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Marymount Parent Council Meeting-March 7, 2007

I. Welcome:

Maria Fazio welcomed all to the meeting.

II. Head of School:

Debbi David announced that CAIS (California Assoc of Independent Schools) team is currently at Marymount for our accreditation. They have been here for the past few days, visiting classrooms, speaking to faculty and parents, reviewing documents, and much more. CAIS will deliver their final report to all of us on Wed, March 7th. We will hear about ourselves through their fresh eyes so that we can make improvements for the present and the future.

We are also in the process of identifying Marymount: Who we are, in terms of the religious nature of the school and ways in which we can clearly define our religious objectives and goals. To this end, we have invested in new religious textbooks, DVDs and tapes. These books will help us to clearly define our school and religion and assist us in launching Marymount as a better school which offers both Catholic and non-Catholic tract.

We will have the first ever Research and Development grant for teachers. Teachers may submit their most innovative ideas based on their research and may be granted an award of up to \$2500.00. A committee of five consisting of parents and teachers will be judges.

The children are getting ready for the science fair in April and everyone is doing a great job of surviving CAIS.

III. Director of Admissions:

We are busy in the process of working through the applications for 2007-2008 year and the enrollment numbers look good.

IV. Development:

Andrea McFarling reported that YTD, we are at 89% parent participation for the Annual Fund. (Last year, it was June when we reached 89%). Kindergarten and fourth grades are at 100% with eighth and second grades at 92%. We are very close to our goal and urge everyone to participate.

Dave Chambers announced that the first annual Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on May 05, 2007 with Cinco de Mayo theme. The tournament will be held at Sandpiper Golf Course and will include prizes, lunch, cocktails and dinner.

Kim Busch announced that on Auction day (March 16) there would be free dress for the kids. She urged everyone to come early since the Party Book, Wish List, Silent Auction and Class Projects are available for purchase from 6:00 to 7:30 and could sell out fast. Dinner and live auction will begin at 7:45. The attire is black and white and whatever is comfortable and festive is ok.

Joe Fazio announced that pre-auction program will go out so that everyone can see all the great items prior to the party.

Susan Jordano urged everyone to please sell more raffle tickets outside of Marymount. Those who cannot make the auction can still purchase raffle tickets and does not have to be present to win.

V. MPC Committee Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report: Kira Fay announced that AIA raised \$5000.00 for Make-A-Wish Foundation through t-shirt sales, bracelets and Card-A-Thon.

We will also fulfill a Wish List for the computer software update for the library for \$1800.00 and the purchase of awnings for Hot Lunch area.

2. Mother-Son Event:

Laurel Barrack announced that the Mother-Son Event will be on Sunday, May 20th at their ranch in Santa Ynez. She hopes to make it an ultimate mother son bonding experience. There will be fun, organized games such as tug of war, sack races and petting animals. She will send out two sets of invitations, one for younger boys and one for middle schools to appeal to all. She encourage all mom and sons to attend and to carpool (11-3 with lunch).

3. Angels in Action:

Sonja Granatelli reported that Angels in Action is winding down, with the remainder of the year to focus on pulling together all the events that has been happening.

On April 12th, during school assembly, we will present our check of \$5000.00 to the recipient of Make-A-Wish Foundation

On April 21(weekend of Earth Day and National Youth Service Day), there will be a City Beautification project of planting trees and street cleaning from 9am to12pm. If we have enough participants, we can earn \$500.00 for our school.

Amy Giles reported that our adopted Platoon received 360 boxes of valentines and we hope to deliver one more final package to the troops before the year-end.

We have 2777 services hours YTD. Please submit any and all service hours to AIA, as we would like to reach our goal of 4000 service hours.

Unity Shoppe is still looking for volunteers to stock shelves. This is a good opportunity and experience to share with the children.

4. Nominations for MPC:

There are many positions open for next year's MPC positions. If anyone is interested, please complete and submit the volunteer forms by the end of March and/or the first of April. The forms are available in the messenger.

VI. Red Apple School Supply:

Red Apple, a service which packages school supplies will be available for everyone at nominal cost.

Sign up is optional and MPC will do all the ordering. Financial aid students will receive the service at no cost. Once you sign up, the supplies will be boxed with individual labels, ready for the students on the first day of school. Green Apple, which is all recyclable school supplies, is also available at a slightly higher cost.

First grade: \$20.00

2nd to 5th grade: \$35.00

6th to 8th grade: \$65.00

Information on how to sign up for Red Apple service will be in the messenger. E-mails and flyers will also be sent out so that everyone has the opportunity to decide.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.

The next and last MPC meeting of the year will be held on May 22, 2007 from 11:30 at the Fazio's home.

Respectfully submitted,

Moon Waters