

CHAMINADE-MADONNA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Minutes from Dec 5, 2007

Ildi opened the meeting at 7:09pm and invited Father John to lead us in a prayer. He reminded us of the importance of this season of Advent. It is a time for us to prepare for Christmas; our time to recognize the joyous gift of the birth of Jesus.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Susan gave the report and we have a remaining balance of \$11,101.02. However, the donated tree did not work out and we did need to purchase new \$200 tree which is now in the cafeteria for our students to enjoy. The members present then approved the purchase.

The minutes of the Nov 7th meeting were read and approved by Oliver Blair and seconded by Nora Sara.

OLD BUSINESS

Everyone who participated in the campus decorating last night were thanked for the efforts by the H&SA.

NEW BUSINESS

The monthly teacher breakfast group needs more volunteers and Lorraine will be reaching out again for more help to continue providing this event for the teachers.

The Father & Daughter Dinner Dance committee will need help selling tickets for \$35 starting on Jan 8th during the lunch periods. Susan will need about 20 volunteers to help serve food and clear tables on the evening of Jan 26th.

The Mother & Son group will need creative help to make the table decorations. Ildi is also trying proposing to get a panel of judges to help pick the best dance pairs fairly. Both events promise to be a magical evening for everyone and we are very excited.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ms. Ramos reported that the parent survey had a 34% response rate, and she received electronic feedback from 224 families. Some interesting points were:
The feedback about communication showed a few parents still don't read *Excellence*. Regarding academic progress, 11% don't attend parent/teacher conferences and 8% do not read report cards. In the evaluation of the success of academic programs, most people strongly agreed or agreed. Parents are welcome to read the survey and Ms. Ramos is still reading the 15 pages of comments parents provided; many of them were positive feedback.

The *Houses* are making progress creating their own identities and are selling \$1 bracelets to represent their *House* color. Their crests are also developing and are about ready to be digitized so they can be printed.

Junior and senior parents should have received a letter announcing the college financial planning meeting on 12/6 in the cafeteria to describe the options available.

Ms. Ramos reviewed some of the events in the December calendar and welcomed parents to join in all the events. She reminded parents of the final exam schedule and that seniors who take semester classes and have an 'A' in the 1st and 2nd quarter may be exempt from an exam. Alumni are encouraged to attend the party to reconnect with classmates at the Hollywood Ale House.

In athletics, Fall Sports are completed, and women's volleyball advanced further than ever before in the playoffs. Liz Akinbiyi was named 1st team All County and is anticipating a letter of intent. Cross County had a very successful season and the football team finished as district runner up. Collegiate scholarship letters of intent were signed by Zach Bailey for basketball and by Joe Hone for baseball. Congratulations to these gentlemen!

The PSAT results including a letter will be in the mail this week.

Fr. John Thompson began a doctoral program 2 years ago at the University of San Francisco which he was working on in the summers. He is now at the point in the program where he needs to attend the program fulltime. He has informed the Brothers and the faculty and he will be seeking a Doctorate degree so he can be of assistance in Catholic school leadership. This endeavor requires that he will be ending his term as President of C-M at the end of this school year.

They will begin a search process headed by the Province and the Board which gives preference to another Marianist, but it is not required. The search and interview process will be seeking to find a new President best qualified to meet the current needs of C-M. The Board makes a recommendation and the Marianist Province will approve it, and the goal is to find a person by the end of April. Father John will be leaving for the University of San Francisco in June 2008 to achieve his Doctorate and he feels blessed to have this opportunity.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hendrick, Recording Secretary