

Seton Parents' Organization

March 3, 2010

Welcome by Parents Organization and Opening Prayer by Linda Gast

Introduction of Mr. Topher Russo from FACTS

- The normal payments will be set up for the 5th or 20th of the month for the 10 month program.
- There is a one time FACTS fee of \$41 when the family signs up for FACTS at SETON. If the family wants to have two payments per month, the second set-up may have a one time fee of \$19. The fee will be assessed within 14 days of the agreement being registered with SETON.
- There is a convenience fee of 2.5% of the payment if you are using a credit card for your payments.
- The payments are a pull from the account you are using versus a push by you so the payment will be an automatic deduction from your account. When you sign up for FACTS, you are setting up a pre-authorization for FACTS to withdraw from your account. If you need to change the pull, you will need to contact the business office (Sister Dorothy or one of her staff) at least two business days prior to the scheduled withdrawal.
- There will not be any monthly statements but any family can go online to see the outstanding balance or the amount already paid.
- You can have monthly e-mail reminders sent to you if wish. You can request this option when you set up your FACTS account.
- There were some concerns about errors. To his knowledge there has only been one time when a family had a double deduction. FACTS found the error and contacted the family. There were no financial problems but if there were, FACTS would have taken care of any repercussions.
- There was some discussion about identity theft and Mr. Russo acknowledged that most theft is associated with a paper trail. Since FACTS is electronic and on a secure site, there should not be any problems.

President's Report (Sister Ellen Marie Hagar)

- Returning student enrollment
 - 15 April is the deadline for this enrollment

- Anyone in the business or administration office can help if you have any questions about FACTS or the enrollment
- For this enrollment, the first payment will be in June. There will a payment in July but not in August. The school is trying to make it easier for the other costs that will go along with the start of school. Payments will resume in September and will follow monthly after that.
- Terry O'Meara will arrange for the computer lab to be open at school on 23 March during the evening for parents to come in and register. This will help those families that do not have computers at home or may need some help in registering online.
- 50th Anniversary Alumnae Reunion and Family Celebration.
 - The title is “Showcase Seton: Past, Present, and Future”. It will be on 24 April.
 - There will be an auction which will include the art work of our students. They have been working very hard to have wonderful pieces to sell at the event. The girls are very excited because this will be the first time they will actually be selling their pieces.
 - There will also be a showcase of the dance team, choral and bands groups.
 - Everyone should have received the announcement in the Seton Notes. There are handouts available and all the parents will be receiving a letter if their daughter is part of the celebration because sponsors have been found to pay for each of the girls to receive a ticket for the celebration so they can sit and eat dinner during the celebration.
 - Auction items will include two books signed by President Barack Obama.
 - For the celebration, parents are asked to donate desserts for the event. Parents will get volunteer hours for any desserts they provide. The desserts will be put in a nice presentation for the participants to consume.
 - A request was made for the parents to bring wine or something to go with at least one wine basket at next months parents organization meeting. Any one bringing something for the basket will get an extra ticket for the \$200 tuition drawing at the April meeting.
- Seton is working with Saint Mary's Grade School in their drawing for five automobiles. The tickets are \$5 and the seller (which will be the purchaser in the case of Seton purchases) will receive \$1000 for the winning ticket. Drawing will be held on 15 May.

- Father/Daughter dance was a wonderful success. It was beautiful and the girls seemed to have a good time. Thanks to the committee and their hard work.
- The basketball team is in the playoffs. Tomorrow there will be a pep rally during advisory. The pep rally will also be celebrating the Cheerleaders competition win.
- Last weekend, the Senior Scholars (Senior citizens getting their GED) had their prom and graduation. The Seton Scholars hosted the event. Senator David Harrington was the speaker. The senator and the seniors commented on the outstanding work of Seton scholars.

Parent Organization Business (Linda Gast)

- Parent Organization Scholarship
 - Scholarship applications will be on line within the next week or so. The scholarship will be for \$1000 and will be based on service activities performed by the student. The deadline will be 15 April. There will be a requirement for two letters of recommendation to be turned in with the application. The intent is to award at least one scholarship but more may be awarded depending on the applications received.
- Treasurer's Report
 - The treasurer's report covers two months since last month's meeting was canceled because of the snow. The report shows the donations made for the Field of Dreams and the Teacher Appreciation awards.
 - Still outstanding costs for the year are the Baccalaureate Reception and the Senior Class Gifts. If anyone has any suggestions for the class gifts, please let Linda know. The officers were discussing what to do this year or if we would purchase the same bears as last year.
- Father/Daughter Dance
 - Thanks again to the chairman of the event (Agnes Cheung).
- The drawing for the \$200 tuition went to Ms. A. Sharpe, mother of Kelonna Barrett.

Linda reminded everyone that the next meeting will be on 14 April because of Spring Break.

Janice Partenheimer spoke about the April Music Trip.

Adjourn

Submitted by, Janice Partenheimer, Secretary