

Present-Tina Morgan, Jenn Neuner, Dawn Paciorek, Stephanie Steiner, Brigitte Fish, Vin Racana, Lydia Arnold, Patrick Berry, Regina Church, Linh Daino, Sarah Falso, Judy Lieblein, Lisa Linquest, Mindy Lorenz, Grace Mason, Diana Putzer, Nancy Smith, Michelle Sopchak, Tina Taggart

Room Parent Communication-Room Parents are to remember the importance of keeping the lines of communication open. The role of Room Parents is to act as the liaison between the school and the parents in their grade. Room Parents should send out at least one communication per month. This communication could include information concerning class parties, chaperones, or fundraisers such as Black & White Night and the Cookie Dough Sale which will begin soon. Room Parents should keep in mind that there are always parents that are new to the school who would truly appreciate such information and contact. Class gatherings should ideally be held before the holiday break. Any Room Parents who have not already done so should organize their gathering as soon as possible.

Black & White Night- Chair Sarah Falso reports that plans are well underway for this fundraiser which will take place on Friday, March 30th. Invitations will be mailed out at the end of this month. This year's event will be less formal than in the past. Any attire is appropriate whether it is black jeans and a white T-shirt or a tuxedo. The change from a Saturday to a Friday evening will allow attendees to come directly from work so as not to consume too much of their weekend. There will be no assigned seating in order to encourage more mixing and mingling. Many creative food choices will be available such as, interactive food stations, passed food throughout the evening, and black and white desserts. Amazing entertainment will include an illusionist, an interactive photo booth, live music, and a Belgian beer tasting from Ommegang of Cooperstown. Artwork from nineteen artists will be auctioned. Regular tickets will be \$125 and patron tickets, \$150. Patron tickets include admission to a Patron Party beginning one hour before the main event and a special gift crafted by Sarah's husband. Sarah may be contacted at sarahfalso@hotmail.com.

50/50 Raffle-Jenn Neuner is requesting help and suggestions for selling tickets for this raffle. The goal is to raise \$7000-\$8000, but there is the potential to raise \$10,000 if enough tickets are sold. The cost of the tickets will be \$25 each or five for \$100.

ABC(Athletic Booster Club)-All parents are automatically members, there are no dues. The number of parents overseeing this club has dwindled in recent years, so the PA may possibly take over its operation. The ABC could work in conjunction with the Campus Shop to sell food and merchandise during home games. We need to start spreading the word to see if anyone would be interested in heading this organization and bringing excitement and visibility to the Booster Club. The ABC should ideally be represented by at least one parent from each athletic team. Anyone who is interested in taking this on may contact Sue Gullo at sgullo@mph.net.

Campus Shop-The following positions will be open next year: Manager, Clothes Purchasing, and Scheduling. The ideal situation would be to recruit volunteers to fill these positions this year so that the outgoing people can train them before leaving.

Parents' Association Updates:

State of the School-This will take place on Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Coville Theater. Scott Wiggins and Tracy Frank will speak and answer questions.

Appreciation Luncheon- This annual event is being organized by Tina Taggart and Ellen Eagen and will take place on Friday, March 9th. Lunch will be served to all of the teachers on this conference day from 12:00-1:00 in the Dining Hall. Parents are asked to send in entrees, salads, and desserts. Each dish should serve 10-12 people. Parents are requested to include an ingredient list. Volunteers are still needed to set up, clean up, and serve. There will also be a giftcard raffle for the teachers. Donations of giftcards would be greatly appreciated.

Treasurer's Report-Treasurer Brigitte Fish reports that the balance for the checking account is \$6500 and \$3000 for the savings account. One grant was awarded to the third grade to allow them to attend a performance which was related to their study of the Underground Railroad.

Family Fun Night-Diana Putzer has graciously volunteered to organize this event which will take place in April. This has been a great community builder for the lower school. In the past, this evening has included crafts, games, movie night, face painting, and supervised games in the gym. Anyone interested in helping out may contact Jenn Neuner at jneuner@mph.net.