

Minutes 11/17/09 Parents Club Meeting

### **School reports from Mr. Enger and Mr. Binder**

Mr. Enger started the meeting with a prayer and the mission statement.

Mr. Binder stated the Academy had recently hired Ms. Jackie Sambola as a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher to replace the departed Ms. Schick. He kept his comments brief so as to move on to other business at hand and the guest panelists.

Mr. Enger began by congratulating the Cross Country Track Team for placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the State Cross Country Meet.

He followed up by saying that there will be a meeting in the spring for senior parents.

He also kept his comments brief.

### **Parents' Club reports**

Madonna Hayden opened the meeting.

Sherri Peppo gave a state of the Treasury report. At the beginning of August the balance of the account was around \$4700.00. With deposits and payouts, the balance of the account was around \$12800.00 at the end of October. The deposits included receipts from Sally Foster, Penny Party, and Parents Club dues.

Madonna Hayden gave a report on current fundraising efforts. Sally Foster receipts were approximately \$3300.00. Chuck E. Cheese Night receipts were approximately \$150.00.

She also announced that the Parents Club would again be selling ornaments for \$12.00.

She announced that the Book Fair was taking place that week and would be ending on Friday, Nov. 20.

Avus James discussed plans for the Thanksgiving Feast that would be held on Thurs, Nov. 19. She asked for volunteers to sign up to work a shift at the feast and she also asked for volunteers to clean, cook, and carve the 22 turkeys that would be served at the feast.

Ms. Hayden announced the date for the Gala would be Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Jefferson Orleans South. The theme for this years Gala will be Lights, Camera, Action!

Ms. Hayden then introduced Shane Hines and Christian Odem, 2 members of the HRHS Basketball team, who were selling tickets to the Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> district game against First Baptist. The game was being played at The New Orleans Arena. The tickets were selling

for \$15.00 which offered admittance to the high school game and to the New Orleans Hornets game.

Renee Haase was thanked for her work on the new schools webpage. Everyone was encouraged to visit the site at [www.hra-hrhs.org](http://www.hra-hrhs.org).

Ms. Hayden then introduced Michelle McCrary who would be leading the panel discussion.

Ms. McCrary introduced the panel of experts. It included: Terry Johnsen, Paul Pelts, Stacey Stemke, Sue Stokes, and herself.

A question and answer session followed with the panelists.

The 50/ 50-raffle number was drawn.

Ms. Hayden concluded the meeting. Ms. James distributed the turkeys.

Important dates/information is as follows:

11/23-11/27 Thanksgiving holidays  
12/3 Christmas Pageant  
12/4 Winter Semi-Formal  
12/13 Breakfast with Santa  
12/14-12/17 High School Exams  
12/18 Early Dismissal (10:00 HS, 10:30 Aca.)  
12/21-1/3 Christmas holidays  
1/ 4 classes resume  
1/18 Martin Luther King holiday  
1/20 Parents Club meeting

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Mr. Binder stated the Academy year started off smoothly. Over the summer, teachers underwent various in-services and work shops in Math/Reading and Writing and autistic spectrum issues. Representatives of Holy Rosary Academy and High School attended the National Educational Computing Conference in Washington D.C. The conference was aimed at lobbying members of Congress for more technology resources in schools.

Clubs start in two weeks for the Academy. Children need to turn in their club preference or they will be assigned to clubs with open spaces.

The academy will be on Edline starting Tuesday, 9/8/09. Information will be sent to parents regarding passwords.

Mr. Binder acknowledged there were challenges in the finance office last year that have been resolved. There are now two people in the finance office, one full time and one part-time.

Parents are advised to keep children home when they are sick if they have fever or flu-like symptoms due to the swine flu. Hand sanitizers are in the classrooms, and classrooms are wiped down every day. If a youngster comes to school sick with fever, the school will call the parent to pick the child up.

There will early dismissal once a month for teacher training.

Mr. Enger began by stating that over the summer he attended a meeting of a group of principals who attended a School Leadership Conference in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, where principals discussed how to improve professional development. Based on his observations at the conference, he believed we were doing great things at Holy Rosary High School.

The High School has gotten off to a good start with serious learning and at the same time the students are having fun. The high school has started a JV girls' Volley Ball team. He advised that last year's Cross Country won third in the State, and the track team ran in fourth. The day after the meeting was Senior Ring Day. On Friday, 9/4/09 the seniors would be having their Ring Day Banquet at Colonial Country Club.

Mr. Enger also noted we have a crisis plan at school that is posted in each of the classrooms. Information for school closures is available on Channel Four and WWL-Radio. A fire drill was held the week before the meeting. He also announced if there is ever a need to leave the campus due to a crisis situation, the plan is to meet at Christian Brothers School in City Park.

Teachers will attend a professional development conference on Friday 9/4/09.

Parents should not drop their children off on the street or in the teacher parking lot and to make sure children are ready when they stop in the drop off line. In the afternoon, there is some congestion in the pick up lines. If parents picking up high school students show up at 3 p.m. that blocks the lanes for the academy pick up. Parents are asked to be mindful of this fact.

Mr. Enger indicated, following a question from apparent, that he would be interested in entertaining a school band. There is no new information from the Archdiocese regarding moving the school.

### **Parents' club**

Madonna Hayden opened the meeting and introduced the board. Two changes to the bylaws were approved.

Parents who attend all meetings and volunteer in two Parents' Club activities will be eligible for a drawing at the end of the year for a \$1,000 tuition reduction. Madonna thanked Valerie for preparing food for the meeting, Sheri Derbes for the fruit and Nicky Brown for the desserts.

Important dates/information is as follows:

9/9/09 is Student picture day.

High School Grand Parents day was 9/13 but will be rescheduled.

9/18/09 is the Pelican Party

9/27/09 is the High School Bowling Night.

10/8/09 is Chuck E. Cheese night

10/27/09 is High School Open House. Signs for the yards will be distributed in advance.

11/13/09 is Grand Parents day for the Academy.

11/17/09 is the next Parents' Club meeting. We will have a panel of experts to discuss the needs of our children.

4/16/10 is the Gala at Jefferson Orleans South. It will be the most fabulous gala ever.

Sherri Peppo announced that ornaments should be available next week. There are some available from last year.

The account balance after the gala last year was \$31,273.70. After Chucky Cheese Night, which earned us \$204.06, the balance was \$31,477.76. We held back \$6,000 and gave the balance of \$25,477.76 back to the school.

Sherri Pepo listed the many things the parents club funds, including making up the \$800 difference for last year's Thanksgiving Feast.

Renee Haase stated she would post volunteer sign up form on Edline.

Avus James talked about Pelican Party 9/18 and the need for volunteers.

Lanie Stant discussed how Sally Foster ends 9/15/09.

Melanie Stevens discussed box tops, Coke Rewards, Campbell's labels and CC's coffee.