

NCC Parent & Alumni Club Minutes
From August 20th, 2008

Meeting was called to order by president Lisa Bowman.

Opening prayer – led by Patty Fryer.

Lisa Bowman welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. There were 61 members present at the first meeting of the year. Officers were introduced: Presidents – Lisa Bowman and JoAnne Prigge, VP's – Debbie Schmitz & Patty Fryer, Secretary – Lisa Steffen, Treasurer – Kelly Johnson.

Welcome committee – Mary Ciafardini & Mary Rawe – They sign members in and take care of the monthly door prizes and split the pot raffle. A one time \$5.00 dues is made for the year. Extra raffles are voluntary and are \$1.00 each.

General Info about PAC (Parent & Alumni Club)

- Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month. (a few meetings may change due to holidays etc...) Watch the NCC web site for changes. The meetings are all about “having fun” and finding out what is going on “on the hill”. We will have monthly themes and will be tying in some community service. We had several men in attendance, which was nice to see.

-Refreshments and snacks are to be provided by grade level instead of by parish. In September, asking freshmen parents to bring a snack. (Remember, no stress- make it simple)

-Scholarships -2 - \$500.00 scholarships 1 male/ 1 female are given away at the last meeting of the year. Eligibility for scholarships – attend 6/10 meetings **and** participate in a PAC sponsored event. They go by the sign in sheet so be sure to sign in at the door each month.

Principal Report

Mr. Noll spoke to the members and assured everyone that school was starting on the 25th!!! (As we know it did). He reported that the theme this year is to have flexibility and a sense of humor!! A grand lesson is to be learned on how to overcome obstacles. He was very appreciative of all the students, parents, clubs, athletes, and other volunteers who have helped get things back in order. As with construction- still a work in progress... Asbestos has been removed from school. The big dirt pile coming up the hill will eventually be 68 new parking spots.

Teachers are preparing for school to start. Someone from Children's Hospital came and spoke with teachers regarding differences in learning styles and gave tips for High School teachers to utilize.

Will try to cut down on schedule changes this year. We will have “180 days in” school.

Look for information on the parent night -TBA. We have 112 freshmen this year.

Still need \$2million + for addition fund. Please consider pledging for the fund.

Service hours are changing to service projects. What they are trying to do is get our students working or volunteering after they leave here. Not focused on hours but “What did they accomplish?” 3 projects/year. In religion class they will have a 2-pocket folder and track what they have done and lay out a service plan. It will be 10% of trimester religion grade. It will be 100%, 60%, or 0% based on projects completed. At end of the

year there are service awards for seniors based on service at NCC. May have sister come and give more info on service.

New Business:

- Fireworks Fest- baked goods needed and workers needed.
- Homecoming dance will be October 18th, in the gym. Need volunteers to help decorate. Look for sign up sheet at next meeting.
- Looking for parish hostesses – someone to be a contact person for putting information in bulletins etc...
- Cafeteria workers still needed. Phyllis Smith is the cafeteria person. Feel free to come in and work.
- Meet the Breds- Saturday 12:30 August 23rd at Southgate Community Center. Meet and greet NCC football teams.

Events Later in the year that we help with:

- Catholic Schools Week – we provide a staff and faculty breakfast.
- After Prom- Looking for someone to be in charge. It is a good thing, you know who they are with and what they are doing. More info to come.
- Mom Prom and Pop Hop- Senior boys with moms and senior girls with their dads. Separate nights. They each have a dinner and dance. We get people to help set up and serve drinks. Some folks get decked out. A good time.
- Baccalaureate Dinner- for seniors the night before graduation. They have a mass and return to NCC and have a meal. We serve and clean up.

Fund Raising:

- Would like to form a fund raising committee – need chairperson and members. Look for sign up sheet. Goal is to work smarter not harder.
- NCC is the 1st high school to be a part for the Catholic Order of Foresters. Great program that helps raise funds for the school and provide fun too!! If interested see Peggy Piccola.
- Discount coupon books available. Sell for \$40 we make \$20. A lot of local businesses are in the books.
- Spirit shop- Tina Devoto is in charge of the spirit shop. There are 2 new sweat shirts available for \$22 each. One is a blue zip up jacket that says New Cath and the other is a grey hoodie sweat shirt with NCC logo. Will have discount booth at fireworks fest. Hours are Monday-Thursday 10:30-3:00. Open before home basketball games, open houses, and orientations. There is a link on the web site to see additional hours. Feel free to send in a blank check with your student!! Takes cash, check, or credit cards.
- The Winners Circle- Saturday, October 25th at the Syndicate. Jayne Beiting, Kathy Wolterman, and Maureen Schwaber, spoke on the planning and events of the evening. Tickets are \$75/person includes dinner, dance, cocktails. An upscale fun event!! Committees are in place. Invitations will be sent out in September. Goal is to replace the chance drive, and challenge each grade to celebrate (or participate I couldn't read my notes) There will be one basket to share for each 2 homerooms for the students to bring in various themed items. They will be having a lottery tree and request that either at the September or October meeting that members bring in a lottery scratch off ticket. The funds made go directly for the students for things like smart boards etc... Also they are

having mystery bags that will all have a value of at least \$10.00. So if you have anything you would like to donate it is greatly appreciated. There are many nice prizes already!! Still looking for a nice piece of jewelry. They are working on getting some vacation packages also. (I may recall hearing Ireland and a Chalet in Gatlinburg.) There will be live and silent auctions. Keep the date open, October 25th. It will be a great night!!! There is a link on the web site too.

Guidance Counselor, Nicole Sealy spoke. She is one of 3 counselors at NCC. Jenny Mertle is the Jr. & Sr. counselor. She assists with college visits, financial aid, and academic futures. Robin Kellinghaus is the freshman and sophomore counselor. She helps with career planning. Nicole is a personal counselor. She gets referrals from students, parents, and teachers. She does personal counseling and deals with emotional, anxiety, and relationship issues. Everything is confidential and can also make referrals to community services if needed.

Hits for Chicks – Volleyball Tuesday, September 16th NCC vs Brossart 5:00 buy t-shirt get into games students \$8 and adults \$10 benefits breast cancer fund of Chicks and Chucks.

Jessica Highchew won split the pot. Tracy Payne, Angie Birkenhauer, and Lisa Steffen won the raffles.

Next meeting is Wednesday, September 17th with a back to school theme. Wear your old school uniforms and bring in a school supply item. Hope to see you there!!!

Respectfully submitted by,
Lisa Steffen