

Bellarmino Guild

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Attending: Pasqualina Berkowitz, Shannon Nordlinger, Gina Flynn, Diana Louw, Maureen Fox, Lynn Eckert, Anissa Shannon, Tracy Hoerdemann, Ellen Boyle, Maureen Sawyer, Jeannine Graf, Dana Kery, Sara Jannot, Wendy Moore, Anne Day, Karen Jacobs, Lara Stewart, Christine Howard, Colleen Murphy, Roisin Barry, Betsey Auray, Melissa Gough, Jen Harding

Absent: Sue Cipollaro, Lisy Martinez, Caroline Ferleto, Donna Gil, Regina Bobroske, Kim Hoover, Danielle Rothe, Kim Spangler, Deb Kavanaugh, Dana Walsh, Celeste McGillicuddy, Stacy Bowery, Deb Reynolds, Joy Gifford, Jackie Steed, Maria Martucci, Elizabeth Stern, Meredith Donohue, Kathleen Andrews, Lana Quincy, Mary Ellen Brennan-Connelly, Cathleen Davenport, Antonietta Fitzgerald, Kristin Hopper-Michetti, Amy Fenton, Tracey Picarazzi, Lisa Bosken

Co-President, Pasqualina Berkowitz, called the meeting to order 9:50 am.

Spirituality Co-Chair, Maureen Fox, said the opening prayer.

Secretary's Report: Gina Flynn made a motion to approve the minutes from the 1/22/19 meeting. It was seconded by Maureen Fox and unanimously approved.

Co-Presidents' Report: Pasqualina and Shannon Nordlinger said the Darby Fox presentation following our last meeting was very successful. A link to the presentation will be available through *Prep in a Minute*.

Treasurer's Report: In Lisy Martinez' absence, Shannon provided the Secretary's Report. She said that in previous years, the Bellarmine Guild has contributed \$500 to the Spring Auction. Melissa Gough requested that a \$500 donation be made once again this year. All approved.

Vice Presidents' Report: Sara Jannot reminded the group that we need to vote on the revised by-laws. Since a quorum is required, voting will take place electronically. She asked the group to key an eye out for that e-mail. Sara highlighted the suggested changes/updates as follows:

1. The Fashion Show committee now calls for 5 (vs. 4) committee chairs
2. Hospitality will add hosting visiting schools to the event list
3. All social event committees will assign one member to take pictures and share them with Prep Communications. In addition, Non-profit vendors (such as Pilot House) will be used at every event. These vendors must be approved by Prep administrators.
4. Consistent to what took place this year, the Bellarmine Guild will have one Facebook Page rather than having separate pages for each class.

The group was also reminded that, following events, reports need to be turned in to the Vice Presidents.

Communications: Ellen Boyle reminded everyone that planning forms are extremely helpful and should be used.

Staff Appreciation: Anissa Shannon reported that the breakfast is on for tomorrow. All donations and volunteer shifts are covered.

Enrichment: Wendy Moore reported that the January, Darby Fox event went very well. Over 60 parents were in attendance. Fox Pivot Ministries was there to sing three songs and accept Prep's donation. Since Darby Fox was so well received, Prep is looking into bringing her back next Fall to present to the boys.

The Yale Museum event is tentatively scheduled for 4/5 or 4/6. More information to follow.

Prep Pride: In the future, the number of volunteers needed per day will be cut from two to one.

Slide Show: Friday is the deadline for submitting pictures. 130 have been received to date. An e-mail was sent to all moms who have yet to submit pictures. In addition, host families were contacted in an effort to include exchange students.

Nominating: Maureen Sawyer reported that the nominations page will open online 3/8. Everyone must nominate themselves for three positions in order to be considered for their first choice. Descriptions of the positions will be listed on the nominations page. The nominating period will last for two weeks. Sometime around the spring break the slate will be presented and voted on. Julie Pollard will contact incoming freshman moms.

Maureen also noted that, similar to this year, 3-4 board meetings will be held in the evening to accommodate working mothers.

Service: Betsey Auray reported that the Service Committee is working on the Hero Box Project. Assembly will take place on 4/10. Bob King will be speaking with the boys on what sacrifice means and what it means to be a soldier. This year Prep will double or triple the number of boxes vs. last year. As a result a loading clock will be needed for pick-up on 4/11. Julie will work with Colleen Keltos to secure a dock. In addition, she will talk with guidance or the theology department about presenting this service opportunity to the boys in class. Betsey mention that the boys do not have to attend in order to write letters to the soldiers.

It was mentioned that some mothers are asking if our boys can do service projects with the girls from Laurelton. Bread of Life will take place in early April (4-6). Both Prep and Laurelton will be collecting food. A suggestion was made to invite Laurelton to help sort, move and deliver the donations with our boys.

Hospitality: Tracy Hoerdemann reported that the next mothers' mass will be March 22nd. The only issue with the February event was that the coffee did not arrive.

Spirituality: Maureen Fox reported that she has been told that people are missing the rosary because they don't read *Prep in a Minute* all the way through to the end. She noted that she always sees the same faces, most of which are junior moms, She requested that we encourage moms of younger boys to attend. The next evening rosary will be held during lent. Details to follow.

Freshman Reps: Jen Harding reported that many freshman moms are not sure how to get involved. They are looking for more information on the upcoming retreat, a possible dance, and the auction. Melissa Gough explained that for the auction, each class has two representatives who send letters to their respective classes. They will coordinate both a class basket and other donations. Information on the retreat and a possible dance will be sent as

these events approach. However, all moms should be aware that their boys are receiving regular communications from Prep. This information is sent to the boys in an effort to teach them to take the lead on things they will need/want to know.

Sophomore Reps: Christine Howard suggested a potential mentor programs for Freshman boys and alumni volunteers which goes beyond academics. More to follow.

Senior Reps: Colleen Murphy reported that the “Coordinated Couples” dance will be held on 3/8. The theme was determined by the Senior Government. There will be a sign up genius for snacks and set up. Set-up will take place between 3 and 6 pm. All dances require both a fee and a form for dates.

The next event is the Senior Moms dinner at Penfield on 5/20. Colleen is checking the budget for funds for centerpieces and Prep merchandise for favors, She will contact the Prep Pride store.

Fashion Show: The fashion show is scheduled for 4/4 at Patterson. There are openings on sign-up genius. A sheet was passed around and a link to sign-up genius will be included in the next *Prep in a Minute*

Auction: Melissa Gough reported that the next meeting will be held in March. individual or group donations are always welcome. Maureen Sawyer suggested that friends get together to donate an “experience” such as concert tickets or hotel packages. The auction committee will also put packages together with individual donations, Donations for the wine pull are also needed.