

SMH Parent Partnership

Meeting Minutes – February 2010

The February meeting of the St. Mary's H.S. Parent Partnership was held on Tuesday, Feb. 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the Connell Library. Several new participants were in attendance including student representatives. The following issues were discussed:

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon – The event was held earlier today. Walter Guptill and Andree Thorne report that it went very well. It was catered by John's Roast Beef thanks to a generous donation by alum Jim Greeley '67. Desserts were donated by Central Bakery of Peabody (Alex Couto '13). There was also a raffle drawing for several gift cards and Red Sox tickets (Pat Gill '71 donated). All were very pleased and appreciative. Thank you to the parent volunteers and in particular co-chairs Andree Thorne, Patti Capano, and Jill Scanlon for all your hardwork with this event.

Update on Post Prom Venue – While researching potential alternative sites for the Post Prom, committee members learned that the Bostonville site had already been booked for the same night as the SMH prom. An urgent meeting was held on Friday, Feb. 5th to discuss options. Parent Donna Healey had done a lot of work researching other locations. After comparing costs and amenities the group determined that the Boston Sports Club in Lynnfield was the best option and this site was chosen. The cost for just the site is \$3300.

Discussion of Prom/Post Prom Budget and Fundraising Goals – A review of costs and fundraising balances for the 2009 Post Prom was provided along with a proposed budget for the 2010 event. In summary, it is anticipated that the Pre-Prom and Post-Prom costs will be approximately \$9500 for this year. This does not include transportation which will primarily be covered in the cost of the prom tickets. The following is the budget estimate:

2010 Budget Proposal for Prom night event:

Pre-Prom Decorations	=	\$300
Post-Prom Venue (BSC)	=	\$3300
Food & Beverages	=	\$1200
D.J.	=	\$ 500
Entertainment	=	\$3000
Raffle Prizes	=	<u>\$1200</u>

Total Expenses **\$9500**

The Parent Partnership has set a fundraising goal of at least \$8000.00 for the comedy night. Any budget discrepancy will have to be covered by contributions from the class treasuries and other sources. Student representatives expressed interest in helping out by helping to coordinate some fundraising efforts among students. Ideas proposed include contacting Prince of Pizza to contribute

a portion of sales for a specific day (early release day so students would go there for lunch), flower sale in the school, dress down for donation, etc. The group decided to try to focus on maximizing proceeds from the comedy night fundraiser and then consider student involved efforts to make up any shortages.

Comedy Night Fundraiser – The Post Prom main fundraiser will be a Chinese food buffet and comedy night at the Knights of Columbus in Lynn on Saturday, March 27th from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Comedian Mike Donovan has been hired. You can check him out at www.comedianmikedonovan.com. There will be a D.J. (parent Mike Francis' brother has agreed to donate his services), raffle baskets, auction items and more. Other ideas for maximizing revenue include asking various sports teams to sponsor a table or make a donation, seek support of businesses, and more.

Promotion of Fundraiser – All recognized the need to promote this event and make a grass roots effort to get parents to attend and support this cause. Rep's from the PP will reach out to parents at upcoming meeting hosted by Principal Dimaiti, at Parent open house night, and through flyers, etc. Student rep's agreed to try to promote the event within the student body to create interest with parents at home.

Parent Volunteers Needed – There are three committees being formed for the Comedy Night fundraiser, Pre-Prom decorating and transportation, and the Post Prom Event. Any parent who is interested in helping out with any of these efforts is asked to let us know by sending an email. Additional emails with specific information on each committee will be forthcoming soon.

Next Parent Partnership General Meeting: Monday, March 8th