

# Guerin Catholic High School

## Parent Guild Meeting November 7, 2012

Attendees: Laura Kimmerling, Margaret Fallin, Peggy Georgi, Cathy Dolan, Marge Haigh, Nancy Sarpa, Lisa Johnson, Carolyn DeFelippis, Donna McCurdy, Consuelo Fossati, Mary Hinkebein, Jackie Mewborn, Lisa Hammons, Karen Semler, Kendra Schultz, Diane Reardon, Colleen Ward, Kelly Bluish, Maureen Witt, Debi Titus, Connie Freiburger, Jean Freudenthal, Cindy Small, Elisabeth Young

Laura Kimmerling began the meeting with a prayer followed by the distribution and approval of the October 3, 2012 Minutes.

### **Principal's Report-Cathy Dolan for Deacon Rick Wagner**

*(Secretaries' notes in italics)*

#### School Safety:

- Police canines brought in October 24 – checked backpack, lockers, and cars

#### Academics:

- All teachers attended the recent INPEC (*Indiana Non-Public Education Conference*) conference
- A-F Grading by State – Guerin Catholic earns an 'A' for its efforts
- Feedback on new teacher hires has been very positive
- Trimester finals November 13 & 14

#### Guidance:

- PSAT / PLAN testing complete
- Major senior college applications time period beginning to slow (*670 applications processed so far, 95% of Seniors have submitted at least one application*)

#### Student Life

- Senior fashion show held – they will be allowed to “dress up” for Mass
- Finbloom presentation on alcohol use; parent program as a follow-up is planned for November 29 (*7:00pm in the gym. The Finblooms will return. One subject that they will cover is tips for hosting parties with teens. Lee Buckingham from the Hamilton County Prosecutors Office will also speak. Deacon Rick Wagner will speak as well.*)
- Community Service Day on November 15

#### Athletics

- Booster Club / Spirit Shop (*The Spirit Shop is open from 8-4 on school days and at all home athletic events*).

#### Fine Arts

- Fall concert a great success!
- Fall student studio ran 4 shows Nov 1-3

#### Other

- Open House on November 18
- *Because We Are Grateful* program on November 21 (*We will help 5 organizations through this program: Help Our Own People-HOOP, Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville, Miracle Place, Little Sisters of the Poor and Bethal Lutheran Food and Baby Pantry*)
- Mr. Wagner's resignation news  
*Senior Cap and Gown orders due Friday.*  
*Mr. Kirkwood thanked the PG for the extra funds given to the Rocket Club.*

#### **Director of Campus Ministry and Student Life-Scott McNamee**

Service Day – Next Thursday, November 15, 2012

Raking just over 900 homes in downtown Noblesville

Kairos groups have been given assignments

Early dismissal (2:30 pm)

Contingency plan

*5 service hours will automatically be added to each student's record of hours. Lion's Club is donating water bottles. City of Noblesville is supplying the leaf bags.*

Because We Are Grateful – Information has been sent to all Kairos groups  
Organizations serving: HOOP, Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville, Miracle Place, Little Sisters of the Poor (*St. Augustine*), Bethal Lutheran Food and Baby Pantry  
Special Schedule on November 21 with BWAG Program and Mass

Service hours – now referred to as service opportunities

Senior Retreat – November 27-28 at Camp Tecumseh (*All Seniors attend*)  
Parent letter and liability form sent out two weeks ago  
Packing list will be given to Senior the week of November 19<sup>th</sup>

Junior Retreat #2 - 1/3 of Junior Class  
December 4-7 at Fatima Retreat House  
Parent letters sent out last week

- Sophomore Retreat – December 12 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton *(All Sophomores attend)*  
 Focus on Leadership  
 Staffed by Juniors and adult moderators
- March for Life - Traveling with Diocese  
 Plan of two buses  
 Details coming from diocese this week  
 Spots – opportunity first for Freshmen then given to entire community on first come, first served basis  
 Estimated cost is \$145 plus meals  
*Sign-ups open for Freshman the first week, all classes can sign up the following week.*
- Garden Club Garden very successful in first year  
 Concern on student participation  
 Working with Tod Boise on assigning groups to work garden  
*May start using some Kairos time for harvesting. School groups (sports teams, activity groups) may sign up for scheduled weeding and care of the garden).*

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

- Parent Guild committees are very busy right now. Thanks to several committees:
  - Appreciation-ongoing throughout the year
  - Grandparent's Breakfast-wonderful breakfast last month
  - Parent-to-Parent-powerful presentation by the Finblooms
  - Trivia Night-lots of work up to this point-event this Saturday
    - See Christina Banks or Mary Hinkebein for reservations
- Open House-November 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:30pm
  - Reporting for Kristi Kenney-The Choir will be at the front entrance, luminaries will light the way, many volunteers have already signed up, please pick up Yard Signs to advertise the event.
- Lanyards-Any chair who hasn't picked theirs up, please do so after the meeting
- Christmas Brunch
  - Media Center-Wednesday, December 5, 2012 @ 9:00am
  - White Elephant Gift Exchange
  - Cookie Exchange
    - Bring 2 dozen cookies or bars
    - Bring your recipe

- Bring a container to take cookies home

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

The PG Financial Statement covering 7/1/12-9/30/12 was distributed and discussed.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Parent-to-Parent Network-Marge Haigh

- Thanked those that attended the Finbloom's presentation.
- Please fill out the Parent-to-Parent Survey that is accessed through the Guerin Update. It will influence programming for the next several years.
- A follow-up presentation by the Finblooms will occur on November 29<sup>th</sup>. It starts at 7:00pm and will include talks by the Finblooms, Lee Buckingham and Deacon Rick Wagner.

#### Birthday Club-Diane Reardon

- Diane stated that she is not too strict with the 2-week deadline for submitting requests for the Birthday sign.
- She questioned what to do with the birthday requests that fall over Christmas Break.
- Suggestion was made to call the parent to ask them when they would like the birthday announced.

#### Trivia Night-Mary Hinkebein

- Starts at 6:45.
- Need volunteers for raffle ticket sales and mulligan sales.
- Volunteers report at 5:00pm. Doors open for the volunteers at 5pm. There will be a social for volunteers with appetizers and beverages at that time.
- Set-up starts Saturday at noon. Mostly students have signed up to help. More student and adult volunteers are welcome help with set-up.
- Tear down will occur right after the event finishes.
- Both cash and checks will be accepted for raffle ticket and mulligan sales.

#### Social-Debi Titus

- Winter Formal will take place on January 19, 2013.
- The Winter Formal is a Senior Class Fundraiser to obtain funds for their legacy gift.
- This is now an annual event.
- The student council does the planning for this event.
- DJ has been hired.

#### Historian-Peggy Georgi

- Historian's goal is to archive and preserve old pictures, articles and memorabilia from previous years.

- In the past, materials were stored in clear plastic sheets, which could damage over the years. They were not individually protected.
- Peggy would like to preserve these items in a digital format for future generations.
- Over time, she hopes to get the students involved in this preservation.

### **New Business**

1. Guerin Gala-Jackie Mewborn and Lisa Hammonds
  - They are helping the Development office with the Gala.
  - The Guerin Gala will take place on February 9, 2013.
  - This is the sole fundraiser for tuition assistance and scholarships.
  - Please consider being an event sponsor or making a donation.
  - You could host a “Gift Gathering Party” to collect money or “themed” item donations.
  - Some donation ideas are: a Gorilla basketball goal, a tailgate basket, trips, travel vouchers or airline points.
  - Please contact us if you would like to help in this way or if you have seen any “unique” items at other events you have attended. You can contact us using the Gala tab on the website.
2. Colleen Ward announced that David Rieck will be the new Director for Institutional Advancement. Stormy will retire at the end of the year.
3. New Parent Coffee-Donna McCurdy
  - Another new parent coffee will be added to the Spring schedule.
  - A date will be chosen on an All School Mass day with the coffee following Mass.
  - We will target the new families that have come to the school since the Fall New Parent Coffee and the parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders that will be joining the school the following fall.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25am.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 9:00am**

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Witt  
Guerin Catholic Parent Guild Secretary

