

Meeting Minutes of the St. Vincent's

Parents & Friends Organization

April 18, 2012

Reno Nalducci led the opening prayer.

Dear Lord, as we gather here tonight, we pray for our family, our friends, our troops, our country and all the intentions we bring with us. We pray that in all we do, we will keep in our hearts the beauty and grace of our children and assist them with love and discipline in their continued education. Amen.

Board members present were: Tony Lombardi, Cathy Yarger, Maureen Highland, Adrienne Kulisingam, Joanne Ferris, Jennifer Martin, Meaveen Meyer, Tom Vollert, Tiki Martin, Jennifer Pezzolo, Reno Nalducci, Sue Roffmann, John Walker Absent: Fern Youngswick, Hope Curry, Joan Chojnacki, Kelly Norman, Mark Crafts.

Guests: Gigi Myer, Gabrielle Velez, Stacey Badaglia, Mary Beth Benedetti, Kerry Pedersen, Kathleen Von Raesfeld, Nicole Pattison, Chris and Keri Antonis

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT:

President Statement:

There is an urgent need for replacement board members for those leaving the PFO board in May. Members leaving are as follows:

- Maureen Highland
- Adrienne Kulasingam
- Fern Youngswick
- Joan Chojnacki
- Reno Nalducci
- Hope Curry (Secretary)

As a parent of a St. Vincent de Paul School student, you are automatically a member of the St. Vincent PFO. The St. Vincent PFO is a group of volunteers who coordinate fundraising activities that benefit both the elementary and high school campuses. Our fundraising initiatives have a direct impact on reducing tuition and enrollment costs. I continue to struggle with the dilemma around understanding the value this board provides for these two schools through its fundraising activities, and the critical need for parents to step up and offer their service towards this worthy endeavor. Do we offer a means to reduce or offset rising tuition costs through our annual efforts or would it be easier for all to set an amount for each family to contribute to do the same thing? No one can argue the amount of time and effort that is required to produce the rummage sale, golf tournament and fall auction, but is it our best and highest use? If you are interested in joining this great organization and helping to make the schools a better place for our children, please contact me or any other board member for more information. The commitment is not that great but the rewards are many. Please come join us.

Should you have an item that you would like addressed at a meeting please feel free to e-mail me at tony@kostabrowne.com so I can add that item to the next agenda.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bank account balance as of today is \$24,618.22.
Outstanding Checks in the amount of \$200.00.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT:

Mrs. Roffmann:

- A big thank you to Ali Alison, Jennifer Martin and all who worked on the rummage sale.
- The kids are back from Easter Break and we are headed toward the end of the year festivities.
- Graduation is coming up soon.
- We have accepted approximately 36 kindergartners for next year, which is up from last year.

Dr. Walker

- We are in the middle of Freshman registration.
- 86 new families registering, which tracks with last year to have approximately 100 students in the Freshman class.
- New music program next year including a chorale group.
- New ESL Class for next year as well as an Honors math and Spanish class.
- New Computer lab will be constructed over the summer thanks to PFO donations and a PEF grant.
- Seniors have been accepted to Stanford, Harvard, Cornell and Davis among others.
- Debate team went to National Championships of which 96 schools were invited out of 40,000 high schools across the country and placed 10th overall.
- Baseball team is undefeated.
- The last faculty in service focused on integrating technology, expanding diversity and expanding orientations.

New business:

- Spring Rummage Sale: Jennifer reported that we made \$2500 this year. She also noted that the sale was especially touching this year. A quote from Ali - who couldn't be there tonight "Not only did we raise \$2500 for our schools (one dollar at a time...haha), but we also provided a huge service to our community. It is a sign of the times that we had so many people in need come to our sale and walk away with items they desperately needed. People were literally coming in off the street, cold, wet and hungry and leaving with superior quality coats, clothes, backpacks and cookies. This event sent out good vibes from our schools into the community"
- Still looking for a chairperson for the Auction next year. Bob and Toni will be available to mentor. Date has been set at Petaluma Sheraton to be held on November 17th. Rooms will be \$99.
- Still need live items - Vacation Home stays, Trips, Dinners, Wine, Beach Houses, Sports Tickets. Contact Bob Boracchia if you would like to donate.
- A suggestion was made to ask businesses to sponsor the bar and allow the bartenders wear t-shirts with the business name - Bob will check if that is viable.

Golf Tournament

- Rooster Run, Friday, May 18 Chairperson update- Marie Rodnick ■ To date, we have 23 registered and paid foursomes (according to Tiki), plus 12 more seats (3 foursomes) we need to comp to sponsors.
- We have lots of raffle and silent auction items.
- Budget, revenue/cost variance
- Vote for the iPhone credit card sipe called I dynamo. \$46.99 each - we will look into more options and vote again.
- 500 Club. Kelly Norman has revived the 500 club and tickets were sent home to the elementary school families and mailed out to high school families. She is working on getting another note out to all parents.

Next Meeting is May 23, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. Location: SVHS Library.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cathy Yarger