



Meeting Minutes September 19, 2011

Members Attending: Mike Kearney, Rick DiStefano, Stephen Johnson, Gregory Tamaccio, Rich Gargano.

Members unable to attend: Greg Brutschea.

Representing the school: Sister Matthew

1. **Opening Prayer:** Sister Matthew.
2. **School Report** – Sister Matthew spoke about the opening events of the school year and upcoming events especially Open House on October 15, the choir singing at Swarthmore College on Oct 16, and the Oct 20 Mater's Feast Day. Lawn signs are available to advertise the open house. Contact Laurie Nowlan to obtain a sign.
3. **Financial Report** – Sister Elaine reported that the Steve Dugan Golf Outing made \$23,308 for the school! Our total contribution to the school at the end of 2010-2011 was \$27,841. Under our new system for school affiliated organizations, we have no bank account, just a line item on the school budget. Thanks to all who made last year a great success.

4. **Mission Statement** – We have been asked by the Board of Directors to examine our mission statement, determine if it fits our purpose, and, if not, recommend changes. According to our webpage, on mission statement is:

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

We ask our members to study this and provide your thoughts and suggestions at the next meeting.

5. **Preliminary Schedule of events** – Mike Kearney
We discussed the preliminary schedule as based on last year's activities. There was no call for change. We talked about needing chairmen for the various event committees. As attendance at this meeting was low, we expressed our hope that last year's committee chairmen would volunteer to chair again this year and that this year we would have dedicated understudies to take over next year. We'll fill out the list at the next meeting.

6. **Fathers' Day at School, October 7** for the fathers of grades pre-K, K, 1, 5, 9, 12. No chair or committee is required as the school is already prepared for the day. We reminded dads that their daughters are excited to have their dads at school for the day and to be mindful of girls who may not have a father or male relative that can attend.
7. **Father/Daughter Mass and Brunch, November 6.** Last year's event was attended by over 100 and was a huge success. Mike Kearney is again chairing the event. It will be at the Villanova Conference Center as it was last year. All plans have been made and the advertising flyer should be on our webpage this week. Based on feedback from last year, we want to extend invitations to alumnae and their fathers.
8. **Powder Puff (Pinewood) Derby, January 29.** This event has been an annual success, particularly among lower and middle school students. Greg Brutschea and Jerry Drumm ran it last year and we will ask them to do it again.
9. **Service Project, March 4.** Last year, our guest speaker at the Father-Daughter Mass and Brunch told us about the Little Sisters of the Poor and their Holy Family Home in Southwest Philadelphia. As a result, we performed a day of service at the home. Everyone who attended wanted to do it again, so we have scheduled it again this year.
10. **Father/Daughter Dance 7-12, April 13.** We did not discuss the dance at this meeting. Todd Monahan chaired it last year.
11. **Father/Daughter Dance pre-k-6, April 14.** We did not discuss the dance at this meeting. Rusty Patel chaired it last year.
12. **PennDOT Driver Safety Simulator April 23:** This event is to help our daughters be safer drivers. Rusty Patel handled the arrangements the last two years and has done an excellent job.
13. **Annual Steve Dugan Golf Outing, May 2:** Tom McParland chaired last year. He and his committee did an excellent job. It will be difficult to improve on it this year.
14. **New Ideas and Suggestions:** There were none.
15. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. Per the school calendar on the website, our next meeting is Monday, **October 17th** at 7:00 PM