

Cardinal Ritter Parent Club Meeting
Minutes
January 12, 2010

Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Vice President Michelle Edwards

Minutes from November 2009 meeting were not available but will be shared at the next meeting.

Administrative Reports

Principal's report –

- Mrs Hoy thanked those to attended Ms. Tomeo's presentation in December and felt that she delivered a message that all can relate to especially the girls.
- Mrs Hoy introduced Mr Greg Perkins, new CRHS President since Mr Lockard retired.
- The P/T conferences didn't have as good a turnout but that could be due to the date change. Report cards were mailed out on the 12th and should be received by the 14th.
- Academic board meeting on 1/19 to make plans for those needing assistance.
- Mrs Hoy noted that some large events didn't have time for service hours turned in so those should just be recorded on the volunteer reporting form, turned in and they'll get recorded.
- The Right to Life group had a good turnout.
- The Freshman lock-in will be held on 1/22 and is a good opportunity to get service hours.
- Looking to get things growing for next school year and will be doing an intro to languages for Jr High. Some High School students are having problems with getting into the SAT prep which has been offered after school so research has been done to offer it as part of course offering in 2010/2011 school year.
- Recently had speaker on health lungs and anti smoking
- Continue to remind the girls about skirt lengths and are issuing detentions; some have been banned to wear skirt because of the length until a more appropriate length could be purchased;
- 9 transfers for second semester
- Mrs Hoy learned from a parent that their college freshman at IU is 1 of 8 carrying an A average in the anatomy/physiology class which was helped by their courses at CRHS
- More Masses are being offered in the mornings and looking to have some Lent activities

Q&A – rumors about St. Gabriel closing and coordination with St. Michael and CRHS. Mr Perkins shared that reps from St Michael and St Gabriel's have met with some recommendations being presented to Archbishop on 1/20 and then will determine next steps. Not 100% consensus on the timing but the concept has agreement by those meeting to discuss. When information is available to share it will be shared. There have been parents on the committee to understand the long term strategic decisions. An academic focus will continue as has been pursued so far.

Mr Perkins shared that he's excited to be here and looking forward to the opportunity. He gave an overview of his background which has a lot of Catholic school interactions. Mr. Perkins believes strongly in a Catholic education. He's met with the CRHS Board to discuss the 90 day plan and continuing on the strategic plan.

Recruitment Committee Report – Lisa Petty – after the placement tests 25 scholarships have been awarded on how they scored on the placement with national ranking. Mrs Hoy will be talking with NetWise for 1 on 1 computing to have netbook to keep throughout CRHS career. The second semester calendar for Rittertown will be published on the web which will demo what students are doing outside of

school. Catholic School Week will be last week of January and first of February. Reps from Ritter will speak to parents before and after Masses at the deanery schools. Looking for volunteers to help with this and will count towards service hours. Also Ritter provides pizza lunch, salad and dessert to deanery school teachers one day during CSW. February has information nights for incoming freshman.

Athletic Report – John Roach – completed wrestling match. Changes in the coaching staff for girl's tennis and track/field. Girls Basketball is playing Cathedral in City tournament. Feb 27 will be Monte Carlo night which is the Booster Club's single fund raiser - \$20 per person entry fee into reverse raffle for \$1000 with other monies given throughout the night. Boys City tournament begins on 1/19. Please note that all attendees have to pay as CRHS is just host school so passes can't be honored.

Advancement/Alumni Report – Joe Roebuck –shared various events like Alumni Basketball League which runs on Sundays January 31 – March 14; St Patricks Day Dance on Saturday, March 13 in the cafeteria; Runathon on Friday, May 7 where Anne Kochell is again serving as the Event Chair; Spring Gala on May 15; Alumni Legacy Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 26; Raider Round-Up for Class of 2010 on Tuesday, July 27;

Joe responded to a question about Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and shared that it was cancelled as not well attended.

Officer Reports

President – not in attendance

Treasurer – as of first of year, the BINGO fan base is coming back; have paid all bills and are a lot better off than last year. In response to question from Kim Orbik, shared that there isn't a line item budget for post prom so there's not any income to begin with

Vice President – need to get a committee for the Award of Distinction which is where the deanery schools provide recommendations who then receive application invitations. The applicants complete an essay and the committee reviews to determine the recipients. Please contact Michelle to participate on the committee. Also looking for a parent to chair the Baccalaureate reception after the Mass at St. Malachy

Committee Event Report

Vol Hours – Julie Predan - 97 families have more than 20 hours so far; 204 families have less than 20 but more than zero and 170 families have zero.

Scrip –Michelle Edwards reported for Laura Mowry – approx \$11K profit for the school thus far; no scrip order for the week of 1/18

Bingo – Stephanie Marr – attendance is picking up with 110 – 120 average and approx \$1000 profit; K of C is stopping their Thursday night BINGO; took poll for attendance on the 24th and patrons said they'd be there thus will hold it even with Colts playoff game; still looking for volunteers and need callers with 'thick skin'

Post Prom – Kim Orbik - Anita Watts has agreed to co-chair; 2 major events to raise money for post prom are being scheduled – 1/22 will be a Chili Supper as well as a 50/50 during the dinner or possibly at the game; BINGO night for adults on 2/19. These two events will pay for post prom. Will also be doing candy grams in place of flowers for Valentines Day as an additional fund raiser. Hoping to have a photo booth and rock climbing wall which would be new events for post prom.

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Announcements

Adjournment at 7:58 pm – next meeting is Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at 7:00 pm