

Holy Rosary School Parents Club Meeting Minutes November 17, 2005

Becky Calkins welcomed everyone and Jillian Kane led the opening prayer. The minutes of the October 18th, 2005 Parents Club meeting were approved as written.

President's Report – Becky Calkins

Childcare costs during the Parents Club meetings will be \$1.00, not \$2.00.

Vice-President's Report – Jill Fulmore

All School Commission sub-committees have met and are working toward their goals. There was a discussion at the recent school commission meeting about the feasibility study for the upcoming parish capital campaign.

Treasurer's Report – Sally Hasert

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

Special Report – Fr. Sarkies

The opening prayer for this evening is a wonderful reminder of our parish activities, school events and successes we have enjoyed. Fr. Sarkies said he is committed to being at school each Friday morning for the prayer services. He reminds the students he is excited to see them at mass over the weekend.

The sewer line is costing approximately \$10,000 to replace and will be done soon.

Fr. Sarkies wants us to be aware of all of our efforts to foster community and to make Holy Rosary a place that is welcoming to all. He also thanked the parents for all that they do.

Principal's Report – Kris Brown

Holy Family Kirkland School lost their principal recently. The Dash is a poem that was read at her funeral. It is a reminder about what you do in your life between your birth date and your death date. Please keep the Holy Family School in your prayers.

Pam and Kris are making their formal observations in the classrooms. Math is the subject most teachers are choosing to have observed.

Our Social Studies curriculum is being reviewed this year.

Thank you for the responses to the conference survey. Most liked the schedule as it is, although some requested 25-30 minutes and/or time with the teacher without the student present.

Report cards go home December 9. Electronic report cards will be available.

Monica Wingard is the long-term substitute hired to take Mary Corrigan's classroom while she is on maternity leave.

Thank you to Steve Kaiser who purchased the Journey North program for us. Steve helped some of our faculty and students plant tulips behind the convent using this program.

Our parish census projects a decrease in the number of potential students entering Kindergarten next year. This year, we have 48 students in our kindergarten classes. Please spread the word that we have available spots for our kindergarten class for the 2006-2007 school year.

Vice Principal's Report – Pam Sturgeon

We have not had an overwhelming response to our grant requests for Smart Boards. The special needs grant we prepared in conjunction with Our Lady of Guadalupe was rejected. We will be contacting Paccar regarding additional funds as we now have a wiring bid.

The Alumni Newsletter is going out today. Ann Donovan will be maintaining the alumni database.

The new bench outside the school is dedicated to Dinh Ngyuen. The 8th graders purchased it in his honor.

On February 9, Brad Henning will be here to speak to our 7th and 8th graders about wise choices in relationships. That evening, the 5th – 8th grade parents will be invited to listen to him as well.

Standing Committee Reports

Scrip – Mary Campagnaro reported that we have about \$6,000 in profit this year. The biggest time of year for our Scrip program is now – the holiday season.

WestFest – Jeanne Marie Butterworth reported our net profit, with almost all the numbers in, is about \$1,600 more than last year.

Spirit of Giving – Kerri Lange reported the theme is “Have a heart.” Each classroom is choosing curriculum-based activities. At the end of the year, we will celebrate our success. For more information, please see the flyer that went home in today's FCE.

Glow Bowl - Lisa Roach reported that there were approximately 200 people. Management of West Seattle Bowl said that our group was the best mannered that they've seen. Photos from the evening will be available soon. Thank you to everyone that helped on this event.

Poinsettia Sales – Sherri Chun and Michele Wallace reported that the \$13,000 in gross revenue is up from last year. They also reported that they will chair this committee again next year and will focus on adding more sales by approaching businesses.

Tree Lot – Allison and Scott Willhite encouraged everyone to write thank you's to the new Safeway manager. 70% of the shifts have been filled so far. The 2:45 – 6:00 daily shift is the most difficult to fill. Please help if you can. At 2:00 on December 3, our trees will be blessed and a presentation to our charities will be made. Please join us if you can.

Program Presentation – Holy Rosary Development Office – Ann Donovan, Development Director
Ann Donovan presented a slide show outlining the newly created development office. The main goals of Holy Rosary's development office are to raise funds to help keep tuition affordable, pay fair and

comparable salaries to our teachers and staff and to encourage the continuous improvement of curriculum and opportunities for learning.

The Annual Fund was started in 2005 to help close the gap between what it actually costs to educate our children and the tuition families pay. Fundraising and the endowment contribute 19% of our school budget.

Next Parents Club Meeting: January 19, 2005

Hospitality begins at 6:15; meeting begins at 6:30. Childcare is available in the library for \$1.00/child.

Gloria M. Teves
Secretary