

Minutes for DLS Parent Association Meeting
Recording Minutes – Patricia Pon
October 6, 2025

Spencer Shively, Vice President for Mission and Student Life, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

7:01pm - Opening prayer: Valerie Wright

Welcome and Introductions: Spencer Shively, Vice President for Mission of Student Life

15 Minute Speakers: Mr. Mark Chiarucci, Vice President for Advancement

Mr Chiarucci opened with asking if anyone has attended recent events like the Golf tournament and the Auction, then thanked the meeting attendees for their support, both financially and through volunteering.

Mr Chiarucci explained the three main areas of responsibility for the Office of Advancement:

- Development (Fundraising)
- Communications, and
- Alumni and Family Engagement

Overview of Annual Fund and Financial Aid:

Mr. Chiarucci discussed the De La Salle Annual fund, which supports financial aid, curricular activities, and faculty development. He highlighted the importance of financial aid, mentioning that \$4.8 million was awarded last year out of a \$26 million budget. Mr. Chiarucci explained the impact of events like the Golf Tournament and Auction on fundraising efforts. He mentioned the Bishop Cummins program, which supports students living below the federal poverty level, and the Brotherhood Fund, which helps all students with additional expenses.

Parental Involvement and Communication Channels:

Mr. Chiarucci asked for feedback on how the school communicates with parents and alumni. He received suggestions that the school should articulate the concept of “Brotherhood” better, especially for younger students. Other suggestions highlighted the importance of capturing the unique culture and brotherhood of De La Salle through events like the Legacy Lunch. Mr. Chiarucci covered the various communication channels used by the school, including the “Week at a Glance,” the “Spartan Spotlight,” social media, and the BrightArrow emergency contact system.

Campaign Updates and Future Plans:

Mr. Chiarucci provided an overview of the school’s current campaign, which includes the field renovation with the Athletic Complex/Plaza, the Event/Performing Arts Center, and

the Leading and Learning Student Center. He explained the “silent” phase of the campaign, where the goal is to raise 75% of the funds before going public. Mr. Chiarucci emphasized the importance of raising funds for the Annual Fund to support ongoing needs. He mentioned the five year timeline for the campaign, with the next major goal being \$13 million to start the second phase to finish the Athletic Complex/Plaza and the Performing Arts Center with a target of June 1st.

Mr. Chiarucci closed with thanks to the meeting attendees.

Spartan Updates: Spencer Shively, Vice President for Mission of Student Life

- 10/8 - MMM (Ministry, Music, & Munchies) Wednesday
- 10/8 - One Night Only
- 10/13 - Indigenous Peoples' Day (No Classes)
- 10/14 - Faculty/Staff Professional Development Day (No Classes)
- 10/15 - Freshman Retreat, Sophomore & Junior PSAT, Senior College Application Workshop or Free Day for College Visit
- 10/19 - Junior Mass of Unity & Ring Ceremony
- 10/20 - Lasallian Partnership Luncheon
- 10/29 thru 10/31 - Kairos Retreat #158

President of the Parent Association: Michelle Anderson

Parent Association Board – Chair Reports

Expense Report: Jennifer Accardo, Parent Association Expense Administrator. Thanks to everyone who has been submitting their reimbursements timely!

Volunteer Coordinators: Yesenia Feustel & Lisa Borba - No updates.

Frosh Parent Reps: Janet Wright, Khatera Tamplen, Tanja Fabel, Tavoria Wilson-Morton – Congratulations on a successful Sophomore Liturgy and Brunch! Thank you to all the volunteers!

Sophomore Parent Reps: Ariana Marbley, Tara Preston, Jemisse Hurd – No updates.

Junior Parent Reps: Betzy Lesser, Lolo O’Keefe, Winn Acle, Patricia Pon – No updates until closer to the Senior Mom & Son Brunch next year.

Senior Parent Reps: Michelle Anderson, Jen Accardo – Looking for 4 volunteers to help with Check-in. SignUpGenius will be sent out within the week.

Carondelet High School Representative: Lisa Pickford – shared by Gwenn Ertoz - @Homecoming on Carondelet campus, there were 950 Freshman/Sophomores in attendance. Carondelet Varsity Water Polo team is ranked as #1 in the Nation. At the 9/24 Parents Guild meeting, they held a Parent Panel where representatives of all the different classes had an opportunity to share their daughters' experiences, how they acclimated, what was different and what needed to be watched more. (Key Takeaways, stay off the rollercoaster and avoid girl drama.) Carondelet Community Coffee at Starbucks in Livermore on Friday 10/17 at 9:00am. Work for the Visions of Christmas is starting up now, with the ParTea (tea party) and Holiday Market at the Jean Hofmann Center for Innovation (also called the I-Center) in November.

Hospitality: Winn Acle, Joni Dupont, Jody Muñoz, Patricia Pon, Jill Steele, Jemisse Hurd, Ariana Marbley – Looking for an additional parent volunteer to co-lead the Hospitality committee with Winn and another co-lead this year. Next event is the Open House on Sunday 11/2 and will be looking for volunteers

Special Events: Noel Hughes, Angelica Nathan, Patricia Pon, Lolo O'Keefe, Valerie Wright, Shirley Valero, Rena Cota, Anna Febiana – No updates, but keep a lookout for the Thanksgiving Buy-A-Pie for faculty and staff for Thanksgiving week. We may also need volunteers to help pick up the pies but that request will be later in October.

Community Outreach: Angelica Nathan, Ariana Marbley, Tara Preston, Jemisse Hurd – Our next Parent Coffee is Friday 10/24. For One Night only, we will need a few parents to help setup and set out snacks for the students and parents, and give those parents an opportunity to talk to our parents.

Crab Feed: Patricia Pon, Betzy Lesser, Tavoria Wilson-Morton – Event is January 24, 2026 and we are looking for volunteers to lead (inventory Lead and Cleanup Lead) and volunteers to help with this fun event! Documentation on the different roles and responsibilities and on the different shifts was shared. Thank you to all the volunteers who have taken on lead roles, and there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer! A SignUpGenius will be sent out shortly.

Dad's Club: Alex Esparza, Michael Nathan, David Brumley, Nic Anca, Larry Morton Jr, Jesse Tamplen – No updates.

De La Salle Golf Classic: Thanks to all the volunteers who came out and made our first PA participation at this event a success! It was a fun event and we hope that we can continue to support this event in the future.

House System: Mrs Heskett is interested in having a Parent Association representative for each House. The initial thinking is this role will work with the moderator for each House. Note that the House PA Representative role is organically developing, so that there may not be much to do in this first semester, and there will be more to the role in the next semester as the Houses become more developed in terms of structure and what each House wants to do. For the T-shirt distribution, preliminary plans are to distribute the shirts to two Houses on Wednesday 10/22 and Friday 10/24 during House time in the gym. We need 4-5 volunteers for each of the two days who would distribute

the shirts to the leaders of the mentor groups for both Houses. Thank you to those parents who have already reached out to volunteer for the T-shirt distribution, as well as becoming a House PA representative. As soon as I have more information from Mrs. Heskett, I will share it and send out a SignUpGenius.

Cereal Drive: Thank you to everyone who brought in cereal boxes for the Cereal Drive. We have two more weeks for the Cereal Drive. Please encourage your son to bring them in. Participation is key. Our Juniors this year will have the opportunity in their Faith, Service and Community immersions to distribute the cereal we collect to the people in our community - a nice full circle moment.

Reminders:

- Junior Mass of Unity & Ring Ceremony is Sunday, October 19th
- Next Parent Coffee is Friday, October 24th
- Next PA meeting is Monday, November 3rd

Closing Prayer: Spencer Shively, Vice President of Mission and Student Life.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.