

Valley Catholic Parent Association Meeting
Now **Valor Network**
January 20, 2010

Meeting convened at 7:00

In attendance:

Mary Donovan
Lea Davis
Ann Duyck
Kimberly White
Amy VanderZanden
Judy Oakes
Lisa Aleman
Kristy Motta

Committee Reports:

Bylaws - Amy

- Need to start from scratch
- Board will not serve as a complaint conduit
- Board wants to be supportive, help with events, communication with parents, help faculty and staff where needed and useful
- Introduction of VALOR Network
 - Volunteers
 - Ambassadors of information
 - Liaisons promoting communication
 - Organization committed to success
 - Respectful of all constituents
- This received a very favorable response, anything to add?... contact Amy
- “Friendraising leads to fundraising” – should promote more parent’s social events
- Board could assist with wreath sales to support music/drama programs, but funds pass through board
 - Would have cookie sales at all fine arts events for support

Budget Report – Lisa Aleman

- Serious concerns over budget
- Wine tasting may be better defined as a social event, not fundraiser
- Will need to majorly revamp event for next year
- Still unclear how much was raised since all credit card purchases pass through to the elementary school PTC
- If not careful with budget, will be operating at a deficit

Dance/Event Chaperone – Mary (presented by Amy)

- Beginning to round up volunteers for speech tournament
- Board would like to assist in order to maximize Valley's presence in the community and promote the school
- Parents will need to have completed "Called to Protect" training, which is offered in the HS library the first Wed. of every month

Staff Appreciation– Maureen

- Board pays for an annual senior/faculty lunch
 - Last year's expenses totaled \$900
 - Board will need to get creative this year due to budget concerns
 - Could use cafeteria kitchen, ask for parent volunteers to help prepare, junior students act as servers
 - A group of mother's put together an annual luncheon for the faculty
 - Perhaps board could help expand and formalize teacher appreciation luncheon

Wine Tasting/Events– Kimberly

- Is an extreme amount of work
- Primary support and source of funds has been from Arbor Homes
 - This connection has come to an end
- Need to decide if this a social event for parents or a fundraiser
- Many on the board would like to see the event continue, but need to dramatically reduce expenses
- Some ideas that were discussed: adding a beer garden, have students play background music, make it more of a "jeans and t-shirt" event
- Board would still like the faculty to attend for free
- **This will be a topic next meeting, and members are encouraged to bring ideas on how to make the event feasible, cost effective and fun**

Auction Liaison – Lea

- Given budget constraints, will need to offer a low cost event
- Could either offer it to one buyer or as a sign up event (25-50 couples)
- Several ideas were presented: a parent's prom, a square dance with an actual caller, movie and dinner night for parents
- **For next meeting, bring ideas to brainstorm**

New Business:

eSpirit/ website

- Want to get board presence on the website
 - There is an existing link on the website
- Would like to create Valor Network News, weekly newsletter to parents
- Could also serve as a source for general school information, i.e. upcoming music concerts (including requirements for the students), early dismissal and school closures, other school events
 - Could have it on the website as a resource for parents

Speech Tournament – see Dance/Event Chaperone

Faculty Liaison – Mary

- Many upcoming events for students
 - Next week is “No name calling week”
 - Two senior boys are speaking to the 7th and 8th grades about bullying
 - March 30 – Program for HS students aimed at demonstrating the dangers of “sexting”, Facebook and other online sites
 - Check out valleycatholicTV.com
 - Several student events are going to be posted and parents are invited to see how Valley is involved in the community

Upcoming Events:

Speech Tournament: February 27th
Next Meeting February 16th

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 pm