

Guerin Catholic High School

Parent Guild Meeting February 6, 2013

Attendees: Margaret Fallin, Laura Kimmerling, Peggy Georgi, Cathy Dolan, Marge Haigh, Cindy Small, Carolyn DeFelippis, Colleen Ward, Consuelo Fossati, Roberta O'Boyle, Pamela A. Paige Ridout, Kelly Bluish, Maureen Witt, Julie Thompson, Barb Gallina, Scott McNamee

Laura Kimmerling began the meeting with a prayer. The January 2013 minutes were distributed and approved as written.

Principal's Report-Cathy Dolan for Deacon Rick Wagner

(Secretaries' notes in italics)

School Safety:

- Earthquake drill on Thursday – part of national Great ShakeOut

Academics:

- Deanery departmental meetings – Math teachers visiting GCHS and meeting as a group this afternoon
- Trimester 2 finals are February 28 and March 1

Guidance:

- Incoming freshmen scheduling information night last night
- Scheduling of freshmen will be ongoing from now thru March
- Current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will schedule courses for next year in early March

Student Life

- March for Life trip
- DECA is once again very successful!

Athletics

- Girls basketball sectionals start on Friday, boys sectionals begin the last week of February
- One wrestler (Patrick Vondersaar) qualified for semi-state

Fine Arts

- Student Studio – three performances last Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
- Deanery Instrumental Festival on February 23

Other

- Catholic Schools Week went well
 - Daily morning prayer and reflection led by students
 - All-school rosary on Monday
 - All-School Mass on Friday, followed by two student witnesses – what Catholic education has meant to them
- Ash Wednesday
 - Prayer: all-school Mass
 - Fasting: soup and bread lunch
 - Almsgiving: collecting money for Fr. Dale's food pantry at Sacred Heart in Cicero
- The 2013-14 calendar is official, with only a handful of yet-to-be-scheduled events to be added later. (*in last weeks' updates, not on website yet*)
- February 18: President's Day, flex day

Director of Marketing & Communications-Colleen Ward

- Principal search going well.
 - Applications are being accepted through the end of February.
 - Interviews begin in March.
- Camp Purple
 - Camps will include athletic, academic and fine arts options.
 - Kindergarten-8th grade.
 - Information will be available about all camps starting next week.

Director of Campus Ministry-Scott McNamee

- Next year's calendar is being planned.
- The Survive 'til Sunrise Event raised \$5000 for Payton Manning Children's Hospital.
 - The Payton Manning Children's Hospital had representatives present.
 - Some children compared the event to Disney World. They appreciated the warmth felt by the entire community.
- March for Life
 - Will take place January 20-23, 2014.
 - Next year, event will be run differently.
- Catholic Schools Week is next week.
- Sophomore Ring Ceremony is tonight. Adrian DeBoy (Language Arts teacher) will speak at the ceremony tonight.
- Destination Jesus will take place February 15-17, 2013 at Guerin Catholic. The Guerin Catholic students attend with their local parishes.
- Next Junior Retreat takes place March 19-22, 2013.
- Incoming Freshman Retreat is approaching. Parents can attend a mini-club fair at the end of the retreat.
- Next Blood Drive is Friday, March 8, 2013.

- DECA Tournament will take place in downtown Indianapolis on March 3-5, 2013
- Prom is April 20, 2013. It will take place at the Ritz Charles.
- The January Semi-Formal dance went well. All were breathalyzed upon entry. No one tested positive. The Breathalyzer test is not standard at all events. It is used randomly for Guerin Catholic events.

President's Report-Laura Kimmerling

Congratulations to the Campus Ministry Department for on their first ever Survive 'til Sunrise Lock-In.

- Lock In to support Peyton Manning Children's Hospital
- Was held 1/12th – 80-90 in attendance
- Parent Guild allowed \$200 to assist with expenses
- DJ Mike White donated his services for 2 hours
- Had flag-making session & flags were used to divide into tribes which had 10 different challenges.
- Played dodge ball, tug-of-war.
- \$5,000.00 was raised for Peyton Manning Hospital – can raise even more money as attendance grows

Thank you goes out to the Appreciation Committee for their wonderful dinner on Progress Report Night on January 16.

- All went well – served sandwiches & chili/soups.
- Had set up most in hallway outside lounge - 2nd time
- Teacher's grateful for the meal & was a little leftover for the staff the next day.

We would also like to thank the Homecoming/Winter Semi-Formal Committee for their very successful dance

- Held January 19th
- Just under 400 students at the dance.
- All breathalyzed prior to entering/all passed.
- DJ gave away two lower level Pacer tickets.
- Rachael Meier of Simple Heart Photography was the photographer and took around 150 photos.

LOOKING AHEAD.....

- Prom Committee busy with their event
 - To be held April 20th
 - More specifics in March.

- Jrs & Srs completing surveys – when committee has results, will meet w/student council & finalize details.
- To be Held at Ritz Charles/DJ Mike White
- Parent Guild Positions for the 2013-2014 School Year
 - Seems early to talk about next yr, just have Feb & March to fill Parent Guild positions. We vote everyone in at April mtg.
 - For the Prom committee, we have one Chair already who is a Senior parent. For that particular committee, historically we have had one senior parent and one junior parent who will take over the following year. So ideally we are looking for a junior parent for that position.
 - On the Executive Board we have openings for Vice-President, Secretary, and Assistant Treasurer.
 - As VP the main part of the job is collecting/maintaining the volunteer committee lists which are compiled from the sign-ups during the summer, and keeping our website current, and placing information in the Friday Guerin Catholic Updates. You would also act on behalf of the President in the event of their absence.
 - Margaret Fallin obviously was VP and will be moving to President.
 - As Secretary you would take the minutes at the meetings and distribute them each month, also forwarding them on to VP to be placed on our website. Maureen Witt has done an exceptional job this year, but feels that it is time to step down and allow a new parent to step into this position.
 - As assistant Treasurer, you would work with Kelly Bluish next year, who will advance to Treasurer, in preparation of becoming Treasurer yourself the following year. .

Would love to have new parents sign up for a committee who have not yet done so. *(2013-2014 Officer and Committee Chairperson Nomination Forms were distributed. You may nominate yourself or others and submit this form.)*

Treasurer's Report

No report this month.

Committee Reports

New Parent Coffee-Consuelo Fossati

- New Parent Coffee will take place April 24, 2013, 9:00-10:30am. All are welcome to attend this event. All, including incoming Freshman parents, will be able to ask questions during this social event.

Parent-to-Parent Network-Marge Haigh

- Dr. Greg Sipes, a behavioral psychologist, author and national speaker, will speak at Guerin Catholic on March 18, 2013 from 7:00-8:30pm in the Media Center. The topic will be, "Teen Relationships and Communicating with your Teen." All are invited to attend this event. Dr. Sipes is a great story-teller with many helpful examples and strategies. Diocesan churches are also being invited to attend. Youth ministers will be contacted to spread the information.
- Committee met and developed a 3-year strategic plan. They planned the Parent-to-Parent Program through 2016 and nailed down the 2013 and 2014 speakers.
- Discussion of author, Jill Bolte Taylor, Ph.D. She wrote, My Stroke of Insight. She suffered a stroke in 1996 and took 8 years to recover. She was able to understand the neuroanatomy of the event, as she is a brain scientist. She is an excellent speaker on the teenage brain.
- Barb Gallina mentioned that 8 high school students from the Indianapolis area participated in Ted X Teens (Ted Talks). Nick Gallina was one of the IB students selected from the area.

Guerin Gala-Colleen Ward

- Over 300 tickets have been sold.
- The Gala catalog will be online before the Gala. It is only being sent to those registered for the Gala.
- Smart phones can be used to bid.
- Volunteers are always appreciated.

Old Business

Please turn in your event binder if your event is over for the year.

Important Dates

- February 9th-Guerin Catholic Gala
- March 18th-7:00-8:30pm-Parent-to-Parent Presentation
- April 20th-Ice Cream Social
- April 20th-Prom
- April 24th-New Parent Coffee

Meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 9:00am

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Witt

Guerin Catholic Parent Guild Secretary