Guerin Catholic Parent Guild Minutes

September 3, 2014

Attendees: Debi Titus, Tracey Stanton, Kendra Hudson, Kim Kovacich, Connie Freiburger, Barb Gallina, Diane Johnston, Colleen Ward, Cindy Boise, Sherry Milnamow, Stephanie Loureiro, Kendra Schultz, Lisa Henderson, Lisa Cowan, Betsy Grocki, Shari Vickery, Lisa Johnson, James McNeany, Margaret Fallin, Cathy Kroeff, Kim Stanley, Paolina Anthony, Scott McNamee, Meagan Neman, Sarah Schirripa, Jean Freudenthal, Peggy Georgi

Meeting began at 9:02a.m., prayer was led by Connie Freiburger, and one correction was made to the August Minutes before approval

Secretary's comments in italics

Principal, James McNeany:

- Off to a great start of my second year at Guerin Catholic
- The change this year of combining Nest Fest and Back To School Bash went well, will make a few more changes for next year
- Good uniform compliance, have gotten positive feedback, have clarified issues with LandsEnd
- Changed new lunch menu from federal guidelines due to Guerin Catholic's population is not based on the guidelines that are for populations with obesity and diabetes problems, 85% of Guerin Catholic students are athletes, students in athletics need more calories, communicating with a certified dietician to make the appropriate menu changes specific to Guerin Catholic, students were happy we brought back the cookies
- Thanks to Parent Guild for providing food for teachers and for fulfilling items on teachers' wish lists
- E-day coming soon, meeting with department chairs for game plan

Director of Marketing & Communication, Colleen Ward:

- Thanks for patience and help with the Summer E-Packet, saw some decline on participation with Birthday Club and volunteer response
- There is a directory application for the Family Directory, forty families didn't submit their data, the app does pull up information if the student and parent have a different last name
- Any information changes for the Family Directory need to be sent to *cward@guerincatholic.org*
- Nest Pass is a free pass to all Guerin Catholic sports and fine arts events for students in Kindergarten thru 8th grade for the 2014/2015 school year, go under Guerin Catholic Parents on the website and click on the link for Nest Pass

Campus Ministry and Student Life, Scoot McNamee:

- Fr. Janko is now Head of Campus Ministry, will lead retreats and utilize his gifts/talents for Campus Ministry, service hours go to Fr. Janko, he reads every one
- Have had Nest Fest, Senior Retreat, and Freshman Retreat
- Soon to come is the Club Fair, Seventh Grade Leadership Day, and the Junior Retreat
- Student Council Representatives working with Deb Titus on Homecoming *(Oct. 3)*
- Homecoming T-shirts and Powderpuff spirit wear sales will be on-line
- Homecoming Schedule: (September 28 thru October 3)
  Mon./Tues.- Convo Schedule
  Wed. - Not planned yet
  Thurs. - Powder Puff Game
  Fri. -Mass Day/Feast of Mother Guerin, tailgate after school, music, games, pizza, Homecoming
- Kairos will be a part of the schedule this year to help with studies

Office of Advancement, Shari Vickery:

David Rieck, Director of Institutional Advancement oversees the department, including works directly with donors; whereas, Shari Vickery, Associate Director of Advancement, directs all of the advancement events

- *Events for 2014/2015 school year*
  September 10, Providence Fund Dinner
  October 17, Grandparents Day with breakfast and Mass
  November 22, Christmas Bazaar
  December 19, Alumni Mass and Breakfast
  February 7, Gala
  June 2, 100 Holes of Golf
- Reminder that Guerin Catholic has a restricted fundraising policy where there is no selling candy, etc., we fundraise with these events
- Men volunteers are very helpful, especially after dinners for tearing down tables, chairs, etc.
- Still in need of Co-chair position for the Bazaar

Thanked Kendra Schultz for her help and clearing the hallway with the Donor Appreciation Dinner

Christmas Bazaar, Lisa Henderson and Lisa Cowan:

- Christmas Bazaar November 22: Need two dozen more vendors, need volunteers as well
- Gala February 7: need donations, will get some from Kairos, families, and you may have gift gathering parties and have donors write checks to Guerin Catholic, looking for volunteers to set up at the Ritz

Parent Guild Vice-President, Betsy Grocki:

- If haven't gone on line to volunteer for Parent Guild, it will be available all school year, there is a link where you can make your Parent Guild $20 donation
- Community Chairs should have lists of volunteers, we have just under 100 volunteers
- Trivia Night is Sat., November 15: fun, major fundraiser for Guerin Catholic, need donations

Appreciation Committee, Jean Freudenthal:

- First Appreciation Meal went well, idea to provide take-out containers for leftovers, will be adding cleanup to volunteer sign- in sheet

Homecoming: Deb Titus:

- Homecoming t-shirts will be for sale on-line and during lunch periods

Nest Fest:

- New version of Nest Fest went well, most liked the hotdog stand, suggestion to have a Guerin Catholic family to be the hotdog vendor

Discussed that less people may have attended Mass, due to it was too early on Sat. and did not count as a Sunday obligation

New Parent Coffee, Paolina Anthony:

- New Parent Coffee is September 11, committee chairs may put out volunteer lists for their committees or stop in, the coffee is informal and a way for new families to ask questions and give them the opportunity to volunteer

Treasurer, Kendra Schultz:

- Extra money that was not spent on Prom goes into Student Activity Fund, monies will not get carried over

Director of Communication, Colleen Ward:

- St. Maria Goretti's eighth grade students will shadow as a group on Homecoming, October 3rd at Guerin Catholic, Deacon Paul Lunsford liked the idea of shadowing as a group from a school in Florida, this process is better for feeder schools, it cuts down on absences

Parent Guild President, Connie Freiburger:

- Getting more Parent Guild volunteers with email blast
- Laura Burton will be chair for Campus Ministry and Community Outreach

- Will be collecting food donations for upcoming food drive
- Survive to Sunrise will be after a home basketball game, date to be announced

Asked for feedback on moved Birthday sign, received positive feedback of new location

Asked if we still need the big tents that were originally bought by Gala, tents are a challenge to put up and store, will check with Booster Club/Athletics

- Gave report on Catholic Life Committee Meeting attended
- Second Annual Family Pilgrimage at St. Mary of The Woods on October 12, St. Mother Theodore Guerin retreat

Asked how committee can assist parents in integrating catholic faith at home, suggestions were putting out a theology thought, prayer, or tip of the week

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Johnson, Secretary

Next meeting: October 1, at 9a.m. in the main conference room