

**Saint Ignatius College Prep
Parent Organization Board Meeting
Minutes of: November 11, 2008**

Meeting called to order by Mimsie O'Hara, co-vice president, at 6:04 p.m.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Open House: Mimsie explained that a notice about the open house had been e-mailed on Thursday, November 6, and asked how many in attendance had received it. About 50% had. Ginny Logan is coordinating volunteers. She reported that there will be four shifts and 130 volunteers will be needed. She had 34 people committed as of 11/11. She is responding to volunteers via e-mail, instructing them to come to the volunteer table on the day of the Open House to get their assignments. Fifteen people have volunteered to contribute baked goods to date. Ginny is confident she will meet the goal for volunteers. She will use the ad hoc list and the list of those who signed up at mini-class night to continue soliciting volunteers.

Carol Zellner reported that 1,000 flyers promoting the Open House were distributed during mini-class night. Food will be provided by volunteers and supplemented with trays ordered from Teri DiLeo. Corsages will be handled differently this year. Parent volunteers will wear nametags, not corsages. Karen Layng suggested laminating nametags for those working outdoors.

Auction Volunteers: Andy O'Hara provided a "cheat sheet" of who is running each auction table. The point person for volunteers is Janice Turek. Parents were asked to spread the word that on the night of Friday, March 27, 100 people will be needed to set up the tables. If you can help, contact Janice at (708) 482-9541 or jkturek@gmail.com. Sue Salvato, the bar chairperson, is looking for help. Anyone interested should call her at (312) 842-7710. Anyone with contacts for sport items/memorabilia should contact Steve or Anne Hasselbeck at (630) 910-6155 or shasselbeck@sbcglobal.net. The big raffle item this year will be tuition or \$10,000 cash.

Board Christmas Gathering: Invitations will be emailed. The date is December 11 at 6 p.m. Drinks and appetizers will be served and spouses are welcome.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meeting Notices: Meredith Couling apologized for problems with getting general meeting notices to parents. The school is enduring growing pains as it merges several computer systems. It is saving lots of money, but also creating coordination challenges. She explained that notices go to all members of the Parent Organization, but notices regarding students go to the "default" parent, which is usually the father. Several people advised checking the SPAM folder if notices have not been received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Legislative Action Reporting: Kathy Bliss presented information on this opportunity. The school is looking for two Legislative Action Persons (LAPs) to replace the current individuals, Kathy Bliss and Pam Cullerton. The Catholic Conference of Illinois oversees this service, which is open to any non-public grammar or high school. Saint Ignatius College Prep cannot become involved in actions that support legislation, so the role of the LAPs is to facilitate communication with parents about legislative issues that impact them, Kathy explained. The vehicle for that communication is the Parent Organization. Monthly emails may or may not require communication. The LAPs take action only when it is asked for. The LAPs report to the Parent Organization president. Mary Ellen Prindiville has volunteered for the position and Kathy has the name of another possible volunteer.

Christmas Tree Decorating: The school is looking for people to decorate the dining hall Christmas tree on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving or the Monday after. Work through Meredith Couling. Judy Feller volunteered for this project.

Topics for January & February Board Meetings: If you have thoughts on topics, let Ann McAloon or Mimsie O'Hara know. Some ideas:

- Invite Mary Pat Riley to discuss the interest level of the school and the Parent Organization in a book drive service project.
- Invite Brendan Conroy to discuss the state of Christ the King Jesuit College Prep, the new Jesuit-sponsored high school in Chicago, and present any current needs the school may have. This service project was a ton of fun, a ton of work, and the accomplishment felt good. Thanks to Gini Marziani and Greg Wrobel.
- Discuss whether the Parent Organization should continue with this service project relationship or select another project.

Next Meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2009, at 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen Prindiville
Recording Secretary