

Corpus Christi  
Parent's Group Meeting  
February 8, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

All board members were present

Guests:

School board representative Patrick Hurley

Auction representatives Meghan Wallingford, Dana Young, Kim Kuesel, Karolyn Cherryhomes, Moire Bruin, and Cindy Kapp

Opening Prayer:

Kim Walsh

Secretary's Report (Lisa Van Nyhuis)

- A motion to approve the minute's for 1/4/09 was approved by Luz De Palm and seconded by Kim Walsh

Auction (Meghan Wallingford)

- Auction ran well at all levels; successful night
- Initial numbers are looking good
- Preview ran much smoother
  - Could be shortened to 1 1/2 hours next year
- Volunteers for break-down did not show up
- Shadows ready to take over next year
- Started Friday set up earlier in the afternoon (3:30)
- 8<sup>th</sup> graders were a tremendous help with moving furniture Friday afternoon

School Board Report (Richard Hurley)

- Finance
  - Endowment fund close to reaching 2 million dollars
    - Currently have almost 1.8 million
    - Guestimate we will reach goal in two years
  - 3,000 endowment letters to be mailed soon
  - Working on setting tuition rates
- Strategic Planning
  - 47 applicants for next year
  - New enrollment sub-committee has met and looking at
    - Increasing awareness
    - Outreach to perspective parents
    - Increasing publicity, including updating website
- Building & Grounds
  - Looking at electrical system, roof, exterior painting of building

### President (Chris Trevino)

- Calendar:
  - Catholic School's Week first week of February
  - *Race To Nowhere* - February 11<sup>th</sup> @ Grand Lake Theater
  - Tip dinner hosted by School Board March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Thanked everyone for outreach to schools about *Race to Nowhere*
  - Great team effort
  - 320 tickets have been sold (Grand Lake capacity 640)
  - roughly \$500 was raised by selling reserved seats at auction
- Job descriptions
  - Please read
  - Will recruit a Solicitations Chair to oversee solicitation committee. Solicitation Chair will report to Fundraising Liason.

### Vice-President (Kim Walsh)

- *Race to Nowhere* this Thursday
- Reserved tickets will be distributed in Wednesday envelopes
- Asked board members to arrive between 6 – 6:15
- Board members will help with greeting, popcorn and Q & A
- Board members signed thank you card for Vicki, the director
- Discussed possibility of surveying parents after the documentary to see if follow-up discussions are needed

### Room Parent Coordinator (Meghan O'Leary)

- Auction projects were successful
- Meghan has met with Deb to discuss upcoming TIP lunch

### TIP (Deb Waterhouse)

- Theme for Teacher Appreciation Day is Cinco de Mayo
- Danielle Hayes working on Staff of the Month board
- Suzi Szuhaj will decorate staff lounge for Valentine's Day

### Mentor/Communications (Amy Crudo)

- There will not be a mentor letter for February
- Possible articles for the upcoming Parent's Group Press:
  - Race to Nowhere
  - Auction
  - Crab Feed
  - Tickets for Teachers program
  - PEP/ Second Step/ Art/ Drama / First Aid

### Treasurer (Sue Scott & Luz De Palm)

- Sue and Luz drafted a form letter to be sent when bounced checks are returned
- Reviewed cash flow chart
- Parent's Group voted to make a \$65,000 annual pledge to the school

- \$3,000 pledged to TIP
  - Motion made by Amy Crudo and seconded by Luz de Palm
- Future Walk-a-Thon distribution will go to operational budget
  - Motion made by Mary Alice McNeil and seconded by Kim Walsh
- Proposing \$3000 to FACE and \$3000 to Endowment Fund
  - This vote will take place at May meeting

Parliamentarian (Julia Lennon)

- There will be a five member nominating committee
  - Parent's Group representatives are Julia Lennon and Meghan O'Leary
  - School Board representatives are Loretta Meyer and Dorothy Militar
  - Peggy Desler will also join the committee
- Parent's Group elected Kim Walsh for President and Sue Scott for Mentor/Communications for the 2010-2011 school year
- Information was sent to parents last week to better explain the two boards
  - Additional information will be sent next week
- Open Parent's Group positions are
  - TIP
  - Fundraising
  - Assistant Treasurer
  - Vice President

Moderator (Katie Murphy)

- WCEA / WASC
  - Corpus Christi writes book on staffing, curriculum, etc.
    - Includes input from parents and Catholicity of school
- Parent's Group viewed short film about Catholic identity
- Looked at school's mission statement
- Discussed parent's challenge to see all of the pieces that make a school Catholic
  - Katie will share different pieces of this at future meetings
- Corpus Christi works hard to integrate it's Catholic identity throughout the school
  - It is important to reflect this in the school's handbook

Meeting adjourned 9:30

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Van Nyhuis