuition assistance.

Previously we have been able to provide information that shows where Holy Rosary falls within the deanery with respect to other schools, but they have requested we not show that this time. Holy Rosary falls in approximately the middle of the schools in our archdiocese.

Tricia McLean and Gina Auter discussed the Annual Fund kickoff party on May 20th. With the Annual Fund, donations will be tax deductible. The Annual Fund will help us keep Catholic education affordable. The School Commission is seeking 100% participation in the Annual Fund – keeping in mind no donation is too small. On May 19, registration packets will be going home in the FCE. On May 20th, there will be a short presentation on the Annual Fund, but this is more of a time for a Celebration of Excellence to honor our school, our teachers and our families. 100% of the teachers and staff will be there; the School Commission hopes to have 100% of our school families represented as well.

Next Parents Club Meeting: May 19, 2005

Hospitality begins at 6:15; meeting begins at 6:30. Childcare is available in the library for \$1.00/child.

Gloria M. Teves
Secretary