

Holy Rosary School Parents Club Meeting Minutes January 19, 2006

Becky Calkins welcomed everyone and Jillian Kane led the opening prayer. The minutes of the November 17th, 2005 Parents Club meeting were approved as written.

President's Report – Becky Calkins

Cary Calkins is in the library tonight with the kids. We need someone to regularly volunteer to watch the children during our meetings or we will discontinue having childcare available. If you are interested, please call Becky Calkins.

Jody Sherwood has volunteered to co-chair WestFest next year with Jeanne Marie Butterworth.

Please send your budget proposals to Becky as soon as possible as the Parents Club proposed budget will be presented to the School Commission at the commission's next meeting.

Vice-President's Report – Jill Fulmore

All School Commission sub-committees have met and are working toward their respective goals. It was decided that parents would receive fundraising hours for their work related to the capital campaign. Mark Simmons reminded everyone of their tithing commitment.

Treasurer's Report – Sally Hasert

The reports for November and December were distributed. No questions were asked. There is a balance adjustment due to a double payment. Spend the dollars you are allocated and turn in your receipts.

Principal's Report – Kris Brown

The capital campaign is an exciting project. The planned renovations are a fitting way to celebrate our centennial.

Catholic Schools Week is fast approaching. 6 distinguished graduates will be honored at the 9:30 mass on Jan. 29th. We will have more than 500 grandparents attending the annual lunch on Feb. 1st.

The Fulcrum Foundation Endowment is in a silent phase of raising funds for their endowment. An unnamed benefactor has agreed to match dollar for dollar up to \$100,000 the monies raised by schools - including teachers, staff, and students. The amount raised will be announced on Feb. 3rd at the Celebration of Light Dinner. We are asking for each child to participate by bringing in 150 pennies (or \$1.50) for the schoolhouse that is in their classroom. Holy Rosary is hoping for 100% participation. Feb. 2nd is the deadline for this fundraiser. Children are encouraged to use their own resources for this project.

On May 6th, the archdiocese will be celebrating 150 years of Catholic education with a rally at Fisher Plaza. More information will follow, as we get closer to the date.

Kindergarten interviews have begun. Next year we will be enrolling a family of triplets and 2 families of twins.

On Feb. 16th mid-trimester reports will be going home via the FCE. If you have questions about the reports, please contact your teacher.

Vice Principal's Report – Pam Sturgeon

The Grant Committee continues looking for grants that speak to specific products or school needs. A continual problem we encounter is that some entities don't endorse schools with religious affiliations.

The School Commission has agreed to donate, with Paccar's approval, the remaining \$23,000 of the Paccar Grant to the capital campaign for the wiring project.

We are working on the 6+1 writing traits program. There are four sessions for teachers and a refresher course.

Thank you to the Parents Club for supporting the Living Voices assembly.

Brad Henning, a nationally recognized speaker, will be here on Feb. 9th. The daytime session is for the 7th and 8th graders and the evening session is for the parents of 5th – 8th graders. Please join us to hear his presentation on making wise choices in relationships.

Standing Committee Reports

Scrip – Mary Campagnaro reported that the SCRIP program is coming to an end. To provide a little history, the first company we received our Scrip from, the National Scrip Center, had gone bankrupt. We currently purchase from Scrip Advantage. They are now bankrupt. After ending weekly sales, we experienced a decrease in profit of approximately \$12,000. In light of these difficulties, the committee determined that the large number of volunteer hours spent on this program might be better spent on other areas. The committee is in the process of liquidating approximately \$8,000 of remaining inventory by the end of February. If you would like, you can donate Scrip for the auction and the Scrip committee will make sure the certificates get to the right place. Thank you to everyone who has worked on the Scrip Committee and to those who have supported the program.

Tree Lot and Poinsettia Sales –Allison Willhite and Michele Wallace reported that the combined gross revenue from the tree lot and poinsettia sales was over \$146,000. That's an increase of over \$22,000. Net combined revenues totaled over \$67,000. Net combined profit to the school is approximately \$57,000; an increase of 24% this year. Over \$9,000 was raised for our three charities. A big thank you to Sellen Construction who bought \$1,800 in wreaths.

Auction – Cely Sassonoff reported that procurement forms will not be sent in the FCE as we would prefer you to use the on-line form. Cely and Regina are looking for co-chairs who will shadow now with the expectation of taking over next year. The auction is April 29th.

Development - Ann Donovan reported that pledges to the Annual Fund total \$102,277. Of that total, 86% has been collected. The Fr. Mallahan Endowment Fund has a balance of \$1,057,746 and is the 2nd highest in the archdiocese. We are actively collecting information on our alumni for our database. An alumni event is being planned for the end of summer. The Celebration of Excellence will be in May and will be a Thank You celebration.

Traffic – Mary McKay Vial reminded us of continuing problem areas: the kindergarten door, parking too close to 42nd & Genesee, turning right on Dakota and the lack of use of blinkers. There will be a teacher by the kindergarten door and someone will be on the corner of 42nd & Genesee to help keep the flow of

traffic moving. During drop off, think of 2 lanes of traffic in front of the school. There is no right turn onto Dakota during drop off and pick up times whether the sign is there or not. The safety of our children is our chief concern.

Program Presentation – Capital Campaign – Sharon Huling, Matt Suhadulnick and David Knight
Sharon, Matt and David presented a video message from Fr. Sarkies and Kris Brown regarding the capital campaign and it's goals. The campaign is called Our Faith, Our Future and was officially launched on January 6, 2005. The goal of the campaign is to raise \$3.5 million by the end of March, 2006.

To date, over \$500,000 has been raised. A letter will be going out to parishioners the week of January 23rd. Please prayerfully consider a gift. Your gift can be paid over a five year period of time.

The archdiocese requires full conclusion of fundraising before any work can begin. We will not be allowed to break ground until 50% of the funds pledged are deposited. It is anticipated that design work and permits will take about a year. Construction will last approximately 9-12 months with work being completed in time for Holy Rosary's centennial in 2009.

Next Parents Club Meeting: February 16, 2005

Hospitality begins at 6:15; meeting begins at 6:30. Childcare will be available in the library for \$1.00/child, **provided there is a volunteer available.**

Gloria M. Teves
Secretary