

Guerin Catholic High School

Parent Guild Meeting Sept. 4, 2013

Meeting began at 9:04 a.m.

Attendees: James McNeany, Scott McNamee, Shari Vickery, Lisa Johnson, Colleen Ward, Kelly Bluish, Kendra Schultz, Margaret Fallin, Connie Freiburger, Catz Dolan, Tracey Stanton, Laura Kimmerling, Barb Gallina, Cindy Small, Marge Haigh, Debi Titus, Sherry Milnamow, Consuelo Fossati, Leslie Hallett, Paolina Anthony, Carolyn DeFelippis, Mary Bohn, Mary Hinkebein, Jean Trudenthal, Meg Dicks, Mary Fuller, and Siobhan Koelsch

(Secretary's comments in italics)

Meeting started with prayer led by Principal McNeany. The August 7th minutes were approved as written. Paul Lunsford was unable to attend. Colleen Ward spoke on his behalf to stress the attendance of the upcoming Providence Fund Dinner.

Principal: James McNeany

1. Considering school pictures on orientation day
 - a. *Pro:* Won't interrupt class
 - b. *Con:* Adding one more thing to orientation and students wearing mass uniform
2. Considering combining Nest Fest, Back to School, Parent Coffee and not using weekend time (attendee mentioned moving Back to School Night and not on same night as surrounding schools)
3. Uniform skirt length better, but still an issue
 - a. Sisters to talk to female students about dressing modestly
 - b. Considering seamstress to be available at school
 - c. Working with staff on ways to communicate and not cause self-consciousness
 - d. Talked about Jan. 1, being a deadline for 2 inches above the knee, LandsEnd skirts to be worn

Director of Marketing & Communication: Colleen Ward

1. Parent directories delivered
2. Valerie Keinsley is our official event photographer, use her for dances, etc. we can use for free
3. CYO night , highlighting different parishes, good turnout for first game
4. Want feedback on the Guerin website, email Colleen Cward@guerincatholic.org

Director of Campus Ministry: Scott McNamee

1. Large number of parents present at Freshmen Orientation
 - a. Questioning on combining with Freshmen Retreat
 - b. Over 50 Seniors present, thank you
2. Last week Senior retreat-Legacy, meeting w/student council reps.
3. Freshmen retreat tomorrow at St. Mary of the Woods, first time using on-line registration form
4. 7th grade Leadership Day coming up- headed by Sophomores
5. First Junior Retreat the following week
6. Celebrating Mother Guerin Oct. 13 with a family pilgrimage, most likely 8:30 to 4:00

Office of Advancement: Shari Vickery

1. Getting things planned for Grandparents Day and Golf Outing

Parent to Parent: Margie Haigh and Cindy Small

1. Received positive feedback on inviting all to pray rosary after all school Mass, lifting up Guerin in prayer
2. Partnering with the SADD committee and having Dr. Gavin Inglis, a St. Vincent ER doctor to speak on the affects of drugs/alcohol at 2p.m. on Oct. 23rd
3. Joe Ehrmann, former NFL star coming to speak to parents on March 25th and students on March 26th
 - a. Joe is featured in one of Guerin's Summer Reading Books, "A Season of Life" by Jeffrey Marx
 - b. Check out www.coachforamerica.com for more info.

President of Parent Guild: Margaret Fallin

1. Thanks: to all who came in June to stuff summer packets, thanks to Amy Edwards and Christina Banks for USBS work, Pam Ridout and Kathy Niemann for Back to School Bash, the soccer and football teams for cleanup and setup with the Bash, Donna McCurdy and Consuelo Fossati for New Parent Coffee
2. Third Option will present at next meeting in Oct.
 - a. National Organization who meets at Guerin Catholic Thursdays from 7-9p.m.
 - b. For troubled marriages or those who just want to improve their relationships
3. Reminder to use Dasani and Powerade when purchasing bottled water or sports drinks , due to our contract with Coke
4. Back to School Bash attendance down, approximate 200 attended, in a year with our largest enrollment
 - a. Received feedback from families too many freshmen activities to attend and unable to give up an entire weekend to attend
 - b. Suggestions include: schedule Bash in the afternoon when the retreat is over, Mass before the Bash, game type area during the Bash
 - c. Tear down much better using football players, saved 1.5-2 hours
 - d. Used soccer players for set up, using Sign Up Genius
5. Diane Reardon for Birthday Club asking for suggestions on signs, *meeting consensus was to leave where she currently has them*
6. Laura Burton stated Cathedral Soup Kitchen in need of help, contact if you can help

New Parent Coffee:

1. Donna McCurdy and Consuelo Fossati are stepping down and Leslie Hallett and Paolina Anthony are taking over
2. Thanks to Donna and Consuelo for their hard work and welcome Leslie and Paolina

Treasure: Kelly Bluish

1. Presented Financial Statement, UBUS did well

Trivia Night: Mary Hinkebein

1. Nov. 16th , won't advertise till after Providence Fund Dinner, licensing started and donations coming in

Meeting adjourned 10:34 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 2, 2013 AT 9:00AM. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Johnson, Parent Guild Secretary

