

Holy Rosary School Parents Club Meeting Minutes October 20, 2005

Becky Calkins welcomed everyone and Jillian Kane led the opening prayer. The minutes of the June 8th, 2005 Parents Club meeting were approved as written.

President's Report – Becky Calkins

John Swanson, a HR Alum and current O'Dea student, will be handling childcare during the PC meetings. The cost of childcare during the meetings is increased to \$2.00/child.

The Sally Foster wrapping paper sale ends Oct. 24.

Please return completed surveys/questionnaires to Becky via the FCE or email.

Vice-President's Report – Jill Fulmore

There have been 2 School Commission meetings. The School Commission heard from Fr. Sarkies that attendance at mass is very important. Ann Donovan, our new development director, will be presenting at the November Parents Club meeting.

Dan Miles of the Administration Commission walked through the school to identify needs.

The School Commission is in the process of setting goals for the year.

Treasurer's Report – Sally Hasert

The report for September was distributed. No questions were asked. Spend the dollars you are allocated and turn in your receipts.

Principal's Report – Kris Brown

The school year is off to a busy and good start. This is the beginning of Ms. Brown's 20th year at HR. Thank you to everyone for all your efforts and hard work.

Magazine sale is such an amazing event. The company has told us that HR is probably the top selling school in the nation for a school our size.

We have started the new math and religion programs. Your kids will soon have People of Faith cards, similar to trading cards.

Electronic report cards for K-4 will be used this year. In March 2006, we hope to launch our pilot program of parent electronic access to student grades.

The web team is working very hard on our new website. The new site will be launched soon.

Our new development director is Ann Donovan. The Development Committee has met and is working on a plan for how it will work with the School Commission and PC, how our fundraising goals are met, and a development newsletter.

In just seven short years, HR will be 100 years old.

Vice Principal's Report – Pam Sturgeon

We have 2 new members to the Grant Writing Committee. The committee is still waiting to hear about the outstanding grant applications for the Smart Boards and the special education teacher we applied for in conjunction with Our Lady of Guadalupe.

We have a \$15,000 request out to Best Buy for laptops. We have not yet spent the \$23,000 from Paccar as we are waiting for bids on the electrical work.

Our milk program is up and running with 350 out of 485 students (72%) participating. On Oct. 24th, we will be getting a locking milk cooler.

Over 1,200 copies of the Alumni Newsletter will be mailed out just before Thanksgiving.

TV/VCR/DVD's have been installed in the classrooms. Thank you to Mike Price and JR Abbott Construction for donating their time and efforts.

Standing Committee Reports

Scrip – Mary Campagnaro reported that only 118 families have purchased Scrip so far this year. Please register on www.eScrip.com. Safeway's participation is now through this program.

WestFest – Jeanne Marie Butterworth reported that she will chair WestFest again next year and is looking for a co-chair. Final numbers aren't available yet, but approximately \$26,000 was taken in., with expenses still to be paid. The stage needs to be rebuilt and we will be seeking help with that project.

Magazine Sale – Jody Shields reported that almost \$147,000, in magazines \$9,000 over last year, was sold. Participation dropped a bit from last year. Jody is looking for someone to run the Fun Center and displays, and eventually lead the program.

Poinsettia Sales – The order form is available now. Prices have not been raised from last year and we are using the same supplier.

Tree Lot – Allison and Scott Willhite reported that 20% of the shifts are filled. Please use the electronic sign up on the HR website. Thank you to all the committee members as their hard work is already paying off.

Program Presentation – New Math Programs

The teachers involved with reviewing the math program are: Sharon Nark, Juli Rangel, Donna Popich, Gretchen Hedman, Jon Barker, and Juliana Kimeyer. The teachers and administration wanted to make sure our curriculum was aligned with current state and national standards. The current curriculum was reviewed and compared to a national curriculum. They reviewed an archdiocesan list of available programs and realized that it was no easy task to find a program that fits the needs of our teachers and students and the current standards. Area Catholic high schools were consulted in the process. HR has an obligation to move to standards based programs.

Two new programs were chosen: Bridges for the K-3rd grades and Saxon for 4th-8th. The Bridges program is well balanced to include manipulatives.

In the 4th grade, Saxon is hands-on, success-oriented material. This program uses worksheets, not books. The 5th – 8th grade Saxon program is text based. Spiraling is what sets these programs apart from unit based programs. Concepts are continually taught through the year, creating an incremental learning environment.

If you need assistance at home with understanding homework or concepts, the Saxon website is a good resource. www.Saxonpublishers.com.

Next Parents Club Meeting: November 17, 2005

Hospitality begins at 6:15; meeting begins at 6:30. Childcare is available in the library for \$2.00/child.

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Secretary