

# **Guerin Catholic High School**

Parent Guild Meeting  
May 1, 2013

Attendees: Kelly Bluish, Margaret Fallin, Laura Kimmerling, Connie Freiburger, Maureen Witt, Roberta O'Boyle, Consuelo Fossati, Kendra Schultz, Lisa Johnson, Cindy Small, Elisabeth Young, Shelda Baler, Karen Semler, Shari Vickery, Colleen Ward, Diane Reardon, Peggy Georgi, Mary Bohn, Christina Banks, Barb Gallina, Deacon Rick Wagner

Laura Kimmerling opened the meeting with a prayer. She then passed the Parent Guild Closet key and President's binder over to Margaret Fallin. The April 2013 minutes were distributed and approved with one amendment.

## **Director of Marketing and Communications-Colleen Ward**

- Camp Purple registrations are going well. Over 300 participants have registered to this date
- The online registration process has been going smoothly
- As the 2013-2014 school year approaches, more items will be made available electronically (online)
  - Registration forms, the big summer packet, etc. will be distributed electronically in years to come

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

For my final report, I would like to say a few words.....

It has been such an honor and a pleasure to serve on the Parent Guild Board. All of you, and the work you do, has made my job so much easier. I highly recommend to anyone who has ever thought about it, to consider putting your name in the hat for the Board next year. And for those who may not feel ready, and who maybe have never chaired a committee, I would recommend thinking of a committee where you feel that you would be a good fit and over the next several months, think about chairing that committee next year. Both the Board and the Chair positions are great ways to get to know other parents, the staff, and sometimes the students much better.

### ***I'd like to thank:***

**[The Parent Guild Committee Chairs](#)** – The Parent Guild simply wouldn't work without each of you. Your commitment to your event, to coming to our meetings, and your behind the scenes work is very much appreciated!

**[The Committee Members](#)**.....Each of you makes the Chair's job easier. They rely on you to help make your event run smoothly/we appreciate all of you as well.

**Last, I want to thank the staff at Guerin Catholic.** What a wonderful group of people here at Guerin Catholic and I feel very blessed to have been able to work with them and get to know them better.

**Since several couldn't attend the April meeting: I'd like to thank:**

**Mr. Lunsford** for his constant support of the Parent Guild,

**Scott McNamee** all of his hard work and how he's made his area grow as it has and for always bringing humor to our meetings.

**Colleen Ward** – She not only sometimes brings info “to” our meetings, she is the key to us in getting the word out on our meetings and functions and is such a pleasure to work with.

**Cathy Dolan** is so pleasant and has stood in for Deacon Rick many times to deliver his report and I thank her for that.

**That leads me to Deacon Rick**.....well, not sure how to sum it all up in just a few words other than.....amazing principal, joy to work with, great leader, great family man, and how lucky we've been to have you here and lucky we were to have you inspire our children as well as ourselves to be better people. You will leave a mark on many peoples lives when you leave here. I truly want to thank you for all that you've done for Guerin Catholic!!!

**Last, I would like to thank the Parent Guild Board** – we have worked very well together this year and I have personally have enjoyed getting to know each of you better and working with you.

**Kelly**.....thanks for all you did in your year as Assistant Treasurer. Thanks also for all of your help with the budget and with the Teacher's Wish List.

**Elisabeth** – what a great Treasurer and great person for Kelly to work under the guidance of.....you paved the way for her to succeed. Thanks for all of your hard work as Treasurer this year. I know there is a lot of behind the scenes work with that job.

**Maureen**.....I've known the longest. Again, such a kind person, always willing to help. It's been a pleasure having you as Secretary the last two years.

**Margaret**.....You will bring great organizational skills and leadership to Parent Guild. Your sense of humor will be an added bonus. I'm so glad that I chose you to be my V.P. this year. I felt like we made a great team.

Thanks for your time whenever we met over the course of the last year. I've done my best to keep you informed along the way so that you always felt involved and knew what was going on on my end to help prepare you for your new venture as President of the PG. Remember, as Past President, but mostly as a friend, I will be here for you to answer any questions you may have.

Incoming President, Margaret Fallin, began her presidential reign and thanked the outgoing Board for their year of service.

### **Treasurer's Report-Elisabeth Young and Kelly Bluish**

- The PG Financial Statement for 7/1/12-3/31/13 was distributed and discussed
- We had approximately \$27,000 in profit this year
- We were able to grant almost all of the wishes off of the Wish List this year
- There were 28 requests
- The major expense items were not all granted, but some of the items from each persons list were granted
- In the future, all technology requests on the Wish List need to be ordered through Scott Sandstrom

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

*(Secretaries' notes in italics)*

#### School Safety:

- Protocols for care and distribution of medications during all-day retreats, overnights, or distance field trips still being worked out
- All tornado and earthquake drills are complete, one more fire drill in May

#### Academics:

- Peg and I are meeting with each teacher for year-end reviews – taking place this week and next
- We will be filling one Theology position
- Three part-time teachers will go to full-time
- Non-IB senior finals on May 28 and 29 *(All Seniors have classes through May 24, 2013)*
- Underclassmen finals June 5 and 6

#### Guidance:

- Master schedule and student courses for 2013-2014 complete
- Looking to add a part-time social worker, approval / details still be worked out

#### Athletics

- Weather continues to be a problem for Spring sports
- Year-end athletic banquet for juniors and seniors on May 19

#### Fine Arts

- First weekend of spring musical complete – rave reviews!
- Spring Band and Choral Concert - May 16 @ 7:00 p.m. @ SEAS

## Other

- *Spirit of the Mission* all-school awards convocation, May 22 at 9:10 a.m. in gym
- Final all-school Mass on Thursday, May 23
- May 30: Senior Breakfast and graduation practice in morning, Baccalaureate Mass at 5:30, followed by the *Living the Mission* senior awards program
- Commencement June 2 at 2:00 p.m. in GCHS gym
- *Thank you for all of the granted Wish List items. This is an incredible teacher's perk*
- *Thank you Laura Kimmerling for all that she has done as President of the Parent Guild this year!*

Colleen Ward mentioned that there will be a reception for Deacon Rick Wagner following the all-last school Mass on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Committee Reports**

### New Parent Coffee-Consuelo Fossati

- Thank you to all the helpers for this event
- About 10-12 people attended the event
- Attendants enjoyed the casual, social event. Majority of the attendants were incoming freshman parents
- This event will be continued in the future. It will probably take place in May as it was very close to the date of the Incoming Freshman Retreat/Ice Cream Social

### Prom update-Laura Linton via email

- The prom was a huge success with 341 kids attending which included all but 18 seniors from the 171 2013 class! We received great positive feedback from both kids and parents. The kids' highlights were the DJ, the decorations, the photo booth, the red carpet entrance and introductions, the picture favors and the extended length of the prom. From parents, they loved the opportunity to be present for the introductions on the red carpet. We are blessed to have so many great kids at Guerin who are kind, polite and enjoy being with one another! Notes are being completed this week and put in binder for next year. Scott McNamee is already working on venue for next year! Great event and loved every minute of heading up this memorable experience for the kids Thank you for the opportunity!
- The professional photographers website was difficult to navigate. The instructions for ordering pictures were hard to follow.
- Four parents also took pictures of each couple/group as they came in. Everyone that attended the Prom received a 5x7-framed photo provided by these parents.

- Please send any feedback regarding Prom to Margaret Fallin.

#### Trivia Night

- Trivia Night is scheduled for Saturday, November 16, 2013

#### Used Uniform and Book Sale (UBUS)-Christina Banks

- Buy back for the sale will take place on June 18 from 2:00-6:00pm, Follett's will also be there. The sale will take place on June 19 from 4:00-7:00pm
- A second sale will take place on July 17. Buy back will take place on July 17 from 10:00am-1:00pm and the sale will take place the same day from 4:00-7:00pm

New Board introductions were made.

#### **Old Business**

Please turn in your Event/Committee binder.

#### **New Business**

##### Office of Advancement-Shari Vickery

- Ten new classrooms will be opened next school year. That leaves only 7 more classrooms and the bathrooms left to finish the second wing.
- Football Camp 101 is being offered this Saturday morning from 9:00-11:30am. No RSVP is necessary. Cost is \$40 and includes breakfast and a t-shirt. It is a fun and informative event.
- There will be a Christmas Bazaar this year. "Extravaganza" will take place on November 23, 2013.
- The 100 Holes of Golf golf tournament will take place on June 11, 2013.
- Sandy Regan is working on increasing our alumni database. Guerin Catholic just had its third set of college students graduate.

#### **Important Dates:**

- May 18<sup>th</sup> —A Soulful Parent Retreat by Dr Greg Sipes-flyers are on the table
- June 18<sup>th</sup> —Used Uniform and Book Buy Back
- June 19<sup>th</sup> —Used Uniform and Book Sale
- July 17<sup>th</sup> —Used Uniform and Book Buy Back in a.m./Sale p.m.
- August 11<sup>th</sup>—Back to School Bash

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Next Meeting:

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Witt  
Guerin Catholic Parent Guild Secretary