



Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2011

Members Attending: Mike Kearney, Greg Brutschea, Stephen Johnson, Tom Rice, Chris Gagliardi, Jim Costello, Bob Grajewski, Matt Suber.

Members unable to attend: Rick DiStefano, Gregory Tamaccio, Rich Gargano, John McLaughlin, Todd Monahan, Rusty Patel, Chris Perry,

Representing the school: Sister Matthew

1. **Opening Prayer:** Sister Matthew.
2. **School Report** – Sister Matthew reported that the open house was a success with 120 girls taking the test. She attended a seminar on cyber-bullying. Three teachers attended the Network's Global Integration Program, a program to foster closer links with national and international network schools.
3. **Mission Statement** – The group affirmed the below mission statement. No changes to this long-standing mission were offered:

The Fathers' Association is dedicated to the accomplishment of three goals:

- Service and support to Sacred Heart
- Activities for fathers and daughters to enjoy together at Sacred Heart
- Opportunities to bond with other fathers and work together to make Sacred Heart a more enjoyable experience for all

4. **Mothers' Association presentation:** Janine Zozaya and Terri Prendergast asked for our assistance in two areas.

a) *Christmas at the Mansion:* In order to keep the costs down for the cocktail reception, the mothers are each enthusiastically donating a bottle of their favorite wine to help cut the costs of our cocktail reception. The Mothers' Association is asking fathers to donate a total 6 cases of beer. The popular brands in the past have been Coors Light, Yuengling and Heineken. It was suggested that perhaps we could make the cocktail hour more interesting by providing 12 12-packs of different microbrews. The beer can be dropped off at Sacred Heart anytime prior to November 10th (remember the event is November 19th). Fathers who would like to donate beer should send an email to Mike Kearney with the brand, type and amount.

b) *Win My Heart Raffle:* This is being run by the Mothers' Association to raise money to provide iPads to our teaching staff. iPads have been shown to be an effective tool for teachers. To make this drive successful, we are being asked to help sell tickets. Details of the raffle are on the Mothers' Association webpage, <http://cdssh.schoolwires.net/Page/245>.

Tickets have no value until sold, so to pick up your supply to sell at sporting events, in your office, or other places, please contact Terri Prendergast (terri.prendergast@verizon.net).

5. **Cleaning out the mansion basement:** Sister Matthew affirmed the need to remove unwanted trash and other items from the basement. She will determine what will stay and what will go and once that is completed, we will schedule a day for volunteers. Bill Santora will coordinate a dumpster.
6. **Fathers' Day at School, October 7** for the fathers of grades pre-K, K, 1, 5, 9, 12. We reviewed the day and it was agreed that the day was a complete success and that there were no problems encountered. Tom Rice pointed out that the day is not the same since we had to limit attendance to the above classes a few years ago. We reviewed the reasons for this restriction. They were instituted as a result of Radnor Police concerns about parking on Bryn Mawr Avenue and parking on campus that blocked fire lanes. Tom volunteered to look into these concerns to see if there might be a solution. He will report back to us.
7. **Father/Daughter Mass and Brunch, November 6.** Mike Kearney reported that all preparations have been made. Mass begins at 9:30 AM. The pastoral musicians requested that the girls arrive at 8:45 AM so that they could rehearse the music. We noted that the changing clocks the night before will result in an extra hour for us in the morning. Mike Kearney will ensure that there is coffee available at 8:45 for the fathers. Reservations are being taken now and the form is on our webpage. Mike will work on getting advertisements posted at school.
8. **Powder Puff (Pinewood) Derby, January 29.** Greg Brutschea will chair. We gave him all available car kits and he will go over them and get them ready for the Heart Mart. Our goal is to have the cars available for the girls to purchase before Christmas. Greg needs to confirm the date with event operators, Mr. and Mrs. Scholtz, as soon as possible. We also have to look into the advertising graphics. We need to start over again as previous graphics were done by a graphics professional and we do not have the special computer program for those graphics. We discussed having our students design the graphics for the event. Mike Kearney will look into this.
9. **Service Project, March 4.** Mike Kearney has been in touch with the Holy Family Home. Sister Rosario has been replaced by Sister Cornelia. Sister Cornelia intends to attend our November First Friday Mass so that she can learn about our school. Our day of service with our daughters is scheduled for Sunday, March 4. The goal is to spend quality time with the elderly residents of the home. Greg Brutschea brought up the possibility of fathers doing some maintenance at the home. As they don't allow work at the home on Sunday, this day would have to be on a Saturday. Mike Kearney will contact HFH Maintenance Director Don Carter to see what might be done. He will report back next meeting.
10. **Father/Daughter Dance 7-12, April 13.** Sister Matthew said that traditionally, a 10th grade father chairs this event. We did not discuss the dance at this meeting. Todd Monahan chaired it last year. John McLaughlin was not present at this meeting but sent a message after the meeting saying that he would be willing to help out with one of the dances. He

also suggests that we hold one dance for preK-12 instead of two. We will discuss this at the next meeting, and hopefully John will be in attendance to explain his reasoning.

11. **Father/Daughter Dance pre-k-6, April 14.** We did not discuss the dance at this meeting. Rusty Patel chaired it last year. We are still looking for a chair
12. **PennDoT Driver Safety Simulator April 23:** This event is to help our daughters be safer drivers. Rusty Patel handled the arrangements the last year and has did an excellent job. We need to reserve the date and get a contract signed.
13. **Annual Steve Dugan Golf Outing, May 7:** Tom McParland chaired last year. He and his committee did an excellent job. It will be difficult to improve on it this year. Bob Grajewski and Chris Gagliardi volunteered to work on the committee. Bob will contact the members of last year's committee. We agreed that for the continued success of this event, we need some new members of this committee and we ask our membership to consider. This event is by far the most work, the most stressful, but the most rewarding.
14. **New Ideas and Suggestions:** Greg Brutchea suggested that we plan an event in the spring at the Union soccer game in Chester, PA or the Blue Rocks baseball game in Wilmington, DE. Greg will look into it and get back to us with details.
15. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM. Per the school calendar on the website, our next meeting is Monday, **November 14th** at 7:00 PM