

Bellarmino Guild

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Attending: Pasqualina Berkowitz, Shannon Nordlinger, Gina Flynn, Amy Fenton, Roisin Barry, Beth Segaloff, Anne Day, Terri Deveny, Wendy Moore, Mary Ellen Brennan-Connolly, Anissa Shannon, Melissa Gough, Ellen Boyle, Tracey Picarazzi, Sara Jannot, Karen Jacobs, Lisy Martinez, Jackie Steed, Maureen Sawyer, Lisa Bosken, Caroline Feroletto, Sue Cipollaro, Dana Kery, Jen Harding

Absent: Lynn Eckert, Lara Stewart, Kathleen Andrews, Lana Quincy, Christine Howard, Cathleen Davenport, Jeannine Graf, Antonietta Fitzgerald, Colleen Murphy, Tracey Hoerdemann, Elizabeth Stern, Meredith Donohue, Kim Spangler, Deb Kavanaugh, Dana Walsh, Celeste McGillicuddy, Stacy Bowery, Deb Reynolds, Maureen Fox, Kristin Hopper-Michetti, Joy Gifford, Diana Louw, Betsy Aurey, Kim Hoover, Danielle Rothe, Donna Gill, Regina Bobroske, Maria Martucci

Co-President, Shannon Nordlinger, called the meeting to order at 8:50.

Spirituality Co-Chair, Roisin Barry, said the opening prayer.

Secretary, Gina Flynn, made a motion to approve the minutes from the 3/13 meeting. It was seconded by Karen Jacobs. All approved.

Guest Speakers: Co President, Passqualine Berkowitz, introduced guest speakers, Suzanne Gorab, John Hanrahan and Rick Hutchinson, from the Guidance Department who were there to provide updates and answer questions. Mr. Hanrahan gave a brief update of what was being covered in the guidance seminars by class:

Freshmen: presentation from St. Vincent's/Smoke Stoppers on vaping

Sophomores: received PSAT scores and many attended the College Fair

Juniors: upcoming sessions will cover the college recommendation process and the Common App. The boys will be asked to identify teachers they can ask for recommendations. As part of that process they will need to complete information sheets. Also, guidance will meet with each student individually

Seniors: will be reviewing 3Q grades and the importance of finishing strong. They will also be discussing college choices as an individual may be evaluating options that can vary greatly. Transitioning to college meetings will also be held

Guidance will continue to meet with freshman, sophomore or junior boys who need help with the college process or other topics on an individual basis. To manage stress the Guidance Department recommends breaking the college process into small bites and working with each boy's individual rhythm. Resources can be found in Prep in a Minute and on Schoology. It is also a good idea to let the boys take the lead on somethings but to recognize that parents may need to take the lead on others.

The Guidance office will be open on some days over the summer. Communication will be limited but is possible.

Ms. Gorab mentioned a few upcoming events:

5/28 Senior Class BBQ — featuring food, music and games at the beach. There will be a twill floppy hat give-away. Cost will be \$10-15 per student.

4/27 Fairfield Prep students can participate in *Walk a Mile in Her Shoes* in collaboration with the Center for Justice. Many of the boys wear heels. The walk begins at Starbucks at 9:00 and finishes at Town Hall. Afterwards there will be a presentation from women who have been in abusive relationships. The walk will also be attended by groups from other Fairfield high schools, Fairfield University and Sacred Heart University as well as our State Senators.

Student Government is looking into a replacement event for the Freshman/Sophomore Semi Formal Dance. A “Friday Night Lights” themed party is being considered. It would feature food and games in Rafferty.

Pink Pledge: Prep did not participate this year as we have done in the past. However, for Mother’s Day Prep will be selling pink scarves and hot pink socks with the FP logo.

Class recommendations for ’19-’20: Mr. Hanrahan said that department chairs are creating section lists. Individual recommendations will come out after the April break. The last Drop/Add period will be in May.

Fashion Show: Karen Jacobs reported that the event at Patterson was very successful. 174 tickets were sold and 345 items were collected for Caroline House. Pasqualina and Shannon thanked the committee.

Slide Show: Jackie Steed premiered the slide show at the fashion event. She asked to be contacted if anyone was missed or if there were any typos. The next showing will be at the mother/son breakfast.

Treasurer’s Report: Lisy Martinez is waiting for the fashion show report to be finalized for the budget update. Original receipts are needed by early June for reimbursement.

VP’s Report: Reports are needed from every committee chair.

Communications: Prep asked that all submissions are more succinct to ensure that Prep in a Minute is read through to the end.

Service: Hero Box event will be held tonight. Some boys needed to cancel so more mother/son pairs can attend.

Staff Appreciation: The last event was a success. As always, there was too much food.

Nominating: Maureen Sawyer reported that they were 95% done. Everyone who submitted a form received one of their three choices. Board approval will be open through 4/26. The board will approve the slate in May.

Enrichment: Morning of Art took place last Friday. A “Prep in the Neighborhood “ social was held in Milford for families that have difficulty getting to Fairfield for events. Julie Pollard will arrange similar events in other areas if there is interest.

Jr. Reps: Signups for the Mother/Son Breakfast on 4/28 are taking place.

Auction: 334 raffle tickets have been sold. We are looking to sell 500. Sales will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. Melissa Gough is considering doing sales at pick-up as well. Tickets will be sold at the SEED dinner, the Sr. Breakfast and the Arts Night. 41 senior lawn signs have been sold and 62 people have registered for the event.

Class basket will now have a gift card theme:

Freshman: fast food

Sophomore: lottery tickets

Junior: travel

Senior: college bound

At the event, seating is for the auction portion only. From 7-9PM the auction and food stations/bar will be set up in half of the SLC. At 9PM guests will be seated in the other half of the SLC for the live auction. Cocktails and dancing will follow.

The next meeting will be held on 4/24 at 7PM.

Lots of liquor was donated for the event which substantially cuts overall costs.

Sr. Reps: The Senior Moms' Dinner will be held at Penfield on 5/20. The Slide show will be shown.

Spirituality: There will be one more rosary in May. The last one was cancelled due to the Day of Giving day off. Donna Andrade is planning a mothers' or parents' retreat for next fall.

Photo: Pictures were taken at the Fashion Show. The next event will be the Communion Breakfast.

Freshman Reps: Jen Harding has been contacted by parents from Laurelton who are looking for a bigger connection with Prep. This will be addressed by the Prep administration.

The end of year cocktail parent will be held at Shannon's House in Weston. Details to follow.