



Parent Association Board
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2011

President Claudia Ferguson called the meeting to order at order at 4:00 p.m.

In attendance:

Claudia Ferguson	President
Barbara Kuhl	Vice Principal
Laura Scarsi	Secretary
Karrie Saydah	Second Vice-President

Absent:

Rose Banich	First Vice-President/Fundraising
Steve Gorski	Treasurer
Ralph Valente	Principal
Marilyn Bednar	Communication
Monsignor Cacciapuoti	Pastor

1. April Minutes: Approved

2. Parent Comments:

A couple of parents approached Claudia Ferguson and asked that she raise an issue with the Board on behalf of the 8th grade parents. The parents are frustrated with all of the fundraisers required for 8th grade graduation fees. The parents feel the school has enough money with all of its investments to allocate some of its money toward graduation expenses instead of a graduation fund. The school could also institute an 8th grade graduation fee that would directly pay for certain expenses. It would also be a nice gift from the parent association to pay for the 8th grade breakfast.

Mr. Gorski would like to put this issue up for discussion at the June meeting. And Mr. Gorski will have a proposal for how expenses could be paid for by 8th grade families, the school and the parent association. This would impact 7th grade as well as they have always participated in fundraising for the breakfast.

3. **Principal Update:**

(None)

4. **Pastoral Update:**

(None)

5. **Division Updates:**

6. **Steve Gorski (Treasurer):**

(None)

7. **Barbara Kuhl: (Vice Principal)**

Ms. Kuhl enjoyed the faculty luncheon hosted by Holly Bauer and Isabel Burther. It was nice and the faculty appreciated it.

There was discussion about moving forward with a “Legacy Lunch.” This would be a luncheon where alumni of St. Bede School would be invited to a luncheon with their grandchildren who currently attend St. Bede School.

8. **Rose Banich: (Fundraising/First Vice President)**

(Report from Rose from Claudia Ferguson)

The Spring Auction did well (\$5,681). Most of the proceeds came from the live auction (\$3800). The remaining \$1,881 was from the art auction. We do not have the numbers from the raffle proceeds yet.

Mr. Valente proposed the idea to the Board and to Mrs. Banich that it would be a good idea to move the art portion to Bedefest. Mrs. Gmelich works hard on these art projects and they do not generate the revenue that they should at the General Parent Meeting/Spring Raffle. We will be able to make the meeting shorter and the social part of a little longer. Mrs. Banich will discuss this idea with Alicia Lund and Cathy Schafer (Bedefest Chairs) to get their feedback.

9. Karrie Saydah (Second Vice President):

Mrs. Saydah passed out summary of hours. Eighty percent of families are over 20 hours. We need to decide whether to charge families who have not turned in hours. Mrs. Saydah will contact the families who have not met 20 hours or who have not consistently turned in their volunteer sheets.

Mrs. Saydah also brought up teacher/parent conflict resolution. How do we move away from parent and teacher conflict? We need to implement a system. How do we “do it better?” There needs to be a set of resources for parents as well as for teachers.

10. Laura Scarsi: (Secretary):

Mrs. Scarsi will work on End-of-the-Year Teacher and Faculty Letter wrap up letter.

6. Claudia Ferguson: (President).

Extended Day Care: Ava is working on getting registration documents in the June Newsletter. We are also working on downloading applications and accepting deposit fees online. There will be financial break for siblings.

Meeting adjourned 6:00 p.m.