

**St. John Vianney Home & School Association
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, March 10, 2010**

Present:

Executive Board Members:

JoAnn Cekanor, Mary Cunniff, Jayme Hartmann, Christine Keyes, Karen Price, Gina Tegge

Advisor:

Beth Dobrzynski

Committee Chairs & Members:

Karen Coon, Beth DeGuire, Terri Gross, Liz Kolb, Kate Lilek, Kathy Uy, Marita Walters

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. after an opening prayer.

Meeting Minutes – JoAnn Cekanor

- Minutes from the February 10 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Gina Tegge

- The February Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.
- Unrestricted Cash on Hand as of 2/28/10 was \$70,109.37

School Board Liaison's Report -

- Christine and Karen Coon reported
- Christine has a proxy for the request of \$30,000 from Home & School to be used for the 2010-2011 school budget.
- School Board member, Karen Coon, presented supporting information for the proxy request. Stewardship is down so the parish contribution is down. The parish moved expenses to the school budget that were previously covered in the parish budget. Increase in maintenance and benefits. Biggest line item is salaries. Three years ago, Fr. Hartmann committed to a tuition increase of no more than 7-1/2% per year for three years. This is the 3rd year. The School Board budget started at 17%; they made cuts but still need help to reach 7-1/2 % increase. Every \$10,000 of revenue lost is 1%. Still need to lower the tuition 3% which is why they are requesting the \$30,000.
- A discussion about H&S revenues and expenses occurred. Per Gina, historically said that it's approximately \$20,000 per year to operate the basic programs not in a Bids year. There are revenue sources that help to cover expenses; most of our programs take care of themselves. Even with this allocation to School Board, H&S will have enough money to take care of the programs. The Proxy will be e-mailed out to school families; the announcement was placed in the Shamrock Weekly the week of 3/1 and 3/8 and will appear again the week of 3/15. Proxies are due by March 19.
- School Board meeting is on Monday, 3/15
- H&S will be working to revise its Guidelines under the guidance of School Board and Parish Council. The Executive Committee is meeting on 3/16. In the future, Guidelines will be reviewed annually.
- Karen announced that the Parish is starting the discernment process for the six standing committees. If you are interested in School Board, contact a member of School Board.

Principal's Report – Jayme Hartmann

- Jayme reported
- Fat Tuesday went well – the students enjoyed the treat
- Regional Spelling Bee – Maddie Keyes represented SJV; the winner was a 5th grader
- Conferences were held February 24 and 25; they went well
- ITBS testing is finishing this week
- Strategic Planning meeting – Jayme attended; the attendees were presented with the proposed parish mission statement; they were divided into small groups and discussed the positives and negatives of statement; there was a good representation of the parish community; Parish Council will summarize and share information in the future

- Reconciliation for 3-8th grade was held on March 3; 7 priests attended
- The 4th Grade State Fair was held on 3/9; students attended during the day; family and friends attended in the evening

Faith in Our Future Report – *Beth Dobrzynski*

- No report

President's Report – *Mary Cunniff / Christine Keyes*

- Christine and Mary reported
- The Vice President and Treasurer positions are open; will take nominations for these positions; contact Christine or Mary if you are interested or would like to nominate someone
- There are a lot of committee chair openings for next year; a form was distributed as well as a description sheet. This information will also be distributed through the Shamrock Weekly
- Thank you to the Book Fair committee. It went well, but we didn't make as much money as in the past (25% less). There were different circumstances that affected this. Some things to tweak for next year if we want to have it during conferences again or reconsider doing it with the ice cream social.
- Bucks for Books – tickets on sale through Friday, 3/12; so far we haven't had a good response; Jayme will make an announcement after school
- Web site – Liz is considering a change to the web site format. Idea is to move to more of a "School" version. Liz discussed bookmarking Teacher Web sites. There is a news link on the right side of the Web page with information on how to set up folders with teacher book marks. You can also set up RSS to be alerted when teachers make updates or additions. A suggestion was made to include links to area public and private high schools on the SJV school web site. This will make accessing information such as entrance exam dates, etc. easier for families.
- Middle School Newsletter – please share any comments about the publication with teachers or Christine
- Suggestions for future communication – In the fall, provide a summary of projects for the year

Committee Reports – Social

Teacher Luncheon *Amy DiPiazza, Cami Adel*

- No report

Committee Reports – Communications

New Family Mentor Program *Tracy DiPiazza, Jackie Restock*

- No report

Room Mothers *Colleen Wallace*

- No report

Public Relations *Lori Yordan, Hope Casper*

- No report

CSW-Book Drive *Kate Lilek, Kim Tallmadge*

- Kate reported
- Collected total of 2,400 books; 1,571 to Prince of Peace; 639 to Next Door Foundation; 121 to Journey House plus 21 DVDs; 71 books to the crying room. Collected 186 videos – some to Journey House; still figuring out where to send the rest; possibly the Hyacinth House. Had three boxes of odds and ends (misc. videos; business books) – took to Half Price Books and got \$27.
- 5th grade classes brought in the most books and will get an Ice Cream Sunday party; both classes brought over 250 books
- Increased numbers and more organized this year
- Discussion about whether we are overwhelming Prince of Peace with the number of books we've donated. We give them the books divided into categories, but is it too much with the space limitations of their library and changes that are going on at Prince of Peace.

- Discussion continued about other drives throughout the year. A suggestion was made to reach out and do more collections such as gently used toys for Hyacinth House; or gently used socks, pajamas, etc. Executive committee discussed putting together a calendar at the beginning of the year to outline all the collection opportunities throughout the year.

Technology OPEN

- No report

Committee Reports – Enrichment

Fine Arts *Sheila Barker, Ann Reardon*

- No report

Assemblies *Nancy Arena*

- Christine reported
- Trinity Irish Dancers on March 17

High Interest Day – May 21 *Karen Price, Amy Baisden*

- Karen reported
- Committee is working hard
- Concern with budget because again we are including 7-8th grade and this was not taken into consideration when this year's budget was set. Karen will evaluate and submit a request for additional funds if necessary.

Walk By Faith / Parent Programs *Karen Price, Beth DeGuire*

- Beth reported
- Parent programs committee presented a recap of the program they gave to the parents to the teachers so that the teachers had the same information.

Literary Committee *Cory O'Meara, Tina Orgeman*

- No report

Math Club

- No report

Strings/Band Supporters *Kathy Cavalco, Christine Keyes*

- No report

Playground Committee *Gina Boettcher*

- No report

Committee Reports – Resource

Book Fair – February 24 and 25 *Suzy Greene, Judy Gilbert, Christine Popek*

- Mary reported
- Details shared in President's report

Uniform Resale *Ann Colburn, Clare Lange*

- No report

Gym Uniforms *Laure Bories Demmon*

- No report

Spiritwear *Chris Pfankuch*

- No report

School Pak *Ann Maguire Rizzo*

- No report

Committee Reports – Spiritual

Sunshine *Kathy Reilley*

- No report

Teacher Appreciation – May 3 *Sue Stief, Lori Yordan*

- No report

Twinning *Kim Tallmadge*

- No report

Marian Devotion – May 6 *Kathy Uy, Tracey Fricker*

- Kathy reported
- Date of May Crowning / Living Rosary is Thursday, May 6 at 1:15 in church
- The whole parking area between the church & funeral home will be designated as handicapped parking. Families are encouraged to ride together as we expect many guests/full lot.
- Invitations are going out this week along with a St. Patrick's Day prayer card and an RSVP/prayer intention card. Additional invitations will be available from the school website next week.
- We will crown the Mary & Jesus statue in church – the donated Mary on the stand will be used to visit the classrooms throughout the month of May.
- Students will practice for the Living Rosary after the ASL on Apr 28 and in their classrooms so the 'echo' is incorporated. We will pray the Glorious Mysteries.
- Rosary family bags will be going home after Easter with students in grades 1-3 to encourage/familiarize families to pray the Rosary.
- Father will be positioned facing the congregation during the prayer service this year.
- The Living Rosary (2nd grade students) will 'move' so the "bead" being prayed on is standing in front of the altar (yes, we will practice this J)
- 8th grade students will serve in lead capacities as prayer leaders, ushers/greeters, "Our Father's", crowners, = we will use every student who is interested in helping.
- 2nd & 8th grade students are asked to 'dress in Sunday best' (although not their First Communion outfits as it is celebrated that Saturday).
- Dismissal for students going home with g&g/parents will occur from the classroom (similar to how VIP day was dismissed). Remaining students will dismiss at normal time for bus/car/afterschool.

Committee Reports – Ways And Means

Market Day *Krista Gehringer, Amy Durst, Janet Fisher*

- No report

Scrip *Karen Coon, Janet Miller*

- No report

Cousin's Nights *Gina Boettcher*

- Christine reported
- Cousin's Night is tonight, March 10

Golden Guernsey Milk Caps *Lisa McKenna, Helen Ramon*

- No report

General Mills Box Tops *Pam Fenlon*

- Mary reported
- Pam will not chair next year, but will be an advisor

Bids For Kids – February 19, 2011 *Terri Gross, Michelle Paloucek*

- Terri reported
- All committee chairs are filled
- Chairs are meeting with caterer on 3/23
- They will announce the theme on March 30th at the Committee Chair Meeting

New Business

- No new business

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., P209

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. following a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnn Cekanor
Secretary