

Parent Guild Meeting Wednesday, April 4, 2012

Attendees: Chris Pauley, Laura Kimmerling, Connie Freiburger, Della Hall, Katie Zachary, Jenny Trusler, Barb Weber, Cathy Dolan, Joan DeSilvester, Lisa Pogue, Jackie Mewborn, Colleen Ward, Barb Gallina, Kim Santucci, Margaret Fallin, Maureen Witt, Sherry Milnamow, Elisabeth Young, Fr. Joshua Janko, Paul Lunsford, Rick Wagner

Chris Pauley led with a prayer followed by the distribution and approval of the March 7, 2012 minutes.

Principal's Report-Rick Wagner

(Secretaries' comments in italics) **School Safety:**

Mr. Kremer will renew his certification as a School Safety Specialist by attending ongoing education later this month

Bomb threat checklist added to safety protocol manual

Academics:

Have received verbal approval of our accreditation action plan

Posting open positions after Easter, with interviews late April thru May

Year-end evaluations of administrators and teachers throughout May

Guidance:

Master schedule build taking place this week - Dr. Dispenzieri and Mr. Kirkwood

Student Life

Very successful DECA competition: 5 students eligible to advance to international competition; 11 students place in state competition, including State Champion Nick Gallina!

SADD - Quick Click Challenge on April 12. Hoping to include support of The Chris Herren Project

Prom and after-Prom on April 21: Big thank-you to Della Hall and Sherry Milnamow for all of their hard work!

Athletics

Boys basketball wins State Championship! Great recognition convocation on Monday!

Fine Arts

Spring musical, Clue, April 26, 27, & 28 and May 3, 4, & 5

Guerin's Got Talent a success

Spring band and choral concert on May 17, 7:00pm

Other

Chris Herren convocation a great success - thank you, Parent Guild!

Student exchange with CHIREC school in India (Students from the CHIREC school would come for 2 weeks at the start of the school year (2012). He and Martin Kirkwood may go on a 3-4 day visit to see if GC would want to reciprocate the following year. If it occurs, our students would go at the end of July/early August next summer, 2013.)

Trip to El Salvador (Mr. Wagner was there for Spring Break. It was a retreat-type setting with Spanish immersion. He is looking into the possibility of GC students making this same trip next year during Spring Break-possibly 12 or so Junior or Senior students).

There will be 5 new classes added next year. They are listed in the March minutes.

GC President's Report-Paul Lunsford

Branding

Mr. Lunsford wants to emphasize the importance of marketing and branding. He states that our competition is Satan and not another high school.

Before the State Basketball Final, a letter was sent to the media emphasizing our branding as the Guerin Catholic Golden Eagles. Our school's purpose is to be the light of Jesus Christ on earth and a college preparatory school.

Please promote our name: Guerin Catholic Golden Eagles

It is important that we portray who we are. We are a Roman Catholic High School.

We are currently known as Hamilton County Catholic School Corporation DBA as St. Theodore Guerin High School.

Mr. Lunsford plans to petition to get the name changed to St. Theodore Guerin Catholic High School.

Capital Campaign

Academic Wing-\$7 million goal of which four million dollars has been collected between cash and pledges. This wing will add another 36,000 square feet. Six of the classrooms should be ready by August 1, 2012.

Fine Arts Center-\$8 million goal

Total Goal: \$15 million

\$1 million has already been pledged for the Fine Arts Center! The FAC will not begin construction until the Academic Wing is completed.

Of the \$15 million goal, \$2 million of funds will be used to retire debt from the Academic Wing. \$2 million of funds will be used to retire debt for the Fine Arts Center.

After the \$15 million goal is reached, our debt will be \$9-\$10 million.

President's Report-Chris Pauley

Good Morning Everyone! Well April showers bring May flowers but we seem to be one month ahead of schedule! As we begin Holy Week and the deep meaning it has for the Christian Faith, let's remember that Christ died for our sins in order for us to have eternal life with our Father in Heaven. Let us all live our lives in such a manner so as to bring glory to our savior Jesus Christ and his sacrifices for us.

First, I would like to personally thank Jackie Mewborn and her energetic staff of volunteers for an outstanding organized and fun filled Trivia Night. While it is a fun raiser for the Parent Guild, it is much more than that...it is an opportunity for the Guerin Catholic family to come together to have fellowship with old and new acquaintances and to give back to our school through donations. But again, thank you Jackie and the wonderful group of volunteers.

Second, I would like to remind all of the committee chairs that if your event or committee has completed its mission for the year, you may turn in your committee binder early. Please leave your binder in the PG boxes located off the front office. It is on the 4 tier-shelving unit. Set binders to the side of the box with Parent Guild written on it.

Third, we still have many exciting programs coming in April and May...from Prom, National Honor Society inductee reception to the Jason Evert speaking engagement. Enjoy them all and if you are able to assist, please join us in making the last few months of our students' school the best memories for them! We help with the reception after the National Honor Society ceremony.

Last, we will be voting today for our new chairperson nominations for next year. We do have a few lots open if anyone has a potential nominee for the open spots. I truly believe that God closes doors for some reasons and opens other doors so that we can smell the fresh air that spring brings forth!

Treasurer's Report-Katie Zachary

Financial statement through the end of March 2012 was distributed and reviewed.

Trivia Night raised \$26,000!

The teacher Wish List Request letter has been sent out. The first response is already in with more to follow. Requests are due by the end of April. How the money will be distributed will be decided in May. All but \$1000 must be spent in this academic year.

Fr. Janko brought up the fact that a few teachers have to travel from one classroom to another. They have a cart to use to keep all of their materials and only have 5 minutes to get to the next classroom and set up. This is not ideal. He asks that we pray for a solution to this hardship.

Committee Reports

Trivia Night-Jackie Mewborn

Jackie thanked all of the volunteers for their support in making this event a success.

Prom-Sherry Milnamow

Prom is on April 21, 2012.

They are in the process of constructing a carnival ticket booth and will have carousel horses at the prom for pictures.

They are looking for popcorn machines. They are also looking for carnival posters (donate/borrow) to put on the windows.

There will be a big drape over the dance floor.

They are looking for leads for carnival games for the after prom.

A karaoke machine is also needed.

There will be a photo booth at after prom.

They would like Freshman and Sophomore parents to chaperone the Prom and Junior and Senior parents to chaperone the After Prom.

Parent-to-Parent Network-Kim Santucci

They are working on advertising for the Jason Evert talk.

Senior Dinner-Jenny Trusler

Senior dinner will take place on May 31, 2012 at the Oak Hill Mansion.

Invitations will go out in early May.

Jenny noted that the balloon lady is not available this year as her things are in storage. Other decorations are being considered.

New Business

The 2012-2013 slate was handed out. It was approved as written.

There are still openings for Prom, Birthday Club, Historian and Trivia Night chairs.

The Birthday Club committee is considering hiring a GC club to take over putting the sign out each day. It would be a good way for a club to earn some money.

Barb Gallina initiated a discussion on the school uniform policy relating to the girls skirts and their length. Also, the need for the policy to be enforced.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35am.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 9:00am

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Witt Guerin Catholic Parent Guild Secretary