

GUERIN CATHOLIC PARENT GUILD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 6, 2015

Attendees: Connie Freiburger, Tracey Stanton, Kendra Hudson, Stephanie Meier, Colleen Ward, Cindy Boise, Betsy Grocki, Sherry Milnamow, Margaret Fallin, Diane Wilson, Diane Johnston, Lisa Johnson, Kim Stanton, Leslie Hallett, Jackie Mewborn, Debi Titus

Secretary's comments are in italics

Meeting began at 9:08 a.m., prayer led by Connie Freiburger
April Minutes approved after, "Parent Report" changed to "Progress Report"

Outgoing Executive Board Members were announced and thanked:

President, Connie Freiburger; Vice President, Betsy Grocki; Treasurer, Kendra Schultz: Asst. Treasurer, Diane Johnston; Secretary, Lisa Johnson; Past President, Margaret Fallin

New slate for 2015/2016 school year was reviewed and incoming Executive Board Members were voted in for the 2015/2016 school year

President, Betsy Grocki; Vice President, Jackie Mewborn; Treasurer, Diane Johnston; Asst. Treasurer, Kendra Hudson; Secretary, Kendra Schultz; Past President, Connie Freiburger

New members introduced

Parent Guild 2015/2016 school year budget approved

Director of Campus Ministry and Student Life, Scott McNamee:

- Finished last Junior retreat, lots of great compliments, new location next year will be Sunrise Retreat Center in Anderson
- Record attendance at Prom, great feedback on Bridgewater location, thanks to Parent Guild and Prom Committee
- This Friday, May 8, is our May Crowning Ceremony where the Sophomore girls will crown Mary after the 9:10 a.m. Mass, all invited
- We had three students represent our school in Orlando for DECCA, they received some very nice compliments and represented our state well
- Two students will be attending Noblesville's Prayer Breakfast this week
- We are working with Cathedral and Bishop Chatard Catholic Schools on Jason Evert's *visit on chastity in the Spring*

Guerin Catholic's Priest, Father Janko:

- Thank you to the Parent Guild for all you do and we appreciate what you do for the teachers with the Teacher Wish Lists

Guerin Catholic Principal, James McNeany:

- Interested in feedback on dual credits
- Will be partnering with Ivy Tech, they are leaders in transferable credits and there's no additional cost

- We will be starting with Spanish next year
- Looking at English, Senior religion classes, Psychology, Math, and Science for dual credits
- When students bring credits into college, it makes it easier to graduate from college in 4 years
- More colleges are accepting credits, since they are being graded on number of students who graduate in 4 years
- Dual credits will be for IB and academic levels
- We will probably not have to change content of our current classes, as Ivy Tech takes our courses and matches them up with their courses
- For standard classes to receive a credit pass course a final approved by Ivy Tech will be taken
- Ivy Tech will certify Guerin Catholic's teachers to teach dual credit courses
- Poor grades will not transfer, unless student goes to Ivy Tech
- Update on our new Computer Science Course, we have not hired a teacher yet, but have many qualified applicants
- For 2015/2016 we will implement a late start day, all Wednesdays will start 1 hour later
- A late start day is necessary for teachers to collaborate to work on class consistency and faith formation
- Classes will start on Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m., doors will still open at 6:30 a.m., cafeteria and student lounge will be open, we will be offering breakfast, we will still have Kairos, classes will be reduced down to 60 min. and dismissal will be at 3:25 p.m. on Wednesdays
- We are looking at potential handbook changes, asking for feedback for students being allowed to wear other Guerin Catholic outerwear besides the current fleece with the crest, on Mass day students will be asked to take off outerwear for Mass (*majority of the room favored the idea*)
- Asking for feedback on opening cell phone use during the day, before and after school, in the hallway, and during lunch and with permission in class (*opinions were on both sides of the idea*)
- Asking for opinions on the boys being allowed to have longer hair (*opinions were on both sides of the idea*)
- Asking for opinions on boys having clean shaven facial hair (*opinions were on both sides of the idea*)
- Thank you for your feedback, we value your opinions *and administration will review and may make changes to handbook*

Parent Guild Assistant Treasurer, Diane Johnston:

- Teacher Wish List being processed

Parent Guild President, Connie Freiburger:

- Appreciation Meal has last luncheon today
- Used Book/Uniform Sale, first buyback is June 10th from 2:00-6:00p.m, first sale date is June 11th from 4:00-7:00p.m., second buyback date is July 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and second sale is the same day from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

- We are looking at an online forum for buying and selling used school books
- We were able to grant about \$24,000 in Teacher Wish List items
- Some items included were a new camcorder for the Technology Department, an art table for the Fine Arts Department , many items for English and Yearbook Departments, and several laptops for the staff
- Thank you to the Parent Guild Board and to Mr. Mcneany, but especially Diane Johnston, for all the hard work on the Wish List
- Thank you to Debbie Fellmeth, Laura Linton, Kelly Anspach and Joanne Renfro for all their hard work on Prom, heard amazing comments on Prom
- Would like to thank the committees whose responsibilities that last throughout the school year: Diane Reardon with Birthday Club; Cathy Kroeff and Lisa Henderson with Golden Eagle Snack Stand; Jean Freudenthal and Kim Kovacich with Appreciation Meals; and Karen Semler and with Appreciation Tuesday Treats
- I also want to thank Shari Vickery, Cindy Boise, and Colleen Ward for helping me throughout the year
- Thank you to Scott McNamee for always putting the students first
- Thank you to Deacon Paul Lunsford who is one of Parent Guild's biggest cheerleaders
- Thank you to Mr. McNeany for always willing to help and meet and answer questions
- Thanks to all the volunteers, we could not manage these committees without the parents help
- Thanks to the Executive Board for all the meetings and time spent
- Thanks to Margaret Fallin, Past President for your help and attendance
- Thanks to Betsy Grock, Vice President, she has been extremely helpful this year
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*President's key was turned over to new Parent Guild President, Betsy Grocki
Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Johnson, Secretary