

**CHAMINADE-MADONNA
HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

Minutes from October 1st 2008 Meeting

Susan opened the meeting at 7:04pm and invited Ms. Ramos to lead us in a prayer; Father Doershing had a previous engagement and did not attend.

TREASURER REPORT

Dee shared our balance of \$5,797.78.

OLD BUSINESS

Susan recapped our first Grandparent's Day and shared how successful it was.

NEW BUSINESS

Susan introduced Mr. Paul Herfurth, Athletic Director, who shared his philosophy of how he wants to create a sense of involvement for the kids at C-M. He also talked about the Booster Club and how all the Sports are involved and the success of it. He said that an Ad Book will be coming out recognizing all the kids in Sports.

Mr. Herfurth, shared how important it is for parents to be involved in the children's lives and how C-M cannot be successful without the parents involvement. He is also proud of the sense of Community felt around C-M.

Susan introduced Mr. Tim Tyrell, Director of Enrollment Management, which explained that he has been in the position for the last three and a half weeks. His goal is not only to bring new students in, but to figure out how to keep them in C-M. Mr. Tyrell shared that his job includes going out to grade schools and getting them excited about C-M. He also talked about an Enrollment Management Plan, which will show exactly what he's doing to improve enrollment.

The first three weeks in November are set aside for 8th grade 'Spirit Challenge Day', which this year will have eight graders going into regular classes to experience what it would be like to be in a classroom at C-M. He said Entrance exams will be at the end of January. Mr. Tyrell also talked about the "I am proud of..." sheet, which will be given to students to show and encourage positive behavior.

Susan introduced Ms. Erin Kappiris, CFO, who talked about the school budget. Ms. Kappiris gave a complete Financial Report for 2007 and 2008. Ms. Kappiris explained the 08-09 Budget forecast and Capital Plan.

Susan then talked about the different events that are coming up, Monthly Faculty/Staff Breakfast, Open House (Sat., Oct 18th), Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Dinner Dances; we still need volunteers for all events.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Ms. Ramos expressed the Success of Grandparents Day, and how moving it was. She talked about upcoming dates and events

- “Voice of an Angel Contest”, which C-M will host on Sunday, October 5 at 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 6th, starts breast Cancer Awareness week. The students will create a banner with names of family members with the disease. T-shirts will go on sale on Tuesday with the proceedings going to the Breast Cancer Research at Holy Cross Hospital.
- National PSAT for freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be Wednesday, October 15; seniors are encouraged to attend a College Workshop that day.
- Open House is on Saturday, October 18 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.
- Homecoming week starts Monday, October 20
- October 17th first Quarter ends and Report Cards will be mailed on 10/27, with the Honors Assembly on Thursday October 30 at 10:15 a.m.

Ms. Ramos once again gave parents their assignment, to bring someone new to the November HSA meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita King, Recording Secretary