

# Bellarmino Guild

## Board Meeting Minutes

### Wednesday, December 5, 2018

**Attending:** Pasqualina Berkowitz, Shannon Nordlinger, Gina Flynn, Kathleen Andrews, Maureen Sawyer, Amy Fenton, Jackie Steed, Debbie Reynolds, Wendy Moore, Stacy Bowery, Regina Bobroske, Kim Hoover, Sue Cipollaro, Jeannine Graf, Dana Kery, Beth Segaloff, Joy Gifford, Melissa Gough, Shelly Murray, Cybelle Santo Domingo, Mary Ellen Brennan-Connelly, Tracey Picarazzi, Christine Howard, Sara Jannott, Lana Quincy, Caroline Feroletto

**Absent:** Roisin Barry, Maureen Fox, Lisy Martinez, Ellen Boyle, Anne Day, Anissa Shannon, Donna Gil, Betsy Auray, Danielle Rothe, Kim Spangler, Deb Kavanaugh, Dana Walsh, Celeste McGillicuddy, Diana Louw, Maria Martucci, Tracey Hoerdemann, Elizabeth Stern, Meredith Donahue, Lara Stewart, Jen Harding, Cathleen Davenport, Antonietta Fitzgerald, Colleen Murphy, Kristin Hopper-Michetti, Lynn Eckert, Karen Jacobs, Lisa Bosken

Spirituality Co-Chair, Sue Cipollaro, said the opening prayer.

Co-President, Pasqualina Berkowitz, called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. She introduced Dr. Donna Andrade, Dean of Mission & Ministry, who's new role at Prep is to advance the Jesuit mission at the school. Dr. Andrade is also responsible for adult faith formation. As such, she wants to work with the Bellarmine Guild as well as the Parent Faith Formation Group.

**Guest Speaker:** Dr. Andrade started by providing background on her career in education and at Prep. She started as an English teacher and was most recently the Academic Dean before being named Dean of Mission & Ministry. She reviewed the Jesuit Mission which is to work for reconciliation everyday with god, human beings and with the environment. She also said that the term Jesuits has been expanded to include lay people who share the vision of service to faith and to the justice that faith demands.

In addition, there is a global network of Jesuit schools. Fairfield Prep is one of 845 Jesuit schools world-wide, educating over 800,000 students. Prep is one of over 80 Jesuit secondary and pre-secondary schools in North America. It is part of the Jesuit Network of Schools and is one of 26 schools in the North East province. The global website is [www.educatemagis.org](http://www.educatemagis.org).

Dr. Andrade's responsibilities include:

1. communicating Prep's Jesuit mission to faculty, staff, administrators, parents and coaches.
2. collaborating with the Murphy Center for Ignatian Spirituality at Fairfield U.
3. overseeing campus ministry for students.
4. providing Ignatian leadership for school leaders.

Dr. Andrade reviewed Fairfield Prep's Mission statement which includes the 4Cs:

*Fairfield College Preparatory School is a Jesuit, Catholic School of excellence. forming young men of intellectual **competence**, who possess the **conscience** to make wise decisions, a **compassion** for others, and a **commitment** to justice in our global society.*

...and strives to be a reflective community. Core concepts include:

1. men and women for others

2. graduate at graduation — who we want our boys to be when upon graduation. How do we help out boys to be transformational leaders?
3. care of the whole person — well-rounded individuals
4. magis — do more, be meaningful
5. finding good in all things
6. educate to diversity in our multi-cultural community and recognize the preferential option for the poor

Core values are achieved through:

1. reflection
2. discernment
3. consolation/desolation
4. Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm — teach people not subjects

At graduation, graduates should be

1. loving
2. open to growth
3. religious
4. committed to justice
5. competent

Moving forward, Dr Andrade wants to partner with parents and former Prep parents to create retreats, programs and resources that parallel that of our sons. She also strives to be a resource to the Bellarmine Guild and offers support to key committees such as spirituality, service and enrichment.

Julie Pollard added that teachers are learning how to integrate these efforts into the classroom and will be discussing it on Professional Development Days.

**Secretary's Report:** Gina Flynn made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2018 Board Meeting. It was seconded by Maureen Sawyer. All approved.

**Co-Presidents' Report:** Shannon Nordlinger reminded the group to be mindful of the communications process and to “stay in our lane” and follow procedures. She also reminded everyone that the Christmas luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday 12/12 at 12pm at Pasqualina's home.

**Treasurer's Report:** The initial read on the Christmas party was that it was on budget.

**Vice Presidents' Report:** Sarah Jannott reported that the next task for the Vice Presidents is the by-laws.

**Communications:** Caroline Feroletto requested that information be submitted as early as possible.

**Staff Appreciation:** The last event was conferences in November. Weather issues caused some re-adjustment but it was very well received.

**Enrichment:** First event (De-stressing for the Holidays) is tonight, following this meeting. The next event is scheduled for 1/22 and will be mentioned in Friday's newsletter. Again, there will be a Bellarmine Meeting at 6pm and it will be followed by Darby Fox, who will be speaking about shifting perspectives in the parent/teen relationship in the SLC at 7pm.

**Prep 101:** Joy Gifford sent emails to Freshman moms updating them on the upcoming early dismissal and the exam schedule.

**Prep Pride:** There are new items in the store which include gifts for grandparents and Christmas ornaments. Prep Pride will be open during exams.

**Slide Show:** 25-20 people have submitted photos. Full-sized materials are required as some people have been sending thumbnails which cannot be reproduced clearly. Jackie Steed will send out specs.

**Nominating:** Maureen Sawyer reported that a timetable has been set up. Nominations will be requested in February.

**Spirituality:** On December 7, 2018 there will be a mass at 8am. The rosary and refreshments will follow. The evening rosary held at Christine Howard's home was very well received. Next time, more notice will be given.

**Photography:** Kathleen Andrews reported that Christmas Party photos are available. She is reworking the way in which they are sent to Prep for publication, etc.

**Sophomore Repts:** Mary Ellen Brennan-Connolly reported that the larger facility worked well for the Christmas party. The waitlist was eliminated and event attendance was up from 190 to 250 this year.

**Junior Repts:** Tons of decorations were donated for the Ring Dance and the sign-up genius filled up quickly. Mary Ellen Brennan-Connolly suggested that if both the Christmas Party and the Ring Dance are held in the Oak Room again next year, they be scheduled on back-to-back nights so the room can be decorated just once.

**Fashion Show:** the Fashion Show is scheduled for 4/4 at Patterson. The committee is currently assessing entertainment options. The first sub-committee meeting will take place in January.

**Auction:** Melissa Gough reported that emails will be sent out to request donations. On 12/17 Garden Catering will donate a portion of sales to the Auction. The next auction meeting will be held on 1/9.