

Guerin Catholic High School

Parent Guild Meeting October 3, 2012

Attendees: Laura Kimmerling, Margaret Fallin, Maureen Witt, Karen Semler, Debi Titus, Susan Ashton, Christina Banks, Mary Hinkebein, Marge Haigh, Connie Freiburger, Barb Gallina, Nancy Sarpa, Cathy Dolan, Elisabeth Young, Nancy Eiker, Colleen Ward, Melanie Weisiger

Laura Kimmerling began with a prayer. The September 5, 2012 minutes were distributed and approved as written.

President's Report-reported by Cathy Dolan

(Secretaries' comments in italics)

Academics:

- Update: State report card A-F grading – school has earned an 'A' *(given by the Department of Education, based on standardized data)*
- Teacher evaluations have begun
- Positive feedback on Progress Report Night as far as interactions with and helpfulness of teachers (*see note below)

Guidance:

- First testing day completed (InView and Terra Nova) for freshmen and sophomores
- Next testing day is October 17 – PSAT and PLAN – testing is half day. There is special programming for seniors that morning

Athletics

- Most fall sports heading into sectionals
- GCHS hosting the men's soccer sectional *(tonight 5:00pm, Final Saturday at 1:00pm)*
- Winter sport practices begin in November

Fine Arts

- Fall Concert (choral and instrumental) @ SEAS on October 25 *(7:00pm)*
- *Cecilia* – our new all-female choir, debuted today at Mass
- Fall theatre production November 1-3 *(7:00pm)*

Other

- Parent-to-Parent and SADD joint effort – featuring the Finbloom family on October 23rd *(kick off for Red Ribbon Week)*

- *Input: What would reaction be to the use of timers at Progress Report Night? *Suggestions provided by attendees: Have progress reports over 2 nights? Use timers to limit time of each discussion. Teachers could have their appointment book available to schedule an appointment if more time is necessary. Please give any other suggestions to Rick.*
- *Catholic Honor Roll Top 50 recipient!*

Rick thanks the Parent Guild for their help with Homecoming and the Progress Report Night dinner.

Director of Campus Ministry-Scott McNamee

- Thanked everyone for their help with the Homecoming Dance.
- Leadership Class is going well. This is a new class this year. Twenty-three upperclassmen are learning and applying their newly acquired leadership skills to everyday life.
- Retreats
 1. Freshman retreat went very well. Students had a lot of opportunities to meet their classmates.
 2. Junior Retreat is next week. It will be held next Tuesday thru Friday. It will be staffed mainly by Seniors.
 3. Senior Retreat will be held 11/27-11/28. The primary focus of this retreat is for the students to grow closer as a class. They will be given real situations and discuss how to react to them. Faculty will staff this retreat.
- Walk of Hope-St. Vincent's runs this event. Golden Voice will be singing. The Lemon Club will have a Lemonade Stand to raise money for cancer. The Key Club and the SADD Club will be volunteering their time at the kid's zone. We will participate as walkers too.
- We will have a weeklong cancer awareness week in the winter (February). The Guerin Catholic basketball players, the leadership class and others will help with the events. We will have a teen run. St. Vincent's will help out with this. There may be a lock-in one night.
- All School Volunteer Day is approaching. We will be servicing the southeast quadrant of the town of Noblesville. We will rake leaves. Some adults will have handsaws to cut tree limbs growing under gutters. The city of Noblesville will take away the trash that we place on the side of the street. The day will start with Mass. Students will return to school at 1:00pm for lunch and to discuss the events of the day. Service hours will be given.
- Henryville-Forty-eight students/faculty/parents will be heading down to Henryville for Fall Break. One more adult chaperone is needed. They will be lodging at Hanover College at night and helping to restore Henryville during the day.

- Canonization-Sixteen (students and chaperones) people will be heading to Rome and Assisi over Fall Break.
- Discussed the possibility of including others on the Freshman Retreat. Those that would like to know more about St. Theodore Guerin and her life.
- St. Vincent's may start a general athletics camp this summer. It will include both athletic and religious components. Scott will meet with members of the St. Vincent staff to discuss the possibilities.

President's Report-Laura Kimmerling

- Thanked the Homecoming Committee for all of their hard work before and during Homecoming Week.
- Thanked the Appreciation Committee for the Progress Report Night Dinner.
- Trivia Night is in need of some more volunteers.
- Registration has started for Trivia Night. Registration is open until October 30, 2012.
- The Open House Committee needs volunteers to help with decorations. Please Contact Kristi Kenney. Open House is on November 18, 2012.
- Caroline VanAtter, chairperson of the Grandparent's Breakfast Committee, will be sending out a sign-up engine site in an email to all volunteers this week.
- The Appreciation Committee has helped organize a Tissue and Hand Sanitizer Drive which began on Monday and will continue all week. Thanks to all who have/will donate. Thanks to the Appreciation Committee for their part in organizing this drive.

Treasurer's Report-Elisabeth Young

The Financial Statement for July1, 2012 – August 31, 2012 was distributed. The Birthday Club has shown a big increase in revenue.

Committee Reports

Parent-to-Parent Network Committee-Marge Haigh

- There will be a school convocation on October 23, 2012 to kick off Red Ribbon Week. Dawn and Norm Finbloom will be guest speakers. They will discuss their son, Brett's, life. They will also discuss the Lifeline Law. There will also be a speaker from Riverview Hospital. He will discuss the medical issues of alcohol abuse. There will also be a panel of Guerin students. Parents are invited to attend. It will be live on our website. It will also be recorded for later viewing.

Birthday Club-Laura Kimmerling

- You may still order birthday signs. It costs \$30 for a sign on the front lawn. It costs \$15 for mentioning birthdays on the TV monitor. A two-week notice is necessary.

Trivia Night-Christina Banks

- Saturday, November 10, 2012. Doors open at 6:00pm. It is a fun, casual night.
- Registration is now open. There is a link to the event on the Guerin Catholic website.
- There are 10 at each table. Turn in your completed forms to the front office.
- 50 have already volunteered. Turn in your liquor license for the night of the event, as they are due now. Scott McNamee has the form if you need to fill one out.
- Volunteer training is on Monday, November 5, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Old Business

Homecoming-Debi Titus

- 70 pizzas were left over due to the weather. (Homecoming game was canceled due to storms)
- Concession stand food was also served at the dance, as there were no football concessions that evening.
- The Homecoming court was introduced and the King and Queen were announced in the gym.

New Business

Please pick up your lanyard. All committee chairs have a lanyard to use when you are at school working on your committee projects.

Meeting adjourned at 11:12am.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 7, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,

Maureen Witt
Guerin Catholic Parent Guild Secretary

