

# Guerin Catholic High School

## Parent Guild Meeting September 7, 2011

Attendees: Chris Pauley, Laura Kimmerling, Maureen Witt, Katie Zachary, Patty Lindley, Lesley Hargrave, Kelly Bluish, Lisa Henderson, Kim Heger, Della Hall, Sherry Milnamow, Paula Brennan, Connie Freiburger, Paolina Anthony, Mary Hinkebein, Kim Santucci, Jackie Mewborn, Nancy Eiker, Karen Miller, Carolyn DeFilippis, Carole Boylan, Barb Gallina, Elisabeth Young, Cathy Dolan, Colleen Ward, Kerry Zerla, Joan DeSilvester, Debi Titus

Meeting commenced at 9:09am with an introduction of the Board followed by a prayer led by Chris Pauley. The minutes from August 3, 2011 were distributed and approved.

### **Principal's Report-Presented by Cathy Dolan**

Note: Mr. Wagner's report is in standard type. Recording Secretary's comments are in italics.

#### Academics:

- Eight new teachers have been hired (5 full-time, 3 part-time) (*Total: 40 full-time, 6 part-time*)
  - 3 hired to replace teachers who have moved on
  - Others hired due to increased enrollment
  - 2 former part-time moved to full-time (both in Math) *Mary Noyes, Helen Butz*
- The first three weeks of school have gone smoothly
- Progress Report Night on Wednesday, September 28 from 4:15-7:00 p.m.

#### Guidance:

- Testing day for grades 9 & 10 on Wednesday, September 14
- This will be a college visit day for grades 11 & 12 (no classes)
- *New Eagles* program for transfer students has wrapped up – a chance for Mr. Kirkwood to sit down with the transfer students 3-4 times in an informal setting to talk about the school, answer any questions, put their minds at ease, meet the administrators, etc.

#### Student Life

- Freshmen retreat today – off to St. Mary-of-the-Woods!
- Special events this Friday:
  - \**Channel 6 Football Frenzy* 5:00-7:00 a.m.
  - \*Student-led prayer service commemorating the 9-11 attacks
  - \*1:00 p.m. moment of silence for those who lost their lives in the 9-11 attacks (*Friday will be an early release day-2:30pm*)

- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Christian Leadership program at GCHS on September 23 (*this is a mini-retreat with Team Building Activities for the Deanery Schools*)
- Homecoming week October 4-7, dance following the game on October 7

#### Information Technology

- Still experiencing a few ANGEL issues (fall out from the crash this summer) – we are working on it on our end and ANGEL on their end
- Need help with ANGEL parent accounts: contact Peg Dispenzieri, Scott Sandstrom, or Brenda Armie

#### Athletics

- All-State Catholic Cross-Country meet at Guerin Catholic this Saturday

#### Other

- Back to School Night was well-received (thanks for dinner!)
- Administrative Tailgate (auctioned off at Guerin Catholic Gala) went off without a hitch on Friday (thanks for the use of the tents!)
- Grandparents Breakfast and celebration of the feast of St. Theodore Guerin on October 3 – special schedule

#### **President's Report-Chris Pauley**

- PG Volunteer Participation-there are approximately 416 parent volunteers. There are 646 students. 65% parent participation!
- Update on Coca Cola Partnership and impact on PG activities
  1. The athletic department negotiated a great deal with Coke.
  2. Includes Powerade and Dasani water.
  3. A 2-week lead-time is needed for placing order for events. Place order on Thursday morning for delivery on next Monday morning. It is helpful if you are there for the delivery to mark the items for your event.
  4. May be able to use the cafeteria refrigerator to get the items cold but not to store the items. Talk to Deborah Haas before using the refrigerator.
  5. Deb Stanisz makes the order. PG person in charge of event (Prom, Trivia Night, Homecoming, Campus Ministry, Appreciation) should talk with Deb about placing the order.
  6. For “in kind donations” please suggest that the volunteer donators bring in coke products.
- A heartfelt thanks to the New Parent Coffee, BASH and Appreciation Committees for their exceptional service to the Guerin Catholic Community as we began the new school year in earnest! Lots of very positive comments!
- We are in need of a 2012 Used Book and Uniform Sale (UBUS) chair for this Spring.
  1. May – August are the busy months for this committee.
  2. The procedures are already in practice and the supplies are available.

- Update on listing Teacher Wish list purchases on the PG website including the laminators and protocol for the new equipments' use by staff.
  1. 2 laminators will be purchased: 1 large and 1 small (8-1/2x11)
  2. May be located behind Connie in the business office
- Jackie Mewborn recommended buying a new large screen as we rent one several times a year. The cost of renting it with audio was \$5000 for Trivia Night.

### **Treasurer's Report-Katie Zachary**

- Statements were distributed and reviewed.
- PG made almost \$19,000 last year.
- Over \$8000 in Wish List items have not been paid out yet.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Appreciation Committee-Connie Freiburger

- Back to School Night went well.
- Tuesday Treats will start soon.
  1. 4 volunteers needed each Tuesday
  2. 16-20 treats provided per volunteer
  3. May be store-bought or homemade
  4. May be sent in with your student
- Next event is Progress Report Night.

#### Social Committee

- Grandparent Breakfast
- PG provides hospitality and volunteers
- Office of Institutional Advancement runs the event
- On October 3, 7:30am which is Mother Guerin's Feast Day. This is the fifth year since her Canonization.

#### Parent-to-Parent Network-Kim Santucci

- We will have a presentation after Progress Report night (9/28). The presenter is Dr. Eugene Gan. He is a professor at Franciscan University. The topic is: Encountering Christ in the Media. His book, Infinite Bandwidth: Encountering Christ in the Media, may become part of the GC curriculum next year.
- Jan Storms who made an icon of Mother Guerin was not available to talk on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, but she may come and give a talk at a later date.
- We will have a speaker on teen depression early next year (1/12).
- Jason Evert will speak on May 15, 2012. He speaks on chastity. Parent-to-Parent Network is currently helping to secure two other locations for him to speak as he has a 3 engagement requirement.

- Parent-to-Parent Network addresses issues facing children through relevant speakers. The committee helps advertise these events to feeder schools and helps out the day of the event.

#### Homecoming-Deb Titus

- The DJ is booked for this event and the Winter Formal too.
- Deb raised questions on who pays for the pizza, decorations, etc.

#### Birthday Club-Chris Pauley

- Dena Carite is in charge of this on-going event. With the help of 8 volunteers, the two signs will be put out on specific students birthdays. The volunteer covers a two-week shift each trimester. The signs will be up by 7am on the day that they are requested.
- Still working out the best way to distribute the letters to the volunteers, storage of the signs and take down of the signs.
- Question was raised about the possibility of the students putting the signs out (Sounds of Providence, Cheerleaders, etc. arrive early).
- There was concern about keeping track of the letters. They are expensive.

#### Media Center-Paula Brennan

- She and Laura Burton are the PG Chairs.
- The duties are still being formed.
- They have planned a meeting with Marcia Murphy about this next week.
- Volunteers will be used in specific time slots.
- FYI, There is a pamphlet stand in the Media Center with pamphlets that deal with current issues and topics facing our teenagers. It is maintained by Campus Ministry. It may be helpful to let others know that these pamphlets are available.
- Guerin Catholic day at Barnes and Noble is October 8, 2011.
- Someone pointed out that Grandparents may be interested in donating a book to the Media Center on Grandparent's Day. Grandparents may also be interested in purchasing Spirit Wear.

### **New Business**

#### **Guerin Gala**-Colleen Ward

- It will be held on **February 11, 2012 at the Ritz Charles.**
- Biggest fundraiser of the year
- Helps raise money for tuition assistance
- Looking for 1 individual to head the Acquisitions Committee
- "Putting on the Purple" is the theme.

#### Other Calendar events for 2011-2012 for the Office for Institutional Advancement:

- **October 2, 2011**-Special Celebration for the Feast Day of St. Theodore Guerin. A big announcement will be made this day!

- **October 3, 2011**-Grandparents Breakfast and Liturgy on the Feast of St. Theodore Guerin, beginning at 7:00am at Guerin Catholic High School. This is a joint event with the PG and the Office for Institutional Advancement.
- **November 9, 2011 (all parents/guardians)-President's Dinner** (Guests of the President) Visions for growth discussed as well as plan for the school.
- **December 3, 2011, Bishop's Dinner** with Bishop Timothy Doherty and Bishop Emeritus William Higi at Guerin Catholic High School.
- **August 2, 2012 Annual Guerin Catholic Golf Outing** Woodwind Club-Tee Time 1:00pm. (Lunch, Golf and Dinner)
- **June 14, 2012 to June 25, 2012-Pilgrimage to France and Italy:** -Highlight will be visiting Estables-sur Mer in Brittany, birth place of St. Theodore Guerin: as well as Paris, French Riviera, Lourdes, Florence and Rome, led by Pamela Storms-Barrett  
Please note: Two other opportunities to travel with the GC Family next summer will be China, led by Marcia Murphy and London, England, led by Anne-Marie Wassel

### **Other**

- Please reach out to your volunteers even if your committee is not on-going and has not started yet.
- There is a description of each committee and who is in charge of each committee on the web site.
- Iprism remote-You can get the same Internet blocks as the ones they have at school. You can still get onto social networking sites if you select that option. You cannot get onto utube. Permission slips are due soon. You can download a letter from Fr. Joshua and Scott McNamee and sign it in order to put iprism on your child's computer at home. The letter can be found on an attachment in the Guerin Updates. You will not have iprism at home if you do not turn in this letter. There are different levels of iprism available.
- Dominoes Pizza gives great deals for school events.
- Please wear a lanyard when volunteering at the school. Others will identify you as PG with the lanyard.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32am.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 9:00am**

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Witt  
Guerin Catholic Parent Guild Secretary

