

# Guerin Catholic High School

## Parent Guild Meeting March 6, 2013

Attendees: Maureen Witt, Kendra Schultz, Laura Kimmerling, Cindy Small, Marge Haigh, Barb Gallina, Jackie Mewborn, Elisabeth Young, Margaret Fallin, Deacon Rick Wagner, Scott McNamee, Peggy Georgi

Laura Kimmerling opened with a prayer. The February 2013 minutes were distributed and approved as written.

### **Principal's Report-Deacon Rick Wagner**

*(Secretaries' notes in italics)*

#### School Safety:

- GCHS hosted a diocesan conference on school safety on February 8. Andy Kremer, as one of only two certified safety specialists in the diocese, served as host and facilitator
- We have a committee that will be looking at the possibility of bringing random drug testing to GCHS – verbal OK to look into this possibility from the SGB (*School Governing Board*)

#### Academics:

- We are continuing to host deanery departmental meetings – Religion teachers will be visiting GCHS on March 14. We hosted Spanish, Biology, English, and Math earlier in the school year
- Trimester 2 is complete! Grades are due from teachers by noon today
- Peg Dispenzieri and Martin Kirkwood will be attending a “Teacher Fair” in April. We attend this annually event looking for possible candidates to interview for openings we will have.
- Letters of intent from teachers will be requested before leaving for Spring Break.
- All teachers have been observed at least once. New teachers have been observed three times. Final evaluation meetings, with potential contract offers, will take place in late April or early May.
- Peer observations occurred in February.

#### Guidance:

- The majority of incoming freshmen have been scheduled for classes
- Class scheduling meetings are taking place this week, with a scheduling information meeting for any parents who are interested tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.

- NAEP testing taking place this morning (*National Assessment of Educational Progress-60 seniors were randomly selected to take this test*)

#### Athletics

- The final active winter sports team, boys basketball, had their season end with sectionals on Friday, losing to Mt. Vernon
- All spring sports are now in full swing with practices, competitions to start soon

#### Fine Arts

- Deanery Instrumental Festival was held on February 23
- Rehearsals for spring musical are ongoing

#### Other

- Blood Drive on Friday
- Penance services during Kairos on March 12, 13, and 14
- Best Buddies convocation on March 22
- Fr. Janko planning an all-school Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday
- *Freshman class size: 215-220 currently. Class size will most likely 190-200 students next year.*
- *We should have 730-745 students next year.*
- *No decision has been made about additional classrooms for next year. Ten more classrooms will be finished when another \$180,000 in funding has been secured.*
- *Barb Gallina pointed out the fact that the toilet paper runs out too quickly in the bathrooms. Possible solutions were discussed.*

#### **President's Report-Colleen Ward for Paul Lunsford**

- Camp Purple is now taking reservations. There are a variety of academic, athletic and fine art camps to choose from. You may register online. Sign-ups are going well. Proceeds from Camp Purple will help all departments in the school.
- Principal Search-The first round of interviews will be conducted next week. Applications will be accepted through March. Guerin Catholic hopes to make an announcement at the end of April.

#### **Director of Campus Ministry-Scott McNamee**

- Tomorrow we will have an all school Mass. Bishop emeritus Higi will preside.
- The incoming freshman retreat will be on April 20<sup>th</sup>. It will consist of icebreakers in the morning. There will be an introduction of the clubs available on campus. It is student led.
- Kate Warn posts the current service hour totals for students weekly.

- Yesterday, a check was presented to Peyton Manning Children's Hospital with proceeds from the Survive 'til Sunrise event.
- The Cancer Walk will be on May 18, 2013.
- We have the largest growing DECA club in Indiana.
- Blood drive this Friday.
- The National Honor Society service project will be conducted this weekend. They will be packaging 30,000 meals for Indiana families. Valeo Financial provides the funding for this event. Local businesses supply items to be packaged.
- Prom meetings (student run) are going well.
- A new senior privilege will occur in the third trimester. Once a week (Thursday), seniors can order a special lunch that will be eaten that day. Student must sign-up for and pay for the meal the week prior. Cost is approximately \$2 per meal. Some suppliers will be: Domino's Pizza, Jimmy Johns, Chic-fil-A.

### **PG President's Report-Laura Kimmerling**

- Parent Guild Committee Positions for the 2013-2014 School Year
  - Passing around sign-ups sheets for few openings that we have w/descriptions of committees to look over.
  - Already have chairs for each committee
  - Only need co-chairs for 7 remaining committees
  - Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers we are almost 100% filled.
  - I encourage anyone who's been contemplating co-chairing a committee to look over this list. We have just a matter of a few weeks before we will be voting in all of our new members at our April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.
  - Being a co-chair is a great way to get your feet wet and learn the ropes of a new committee
  - There are 2 columns...one for myself and one for other.
  - Given a committee binder
  - Have a committee under you
  - Board always here to help.
- Elisabeth Young and Kelly Bluish
  - Thanks for their hard work in getting the Parent Guild budget ready for next year.
  - Thanks also for the work they are doing acquiring the Teacher's Wish List items for this spring.
- Prom Representatives could not be here this morning – Laura Linton asked me to speak on her behalf.

- Prom planning process is well underway
- They have a group of approximately 10 Juniors and Seniors that are leading the Student Prom Committee and have some great ideas!
- After much debate and several surveys to the upper classmen, the committee chose to forgo the After Prom for this year and focus on a longer and more festive Prom event.
- The prom is being held at the Ritz Charles in the large banquet hall with DJ Mike White playing the music.
- The theme is “A Night with the Stars’ and will be a Hollywood Red Carpet event that will run from 8:00 p.m. to midnight.
- Packets that include the invitations, guest forms, ticket sales, and prom guidelines will be handed out to each Junior and Senior next Tuesday during their Karios class.
- There will be a separate invitation being mailed to all parents next week as well, inviting them to join the Paparazzi to take pictures outside at the Ritz from 7:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. as each couple is introduced on the red carpet as well as information on ordering professional pictures from the actual prom.
- Ticket sales during the lunch periods will begin the week of April 18<sup>th</sup> (I assume they meant to say the 15<sup>th</sup> as that is a Monday). Anyone interested in helping in any capacity, either ticket sales, decorations, organization, favors, or photography should attend a short meeting on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Media Center. Information regarding the meeting will be in the Guerin Catholic weekly updates this Friday.

### **Treasurer’s Report-Elisabeth Young**

- The PG Financial Statement for 7/1/12-1/31/13 was distributed and discussed. There will be approximately \$20,000 allocated for Teacher/Faculty Wish List items this year. Requests are due by March 22, 2013.
- Marge Haigh wanted to know when the final date is for submitting an expense reimbursement. Elisabeth will look into this question (possibly the end of May).

### **Committee Reports**

Parent-to-Parent Network-Marge Haigh

- Next Parent-to-Parent event is on March 18, 2013. If you have a teenager, you don't want to miss this: Dr. Greg Sipes speaking on "Teen Relationships and Communicating with your Teen".
- Posters advertising this event are still available for you to pick up and post (grade schools, church).
- Please help us to spread the word.
- Colleen Ward had a few suggestions:
  - She feels that both students and parents need an education on how to use social media (facebook, twitter, etc.). A speaker on this topic would be very beneficial.
  - CPR+ would be worth revisiting. Creating Positive Relationships (CPR+) is a program designed for teens with a Christian emphasis. It is used in many local grade schools. Colleen feels that it is a good idea to pursue if our school would benefit from this program.

**Important Dates:**

- March 18<sup>th</sup>—Parent-to-Parent Presentation 7:00pm-8:30pm
- April 3<sup>rd</sup>—Parent Guild Meeting 9:00am
- April 20<sup>th</sup>—Ice Cream Social
- April 20<sup>th</sup>—Prom
- April 24<sup>th</sup>—New Parent Coffee
- April 25,26,27 and May 1,2,3—Godspell
- May 18<sup>th</sup>—Cancer Walk

Meeting adjourned at 11:09am.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am**

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Witt  
Guerin Catholic Parent Guild Secretary