

Holy Rosary School Parents' Club Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2007

Tara Turpen welcomed everyone and Father John led the opening prayer. The minutes of the May 17, 2007, Parents' Club meeting were approved as written.

President's Report-- Tara Turpen

- ∞ WestFest sales were up over 18% from last year. Many thanks to all who volunteered for this fun event.
- ∞ Today is the kick off for the Sally Foster gift wrap sale. Proceeds from the sale help offset costs of the 8th grade graduation, 6th grade sailing trip and 5th grade camping trip.
- ∞ Entertainment Coupon Books will come home with the next FCE and will be selling for \$20 each.
- ∞ Space is still available for the Mommy Son Glow Bowl on Saturday, Oct. 20th

Vice-President's Report-- Nikki Page

- ∞ The School Commission met last week and formed new committees.
- ∞ The replacement of the school's south side windows has been completed.

Treasurer's Report-- Donna Suhadolnik

- ∞ In order to receive reimbursement for Parents' Club expenditures, fill out the forms found in the office and attach your receipts. Donna will pick them up every other week and mail the checks out to you.
- ∞ Copies of the Oct 07 Treasurer's report were made available.

Principal's Report-- Kris Brown

- ∞ The teachers are busy preparing for the upcoming conferences. The staff and the School Commission will be looking at the present model for parent/teacher/student conferences. Scheduling has become increasingly difficult with so many people requesting Tuesday conferences. The majority of families with 1 child did not get their first or second choice.
- ∞ The majority of Kris's report is the "All Kinds of Minds" presentation.

Vice Principal's Report-- Ted Mohrbacher / Mary Jo McFaul—No Report

Special Reports

Pastor's Report – Father John

- ∞ Father John is inviting comment to the question "What changes would you like to see at Mass?" Include your name if you would like Father to respond to you about your comments.
- ∞ If you would like to host a neighborhood visitation in your home, Father John is continuing to look to make connections/ get closer to people in their West Seattle neighborhoods.

Flu Clinic—Patricia McBrien

- ∞ Parents' Club will host a flu shot clinic at the Nov. 13th meeting. Information will go home in next Thursday's FCE.

Standing Committee Reports

Magazine Sales-- Jody Shields

- ∞ Magazine sales are at \$157,190 and still counting. A replacement for Jody is needed for next year's magazine drive and Jody will help with the transition to someone else.

Poinsettia Sales-- Michele Wallace

- ∞ Poinsettia sales are focusing more on commercial orders. Please help with contacts for businesses/companies which may have an interest in purchasing poinsettias with free delivery from Holy Rosary.

Tree Lot-- Allison Willhite

- ∞ The tree lot is in its 19th year in West Seattle and raises between \$50,000-\$60,000 a year for the school. Tree lot sign ups are now open through the school's web site. Scott and Allison are looking for a new team to chair the tree lot next year.

Auction-- Ann Martin and Kristin Hinthorn

- ∞ Last year's auction raised just under \$165,000 for the school's general fund.
- ∞ Next year's auction will be on April 19th and will have a western/frontier/saloon theme as well as a new auctioneer, Dell Jackson.
- ∞ A new corporate sponsorship position was created for next year's auction which will be chaired by Nancy Stillger. Decorations Chair positions and other high level volunteer positions are still open.

Featured Program---All Kinds of Minds' Schools Attuned Presentation

Kris Brown and teachers Ted Mohrbacher, Michelle DeFeo, Margaret Whetham and Megan Johnson gave a presentation on the All Kinds of Minds' Schools Attuned program for which the entire staff has been undergoing training. Kris showed a video clip and gave a brief overview of Dr. Mel Levine's approach to understanding and addressing individual learning differences which focuses on enhancing the student's strengths in order to overcome areas of difficulty. The video clip, which addressed the parental role in understanding and supporting their child's individual learning profile, is the first of a series of videos which parents will be able to check out and which Kris hopes may be shown at future parent club meetings. The teachers each talked about specific lessons in the Schools Attuned program and briefly explained the neurodevelopmental framework used to address individual learning differences.

Next Parent Club Meeting: November 13, 2007

Virginia Wiegand McIntyre
Secretary