

**Saint Ignatius College Prep  
Parents' Organization Board Meeting  
Minutes of: August 25, 2008**

**Meeting called to order** by Ann McAloon, president at 6:00 p.m.

**Meeting opened** with the Prayer of Generosity of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

**Nomination of Recording Secretary:** Gini Marziani moved to nominate Mary Ellen Prindiville. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Officer and Board Member Introduction:** Ann McAloon introduced herself, followed by introductions from each officer and class rep.

**Women's Council Update:** Marci Spingola provided a brief history of the Council. All women affiliated with SICP are members. The Council's Philanthropic Circle consists of women or families who give a gift for a student-based need. This year the Council's appeal focuses on purchasing scoreboards for the newly renovated Gentile Gymn. Donations total \$41,000 to date.

The Council's Fall Dinner will honor Kathy Bliss as the recipient of the Golden Rose Award. Cost of attendance, while not deductible, will be placed into parent's financial record and appear in the annual report.

**Annual Auction:** Marci Spingola reported that the event is absent table chairpersons. Openings are available. She extended a thank you to all board members who helped with the phone-a-thon to all parents last year. Over \$650,000 was raised last year. Auction planning meetings start in September. Sign-up sheets for all Parents Group events, including the Auction, will be available at mini-class night.

**Mini-Class Night:** Mary Pat Riley reported on preparations and requested help for clean up the night of the event. Ann McAloon explained that the committee would make use of left over items from past events to clear the parent's closet.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Used Book Sale:** Event Chair Robin Schirmer thanked Annelies Panagoulis, past chair of the event, who acted as an advisor for the fall sale.. Robin estimated 150 – 200 people attended and 750 books were processed. She pointed out that sellers earn more at the used book sale rather than turning in used books for credit at the book store. She made a plea to parents of seniors to make sure their children bring in their books next fall. She thanked all of the volunteers and invited anyone who is interested to contact her about volunteering for next year's sale.

**Fall Parent Service Day:** Greg Wrobel and Gini Marziani reported on this event, which replaced the Fall Social evening. Parents gathered over three Saturdays (August 9, 16

and 23) at Christ the King Jesuit College Prep, the new Jesuit-sponsored high school on the West side. Thirty-five people attended the first Saturday, 45 the second, and 35 on the last Saturday. Greg described the work as “very gratifying,” and the participation of SICP parents as “strong.” This former grammar school building was being prepared to welcome 120 incoming freshman for the 2008/2009 school year. In addition, the goal of the event was to get SICP parents together to do volunteer work. Greg described the extensive planning required in terms of work needs, tools, supplies, equipment and personnel scheduling. Ginny commented that she was so proud to be a part of the Ignatius community and that Christ the King parents were thankful to everyone who participated for their efforts. Ann McAloon added that Christ the King parents were unbelievably grateful and that the SICP parents who participated “got back way more than they put in.” It is hoped that the Fall Parent Service Day will become an annual event to benefit our community and to help parents get to know other parents.

**Service Projects:** Our main on-going service project is the Holy Family Food Pantry. At most school events non-perishable food items are collected. With a struggling economy, there has been a real decline in funds/donations from other sources. The most needed food supplies are peanut butter and cereal.

Ann McAloon asked parents who might be aware of other possibilities for service projects to email their thoughts to her, or talk to Ginny or Greg. We would like to continue good modeling for our children through parent participation in service projects.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Events throughout the year:** Ann McAloon reviewed the procedure in which specific class rep groups host an event.

**Frosh/Soph Mass:** Has been discontinued. It will be replaced with a Sophomore service liturgy and a Freshman class mass to be held upon completion of their service hours. It is unknown at this time whether the Parent’s Group will need to assist in either of these events.

**Family Formation Mass:** This new event, to be held on September 21, will be the responsibility of the Junior class reps. Ann McAloon is awaiting more details.

**Legislative Action Contact:** There is need for an individual to take on this responsibility. The school administration is not allowed to interact with the government regarding legislation. It is important for parents to have a voice. In the past, two people served on behalf of the Parent’s Organization. Kathy Bliss is stepping down. Responsibilities include reviewing e-mail communications from a trade organization that alerts members and provides opinions on legislative activity of interest. The contact people are responsible for e-mailing a broad list of SICP people, which typically happens from three to four times a year. Time commitment is minimal. Anyone interested in assuming this position should contact Ann McAloon.

**Next Meeting** is scheduled for October 7, 2008, at 6 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned** approximately 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Mary Ellen Prindiville  
Recording Secretary