

# Guerin Catholic High School

## Parent Guild Meeting November 2, 2011

Attendees: Katie Zachary, Barb Gallina, Julie Thompson, Diane Staab, Sherry Milnamow, Della Hall, Lisa Henderson, Cathy Dolan, Pamela Storms Barrett, Maureen Witt, Colleen Ward, Laura Kimmerling, Chris Pauley, Joan DeSilvester, Connie Freiburger, Margaret Fallin, Barb Weber, Jackie Mewborn, Karen Semler, Paul Lunsford, Rick Wagner

Meeting commenced at 9:03am with an opening prayer given by Rick Wagner. The minutes from the October 5, 2011 were distributed and approved.

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

*(secretaries comments in italics)*

#### Academics:

- Trimester #1 coming to a close
- *All* new teachers and *half* of veteran teachers have been observed / evaluated thus far. New hires are very impressive and report that they have felt welcome and supported. Peg and I meet with them as a group each trimester to answer questions and address their needs.
- Diocesan Teacher Day on November 4 @ Lafayette Central Catholic HS
  - Keynote: *Gathering and Sharing Our Gifts*
  - *Academic Honesty* (Bishop Doherty)
  - *Common Core Standards* (our own Dr. Dispenzieri)

#### Guidance:

- Two testing days complete
- SOAR program wrapping up
- Many colleges and universities have been visiting
- Meeting the challenge of the timing of the new wing being built

#### Student Life

- Club Fair complete – some new clubs include a Rocketry Club and a Writer's Guild...some students still generating ideas for new clubs
- Monthly 'Pizza with the Principal' continues
- Winter Dance on January 7, 2012  
*(positive response from the students regarding Homecoming)*

#### Information Technology

- Business resumption plan being put together

#### Athletics

- Men's soccer, best season ever – made it to semi-state!
- Men's cross-country advance to team regionals for the first time ever!
- Falls sports wrapped up with the exception of football and cheerleading
- Winter sports have begun!

#### Fine Arts

- Combined instrumental / choir fall concert format was well received
- Student production musical on November 3, 4, and 5.

#### Other

- *Because We Are Grateful* Thanksgiving program on November 23 (*Dismissal at 2:30pm, GC will collect items for 4 different organizations over a 2-week period*)
- Calendar change: *Spirit of the Mission* awards program moved from May 21 to May 22 to accommodate IB testing

### **GC President's Report-Paul Lunsford**

#### School Expansion

- President's Dinner is on November 9, 2011. There are 250 coming so far! Mr. Lunsford intends to share the excitement, momentum and details of the building expansion. It will be a 35,000 square foot addition. School will be able to hold 800 students upon completion.
- 4.1 million of the 7.5 million needed has already been raised.
- It will host 6 new classrooms that should be ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester next year.
- Fundraising efforts will help to build the rest of the classrooms that will be in the new wing.
- The Fine Arts Center will begin construction after the wing is done.
- Additional funding could open additional classrooms sooner.
- Builder is Eden Enterprises. They built the original building.
- Bids came in \$1million below our budget.

#### Walker Research Data

- Survey taken to find out how Guerin Catholic is fitting student, graduated student, parent and teacher needs and ability to grow their faith.
- There were 791 respondents of the 1200 queried.
- Survey was done at no cost to Guerin Catholic and with a promise to do it for 4 more years.
- Loyalty to Guerin Catholic rated incredibly high.

### **Campus Ministry-Scott McNamee**

#### All-Day School Service Project

- Discussed the all day school service project that will be taking place on November 15, 2011.
- Students, faculty and staff will rake leaves in the subdivision near Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

- All will be bussed over to OLMC. They will begin by attending Mass at OLMC.
- Kairos groups will be broken into 4 larger groups. These groups will go out and rake and bag the leaves in that neighborhood after getting permission from the homeowner. The rakes will be left with the homeowners at the end of the day.
- Only front yards will be raked. No flower beds.
- Neighborhood association has been contacted.
- All raked leaves will be picked up and disposed of properly.

#### Laminators

- Need laminator instructions before using.
- Policies need to be written to cover procedures and supplies.
- Only school appropriate items may be laminated.
- Need to safeguard proper use of the machine.

#### **President's Report-Chris Pauley**

- Recognized that today is All Soul's Day. Please feel free to leave this meeting to attend mass in the St. Joseph's Chapel.
- Discussed letters written by freshmen in answer to the question, "What is your greatest Guerin Catholic moment so far?"
- Fall Guerin Catholic Open House is Sunday, November 13, 2011 beginning at 6:00pm. It is a beautiful event which either inspires those who attend that the purple halls of GC beckons them to pursue a higher truth through the love of Jesus Christ in the Catholic Tradition or the event becomes just that, another stop to check out another school. The staff of GC and the PG committee needs our help to assist in the smooth flow during this event by either setting up on November 12 or tear down/clean up on November 13.
- PG Executive Board approved sponsorship of the newly created GC Rocket Club. With the doors of one of the nation's best aeronautical programs hosted at Purdue University so close, we determined that this club will provide a launching pad for those students who are interested in a more analytical approach to their interests. We are currently reviewing the potential to purchase a large screen projection system for the school, which could provide for a more professional approach to presenting information or video to the school for academic or social functions.
- Take a peak at the new laminators in the back room of the Development office.
- Remember to make your voices heard by attending either the President's dinner or the Bishop's dinner.
- Our last meeting of the year is fast approaching. We will have a short business meeting followed by a cookie exchange and a white elephant gift exchange. This will be a time of fellowship and fun. Please consider joining us.
- For the cookie exchange, please bring 4 dozen cookies, a recipe card to share and a wrapped gift from home.

### **Treasurer's Report-Katie Zachary**

- Financial statements were distributed and reviewed.
- Discussion about teacher's using their \$100. Some have not used it at all. Some need more than \$100. How do we use the surplus?
- 175 missals were bought per Fr. Joshua Janko's request.
- Laminators are here.

### **Office for Institutional Advancement-Pamelia Storms-Barrett**

- The new academic wing-Mr. Lunsford spoke of.
- At the Bishop's dinner, 9 outstanding volunteers will be recognized.
- Official groundbreaking was changed to Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at 12:25pm.
- The Gala is 101 days away.
- They are working on GC website presence. They would like to highlight auction items on the website.
- Still acquiring items for the auction
- Dish Network is an event sponsor. Still looking for others.
- Sponsorship levels range from \$1500-\$15000.

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

- Open House-Advertised locally and in the deanery in the past. We are advertising more widely this year. Ads can be seen in Current and IBJ Daily.
- We should have a very full Open House this year!

### **Committee Reports**

Appreciation Committee-Karen Semler, Connie Freiburger

- They will hold their Christmas Breakfast on December 13, 2011 for the faculty and staff.

Used Uniform and Used Book Sale

- Margaret Fallin was introduced as the new co-chair for these events.

Other

- It was noted that several teachers sent Thank You notes for the help they received financially for their classroom supplies.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:47am.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 7 at 9:00am**

(Christmas Party with a cookie exchange and a white elephant gift exchange)

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Witt

Guerin Catholic Parent Guild Secretary