

Guardian Angels School Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 21, 2008

Attendees: Terri Farr, Michelle Godzak, Melissa Nault, Jenny Richelsen, Josh Yuhas, Barb Winfield, Nancy Ronhovde, Father Paul Jarvis, Eric Crowell

Guests: Amy Gallus

Terri Farr, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Nancy Ronhovde, Principal, led the group in prayer.

Items Discussed:

SPRING FLING

- Hazeltime is booked for weekend of May 2-- which is typical day for Spring Fling
- They have weekends of April 18 and May 9 open
- Concerns expressed over First Communion weekend, Eighth grade class trip, and Mother's Day weekend
- Other possible venues...Oak Ridge, Arboretum, Dultgren
- Venue must hold 150 people
- Terri is going to visit the MN Arboretum facility and report back

-Principal's Report

- Rake-a-Thon finishes Friday...close to goal
- Spaghetti Dinner and Book Fair successful in terms of books and cash for accelerated reader quizzes
- NWEA (MAP) testing completed and results will be available for parents during parent/teacher conferences
- Carnival for students in grades 1-5, hosted by MS, will be Thursday, October 30
- Parent/Teacher Conferences are the evening of Thursday October 30 and all day Friday October 31. Sign up on line.
- National Catholic Education Assn-2010 Convention in Minneapolis-what that means for schools in the Archdiocese-no school during the conference week and must budget for all teachers to attend
- Curriculum Review with both the school and Faith Formation reviewing the Religion texts. Reading/Language Arts program is also under review by school. This is not a planned change, just a regular review.
- Accreditation-Must move forward quickly on our Strategic Plan
- PTO update. Lora Hicks will send a letter with the weekly school newsletter with and update of positions and interested parents.
- Uniform Committee Update. Nancy will meet with group of interested parents and discuss the process and timeline.

-Pax Christi's School Fair is scheduled January 10-11, 2009. SAC members will be asked to staff fair as well as all five masses.

-Father Paul discussed tuition Assistance. Father attended a meeting of Pastors of the Southwest Diocese to discuss expanding support of schools beyond the parish boundaries. Discussion ensued on current market condition, state of the economy, financial hardship facing families and keeping our GA families and growing our school.

-Masters Fundraiser. The fundraiser is behind on selling tickets. Corporate contacts were discussed and how to get the word out for this fantastic chance to win a great trip with odds better than the lottery.

-SAC Bylaws update. All changes discussed at last month's SAC meeting were made to the Bylaws. Father Paul will sign the updated Bylaws October 2008.

-School and Marketing goals for the Year. We discussed how could we get the "GA" name out there? Ideas discussed included advertising school on the movie screen at the Chaska Cinema and filming a mass/school concert for Public TV. Discussion included an aside about needing help with editing GATV. Melissa provided a spreadsheet of marketing goals and costs. Marketing has no budget. This sparked a discussion on fundraising ideas and generating money to use to market our school. Many fundraising ideas were discussed. Michelle will send a list to Lora Hicks so that the PTO can discuss.

Action Plan

-Terri will check out MN Arboretum as possible site for Spring Fling and report

-Michelle will send a list of fundraisers to Lora Hicks to share with PTO

-Terri will talk to Tom and Jenny about possibly being SAC liaisons with Financial Committee

-Nancy will include a request in the school newsletter to ask for help with editing GATV

-Nancy and Melissa will discuss redoing and updating picture boards with current GA children