

## **Holy Rosary School Parents Club Meeting Minutes September 16, 2004**

Jill Price-Crawley welcomed everyone and Jillian Kane led the opening prayer. The minutes of the June 2, 2004 Parents Club meeting were approved as written.

### **President's Report – Jill Price-Crawley**

Please thank Andy Rottler and Jeff Donahue for stepping up to watch our kids this evening. We will be looking into the childcare issue for our future meetings.

Thank you all for attending the Back to School Open House. Kris and the staff did a great job. The Pancake Breakfast was a big success. The Italian Dinner is this weekend.

Parents Club meetings are usually the third Thursday of each month, but there are some exceptions to that schedule such as: October 14, February 10 and April 14. Please double check the calendar and FCE to confirm the dates.

We would love to have your suggestions for speakers or topics for our meetings. A box will be available for your comments; please use it.

Mike Prato, principal of Kennedy High School, will be here at our October meeting. Dale DeGabrielle will also present checks to our Christmas Tree charities.

A new teacher retention program, "Gracias," is described on page 21 of our Family Handbook. Kris is accepting donations of tickets or gift certificates to be used by faculty and staff. For a complete description of the program, please review the Handbook.

October 5, 2004 is our Junior High Night for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students. More info is forthcoming.

We are still looking for chair people for Scrip and the Father/Daughter glow bowl.

The gift wrap sale will be held in early October. 50% of the proceeds support the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade sailing trip, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade camping trip and the teachers' wish list.

The Al Jarreau concert is scheduled for February 11, 2005 at Benaroya Hall. Tickets will go on sale in the not too distant future.

We have a new fundraising opportunity through Dream Dinners. Dream Dinners West Seattle will donate \$20 if 12 dinners are purchased and \$10 if 6 dinners are purchased. Please see the flier that went home in the FCE for meal choices and appointment times.

In November, the West Seattle Junction Association will advertise pre-orders for holiday wreaths from Holy Rosary. They ask in return that we consider assisting them in raising funds for the park at 42<sup>nd</sup> and Alaska. Please keep this in mind as you consider your charitable contributions.

We're praying for good weather for WestFest!

Thank you to the hospitality crew and the greeters.

Meet someone new tonight!

### **Vice-President's Report – Becky Calkins**

The School Commission met on September 11, 2004.

Dinh Nguyen, one of our maintenance folks, has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of lung cancer. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Thank you to Tim Jergens, Brenda Heflin and Rocco Popich for all their time and effort in creating the new logo in our gym.

We are looking at our goals for the coming year.

### **Treasurer's Report – Sally Hasert**

This is the first report of the year. There were no questions. Two checks were written over the summer. If you have any expenses from the summer months, please turn them in to me for reimbursement.

### **Principal's Report – Kris Brown**

Welcome to our new Kindergarten families!

Last year's Fund an Item was used to purchase new software. The software was installed on a new dedicated server over the summer and has proven to be a little more difficult to use than we thought. We were going to use it generate electronic report cards, but that will be a bit more down the road.

WASL scores will be mailed out next week and reported in a future FCE.

September 28 will be our first Faith Family gathering.  
September 29 will be our first School Mass. This means perfect uniform!  
September 17 will be our first prayer service.  
Next week the 7<sup>th</sup> grade will make their pilgrimage.  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October, the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will have their Ropes course.  
Thank you for supporting the traditions we have here at Holy Rosary.

Holy Rosary did receive a full 6-year accreditation. Our target goals are well defined and we are working toward them.

Kris has been asked to chair an accreditation team at St. Luke's in Stockton.

We have 5 new teachers this year.

Thank you to everyone for all the hard work you do to make our school special.

### **Vice Principal's Report – Pam Sturgeon**

This October, we expect to hear from the Weigand Foundation regarding our request of \$87,000 for a new technology center. This amount doesn't get us everything on our wish list, but if granted, will allow us to update our computer lab.

We were awarded \$2,300 from Target to assist in our K-3 literacy program.

We are waiting to hear from Best Buy regarding a \$2,500 grant to purchase digital cameras and camcorders for those unique student productions.

The Grant Writing committee meets the last Wednesday of each month. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Pam also works on needs assessments for the students, Title programs, the alumni newsletter and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade spelling and grammar.

### **Standing Committee Reports**

*Scrip* – Mary Campagnaro reported that she doesn't have a co-chair yet. The job is not an all day task any longer. It takes about six hours a month and the day can be variable (it doesn't have to be Monday as it was in the past). The weekly forms are no longer in use. Only grocery scrip can be purchased through the FCE, every two weeks. Scrip from the full list of vendors can be purchased daily or on Sunday. Last week, we had over \$10,000 in sales.

*Magazine Sales* – Jody Shields reported that we are on target for another record-breaking year. Any wrapping paper sales that come through the magazine catalog will go toward the wrapping paper sale fundraiser.

*Westfest* – Colleen Gants and Jeanne Marie Butterworth reported that additional volunteers are still needed. Please see the website for sign-up.

*Christmas Tree Lot* – Dale DeGabrielle reported that their first meeting was this past Monday. Would love to have more help and the FCE will detail what is needed. We will be eliminating all weekday morning shifts. There will be a couple of new products: rustic wreaths, thick garland, and tree stands.

**Program Presentation** – None.

**Next Parents Club Meeting: October 14, 2004.** Hospitality begins at 6:15; meeting begins at 6:30. Childcare is available in the library for \$1.00/per child.

Gloria M. Teves, Secretary