

St. Alphonsus 2010-2011 Home and School Association

Parent Meeting

Thursday, September 16, 2010 6:30 PM

Attendees:

Lisa Falcon- President

Jackie Rembert- Vice President

Rose Huguet- Secretary

Olivia Carroll- Treasurer

Marcy Stevens- Past President

The meeting began with Lisa introducing the Home and School Committee. Mrs. Ryals then opened with a prayer and went on to introduce the faculty and office staff.

Mrs. Ryals talked briefly about the accreditation process. Mrs. Tanya Graves, Mrs. Jennifer Viator and Mrs. Ryals worked to submit the paperwork to the diocese for review in December. The school will be waiting for a visit from the Advanc-Ed Accreditation Team.

A new gym floor has been installed. The school went with the best choice given other alternatives. A maintenance schedule is currently being worked out.

The trees around campus have been trimmed to further protect the integrity of the trees and grounds.

Currently getting estimates on roof repairs.

The old playground has been removed. Pieces that were salvageable were added to the new playground. Benches and picnic tables were also added.

Home and School has added new water fountains near the bus port.

T- Building maintenance and repair is ongoing. We are also looking at improving the drainage behind the buildings.

Thanks to Cooking for our Kids fundraiser, the school received enough funds to provide new computers for our computer lab.

Mrs. Ryals addressed the importance of keeping up with our fundraisers, i.e. Box Tops, Community Coffee labels, Campbell's Soup labels, etc... We really need parents to help with this.

Mrs. Ryals again asked for any feedback and stressed that she has an open door policy for any concerned parents.

The meeting was then turned over to Lisa. She stated that our school directory is going to print soon and that if forms are not turned in by Mon., family information will be printed with what the school has. Cell phone information was added this year to the form. This also may be the last year that Home and School will print the directory. We are looking to put it on RenWeb next school year.

Home and School will no longer have raffles every month. However, Home and School will have a raffle for selected months. The next raffle will be held in October.

Lisa briefly introduced the Christmas Shoppe fundraiser which will be held the week of Dec. 6-12. This will be chaired by Maria Cayer and Joette Taylor.

Home and School will continue to honor monthly birthdays with a cake in the teacher's lounge.

There will be a Room Mother meeting on Oct.7 at 6:30 in the library. Please get in touch with Julie Gautreaux in the office for information on the Child Protection requirements.

There will be a separate Grandparents Day celebration later in the school year. Grades Pre-K – 5 will be chaired by Tina Glissman and Grades 6-8 will be chaired by Mandy Firmin.

Olivia addressed the concerns of the quality of the school supplies. She noted that Kindergarten was having a problem with the quality of the crayons and other grades were having problems with pencils. EPI is replacing all unsatisfactory items. She noted to not get discouraged from participating in this fundraiser in the future as we are still ironing out the 'kinks'. She also noted that EPI is doing everything they can to make the experience as painless as possible. They want to keep our business.

Olivia introduced the Summer Reading Book program. This is a program that will allow parents to order the required reading books at the end of the school year. This will hopefully alleviate some of the headaches of trying to find the required reading material.

Olivia then briefly went over the financial report. She noted that she was still waiting on information pertaining to the number of families at SAS.

Lisa wrapped up the meeting by announcing the next Home and School Meeting... January 14th at 6:30 PM. This will be our Family Movie Night!

Missy Bordelon invited everyone to attend the book fair that will run until next Wednesday morning. It will also be open after each mass. The book fair is chaired by Amy Nicosia.

Lastly, Mrs. Bordelon raffled off 3 books and the meeting adjourned.