

**Saint Ignatius College Prep Parent Organization
Board Meeting Minutes of: March 10, 2009**

Meeting called to order by Ann McAloon, president, at 6:03 p.m.

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

I. OLD BUSINESS

a. Admitted Student and Family Reception (March 1, 2009)

Ann McAloon thanked all those who volunteered for this event. The reception went exceedingly well with a total attendance estimated at 880. Student panels were held in the gym while breakout groups for parent covered academics, tuition assistance and college counseling. Those who attended were impressed with the event.

b. Junior Family Mass (March 8, 2009) Hosted by Freshman Board Reps

Ann complimented Freshman Board Reps for a superb job. Bruce Mueller, the chairperson for the event reported that 13 families assisted with the event and worked well together. Attendance was down this year to an estimated 350. It is believed that the same number of class rings were sold this year based on comments from Jostens, but it was noted that rings were ordered in the fall before the economic downturn, and that they were available in a variety of price ranges. Poor weather with heavy rain and sports events may have been a factor in attendance. Quest was used for the reception and they did a nice job. It was suggested that a stronger focus on the message that the junior mass is “the beginning of the end of your time here” could improve attendance. It was also suggested that in addition to offering rings, if a pin or a prayer card were presented to everyone, there might be more participation from junior class members. This mass transitioned from the “ring mass” to the “junior class mass” a few years ago.

II. New Business and Upcoming Events

a. Virtus Training (March 12, 2009, 3-5 p.m., Saint Ignatius College Prep)

Ann McAloon invited those who were interested to attend.

b. Auction (March 28, 2009)

Ann reminded everyone to register online or send in the response card. It is easier to register early and this allows the auction committee to provide a more accurate number for catering.

Donated items will be accepted through March 23; for recognition in the auction book, donations must be made by March 15.

Board members will once again be asked to conduct a calling campaign to remind parents to register, volunteer, and invite friends, family, neighbors, freshman parents, and parents of incoming students to attend. Ann will email calling assignments with a script.

c. Freshman Class Mass (April 26, 2009)

Junior Board Reps will host this event. The group briefly gathered after the board meeting. Ann will be in touch with Formation and Ministry regarding details for this event. Engaging Quest for this event was suggested. The invitation will be sent before

spring break.

A brief discussion regarding promoting the Parent Group via e-mail ensued.

d. Post Prom Event (May 16 – 17, 2009)

Co-chairs of this event will contact people for help.

e. 2009 – 2010 Officer Positions

Greg Wrobel, Gini Marziani, Katie Brandt and Sharon McIlhattan make up the search committee. The vice president moves into the president's position. All parents of current students are welcome to serve. A notice will go on the school's website. A slate of candidates will be presented and voted upon at the next general meeting on April 21, 2009. Please let Ann McAloon or members of the selection committee know if you are interested in serving.

f. New Officer Induction (May 5, 2009)

This event is for board members and reps.

Discussion

Greg Wrobel commended the leadership of incoming co-presidents Mimsie and Andy O'Hara. He suggested that people also begin thinking about event chair roles, pointing out the advantage of lining these positions up early.

Ann McAloon introduced incoming freshman parent reps Debb and Ken Rudmin.

She also conveyed Sister Marion's regrets that she has been unable to join the group to speak about Holy Family's Food Pantry efforts. She hopes to be able to attend sometime over the coming year. She thanks the group for remembering Holy Family in this important outreach effort.

Greg Wrobel reported that ideas are in formation for this year's Service Project. He asked reps to keep the project in mind and discuss ideas for projects with other Saint Ignatius College Prep parents. Christ the King Jesuit College Prep may have opportunities for service again this year, perhaps in two stages. Greg is waiting to hear more from the school. He has also had discussions with John Chandler about needs at Saint Ignatius College Prep, who mentioned some possibilities in the service wing of the campus, which may be more manual-type labor. More information will be coming. There may be the opportunity to modestly expand the service project beyond one day.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2009, at 6 p.m. There will be a General Meeting at 7 p.m. The topic is the annual State of the School address.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ellen Prindiville
Recording Secretary