

**Saint Ignatius College Prep
Parents' Organization Board Meeting
Minutes of: October 7, 2008**

Meeting called to order by Ann McAloon, president at 6:12 p.m.

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

Auction Update: Marci Spingola reported that to avoid conflicts with other school activities, the auction has been scheduled for March 28, 2008. There is a need for table chairpersons for the Mass that evening and for the basket table. Assistance is also needed on weekdays to help with the auction paperwork. The Mass chairperson will work with the Formation and Ministry Department to coordinate volunteer ushers, greeters, Eucharistic Ministers and people to hand out the mass booklets. The basket table chairperson would need two point people and a core of about 15 people to put the baskets together. This is the category that brings in the most money for the auction and is a fun way to participate for those who have a creative, artistic bent. There is a lot already done, coordinating is now required. Carol Wooton has chaired this table in the past and can provide advice. Marci reported that the auction hopes to raise an additional \$200,000 to \$300,000, which in the past was raised through the Annual Benefit. She recapped the scenario of pre-sold tickets vs. walk-ins last year. Please contact Marci Spingola or any Board officer if you would like to volunteer.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mini-Class Night: The September 4th event was well attended and Mary Pat Riley thanked all volunteers. She reported that Catholic Charities was very appreciative of the coats that were donated. Sr. Marian of Holy Family Food Pantry was very pleased with the donation of leftover snacks. The budget was discussed. It has been set at \$350 for a long time. Mary Pat suggested a \$500 budget. Ann McAloon commented that school officials are aware that the budgets are not ideal. Dr. Karl sets budgets at the beginning of the calendar year. Quest should be negotiated based on a bulk arrangement. Ann will work on budgeting this year. Mary Pat emphasized that it is important to summarize costs and compare it to the budget. Suggestions for next year: the biggest issue is getting alumni volunteers. Meredith Couling suggested contacting the Young Alumni group. Mary Pat added that some parent alums may not want to continue making the trip. Suggested distributing flowers to freshman moms differently, perhaps in homerooms. Also felt food could be reduced, perhaps by not requiring freshman parents to contribute.

Faith Matters: Matt Couture, Formation and Ministry, appreciated the Parents' Organizations phone calls to remind parents of this event. He was very pleased with the turnout of 60-65 people. He commented that the snacks were particularly good. There will be another Faith Matters for Parents event in the spring. The role of the Parents' Organization has not been finalized.

NEW BUSINESS & UPCOMING EVENTS:

Freshman Mass: Matt Couture has asked for help with this event. Ann McAloon feels it is a natural fit for our group and is working on details, while mindful that the Parents' Organization is involved in a lot of events in the spring.

Open House: Members of the committee have met with the Director of Admissions and Ginny Logan, volunteer coordinator, who were very helpful. Invitations will be stuffed preceding the November 11 board meeting. Finger-size baked goods will be requested this year and will be supplemented by drinks and baked goods from Teri DiLeo. Ann McAloon indicated that planners should be sure Quest has the kitchen open. This year there will be a notice in front of Holy Family Church directing people. The hours will be from noon to three, barring anything unforeseen with scheduling of a Bear game.

General Meetings: Meetings are announced on the school's website. Tonight's topic is Technology and Our Children. Covering this subject grew out of discussions at the spring 2008 general meeting. It was clear that there was a wide range of opinions among parents. The November 11 general meeting, originally scheduled to cover Technology in Schools and the use of Edline, has been changed to College Counseling. College counseling Department Chair Kurt Schmidt will discuss the college admissions process and sports. It is geared to all parents. Technology in Schools will be covered at the March meeting and the State of the School is our April topic. Parents are invited to come with any issues and topics.

Christmas Board Gathering: Set for December 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brunswick Room. Invitations will come via email. Spouses are welcome. Same format as last year with catering by Teri DiLeo.

Miscellaneous: Ann McAloon described the Target Shoppers program for credit card purchases. Target will donate up to one percent of the value of purchases to a shopper's school of choice. From 1997 – 2007, St. Ignatius has received \$6,192.85 through this program. Ann encouraged participation.

Next Meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2008, at 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned approximately 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Mary Ellen Prindiville
Recording Secretary