

Holy Rosary School Parents Club Meeting Minutes April 26, 2006

Becky Calkins welcomed everyone and Jillian Kane led the opening prayer. The minutes of the March 16th, 2006 Parents Club meeting were approved as written.

President's Report – Becky Calkins

May 18th will be our last Parents Club meeting of the school year. It's our annual volunteer appreciation meeting. There will be an Art Walk following the meeting.

Olympic athlete Dan O'Brien will be here on May 2 at 2:30 to speak with our students. Parents are welcome to attend.

May 6th is the Catholic Schools Jubilee at Fisher Plaza from 10 am to 4 pm. Holy Rosary will be presenting its math program and wax museum.

Thank you to Mike Go and Mike Greuter for their work on the school website.

We are still in need of volunteers to act as Vice President of Parents Club and to co-chair the auction. The Parents Club board has two new members for next school year: Brett Johnson has volunteered to act as Treasurer and Virginia McIntyre has volunteered to act as Secretary.

Vice-President's Report – Becky Calkins for Jill Fulmore

At its most recent School Commission meeting Father John Madigan was introduced and he told us he prefers "Father John." He was ordained in Ireland in 1971 and has served 13 years at St Stephen the Martyr. He was a neighbor with Father Jack of Guadalupe and together they started the Life Teen Mass in their respective parishes. We look forward to having him here full time in July.

The Parish Finance council approved the Budget.

Carpet is needed in school hallways and the leftover money from SCRIP will be used for this project.

This years Fund an item at the auction will be for a mobile computer Lab (laptops) and the dessert auction will be funding new desks for K & 4th grade.

Our Development Office is being planned and is going to be in the room across from the teachers lounge.

Administration Committee – reported that the church gutters were repaired and it has been discovered that Lanigan roof is leaking. Estimates are being sought for repairs.

Technology Committee – School web site has evolved. The FCE is being posted there. Next year in an effort to save \$ and trees the FCE will be posted on the web and will not be sent home unless requested.

School Parish Integration Committee – The surveys sent home via the FCE have been tabulated and will be gone over with Father John when he arrives.

Policies & Procedures Committee – reported that minimum tithing is being enforced to those paying in-parish tuition and not keeping their parish pledge card on file and current.

FREE DRESS PASSES – School Commission voted unanimously, on a request by Kris Brown, that free dress passes will no longer be offered at PC Meetings. Next year passes will be strictly given if the students themselves earn them.

At our May meeting all committees will report on what they have accomplished and what needs to be improved. Goals for next school year will also be set.

Treasurer’s Report – Sally Hasert

The report for March was distributed. No questions were asked. All receipts must be turned in prior to our fiscal year end, June 30. This will assist us in making a smooth transition from Sally to Brett.

Principal’s Report – Kris Brown

Fr. John will be attending the auction and he is very excited about it. A transition team has been named and will be directed by the Chancery. The team consists of Mike Go, Jody Shields, Tricia McLean, Mary Simpson and Patrick Barredo.

Fr. Paul Magnano, our priest moderator, will preside over the Baccalaureate mass and graduation.

May and June are very busy months. Please read the FCE to keep up on schedule.

Letters were received from the principals of Seattle Prep and Holy Names commending our school on its preparation of students fro high school. Five HR students placed in the highest math program at Seattle Prep. One of our students was awarded the Trustee’s Scholarship (\$4,800) to Holy Names. Three others were awarded \$1,200 scholarships and 1 student was admitted with honors.

Standardized testing is happening now. The results of the ITBS testing will be in your final report card. WASL test results are not available until August. Results will be sent home in the fall. HR will look at extending the WASL testing to other grades next year. Currently, WASL testing is done in the 4th and 7th grades, with ITBS in the other grades. Some public schools are conducting WASL tests in the 2nd grade.

Vice Principal’s Report – Pam Sturgeon

The Grant Committee has recently received two grants. HR was awarded \$6,000 from the Lynn Foundation for Smart boards. The Smart boards will be in place in the fall. HR was also awarded \$4,000 from the Tulalip Indian Tribe for our wireless hubs. The goal for the wireless hubs was to raise \$7,000. Other grant applications are pending and should they be awarded, we will be able to make wireless networking a reality.

Thank you for responding to our survey regarding foundation sources.

The Alumni Newsletter was distributed prior to spring break.

Standing Committee Reports

Auction – Regina Schulz reported that they are still looking for someone to chair the auction next year. Reservations are still being taken for this weekend's event. Please make sure all donations are turned in as soon as possible. Best of Live tickets are also still available.

Program Presentation – Budget Presentation, Tricia McLean, School Commission President

Tricia McLean reported that as a school, we have made progress in meeting our goals of increasing teacher salaries and maintaining a modest tuition increase.

For the 2006-2007 school year, tuition will be increased by 4% to \$3,744 for one child. The actual cost of educating a child is \$5,212. Annual Fund contributions and other fundraisers, the Endowment and Bequests and the parish subsidy make up the difference of \$1,622. We were also able to raise our teacher salaries from 95% to 98% of the state scale. This increase was made possible because of contributions to the Annual Fund and revenue from our Endowment Fund.

In the future, it will be harder for those families not active in their tithing to pay in-parish tuition rates. A minimum suggested annual tithing of \$800 is a qualification for in-parish tuition rates. The real expectation is that your family will contribute before your child gets to school and after they leave HR.

How are tuition increases determined? All expenses are identified then we look to see what will be needed to balance the budget. If the number comes in too high, we look for places to cut expenses. To get the teachers to 100% of the state scale, the tuition increase would have been 7%.

An Annual Report for last year will be provided in the FCE. Going forward, an Annual Report will be provided each year in October/November for the previous year.

Today is Kris Brown's birthday as well as her 20th anniversary serving Holy Rosary. Tricia presented Kris, on behalf of the school families, a gift of a trip to NYC for her and a guest.

Next Parents Club Meeting: May 18, 2006

Hospitality begins at 6:15; meeting begins at 6:30. Childcare will be available in the library for \$1.00/child, **provided there is a volunteer available.**

Gloria M. Teves
Secretary