

**SAINT IGNATIUS COLLEGE PREP**  
**Parents' Organization**  
**Minutes of General Meeting**  
**April 8, 2008**

**Call to Order.** Gini Marziani and Greg Wrobel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Fr. Paulson opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Recap of 2007-08 Parents' Organization Events.** Gini and Greg noted strong attendance and volunteer participation at 2007-08 Parents' Organization events, including the Used Book Sale (8/07), Mini Class Night (9/07), Annual Benefit (11/07), Frosh Soph Mass (11/07), Open House (12/07), Junior Class Mass (3/08), Auction (3/08), and Post Prom (forthcoming in 5/08), and thanked all Board members and event volunteers who helped with planning and hosting events.

**Volunteer Sign-Up Forms.** Gini encouraged parents to use Sign-Up Forms available at the meeting to volunteer as Class Reps and event volunteers for 2008-09 Parents' Organization events, including the new Fall Parent Service Day (FPSD) program.

Greg encouraged parents to participate in FPSD 2008, which will entail service work at Christ The King Jesuit College Preparatory School, the new Jesuit-sponsored high school near Laramie St. and Washington Blvd. in Chicago. CTKJ will welcome its first class of freshmen student on August 25, 2008, and Saint Ignatius parents will help prepare the school's temporary school site on one or more Saturdays in August 2008.

**2008-09 Officer Selection.** Gini introduced Kathy Bliss, Nominating Committee Chair. Kathy introduced the slate of 2008-09 officers: Ann McAloon, President; Mimsie & Andrew O'Hara, Co-Vice Presidents; Elizabeth Frith, Recording Secretary; and Karen & Patrick Layng, Co-Corresponding Secretaries. Kathy noted that Ann is the current Vice President and will serve as President for 2008-09 in accordance with the Parents' Organization Bylaws. Kathy reviewed the other nominees' past participation in Parents' Organization service and moved for approval of the slate. Members present voted by acclamation in favor of their election.

**State of School Program - Dr. Karl & Fr. Paulson.** Gini introduced Dr. Karl and Fr. Paulson, who presented the annual State of the School program.

Fr. Paulson reviewed financial, development, operations, and admissions matters. He noted success in implementing a higher salary structure for faculty and commensurate tuition increases to fund same; continued progress with the Greater Glory Capital Campaign; acquisition and short-term rental of property from the Duncan YMCA to the south of the school; and continued success in admissions, with a large applicant pool for the Class of 2012. Fr. Paulson also reported on planned consolidation of Jesuits Provinces in the United States, which will bring together administrative oversight of Jesuit high schools in several Midwest states.

Dr. Karl reviewed a variety of topics and school programs, noting success over a period of years in changing the format for formation and ministry programs conducted on school days. Special programs now are used several times during the school year, with shortened school days, so students will focus more fully on the topic of each program. Dr. Karl also commented on academic trends and administrative matters, including the school's recent review of student dress code. The school will not adopt a student uniform requirement, but instead will make some adjustments in the student dress code. Dr. Karl asked parents to counsel their students to be sensitive to matters of economic diversity, among others, in selecting school attire.

Fr. Paulson and Dr. Karl responded to questions on a variety of topics, including the role and responsibility of parents in monitoring and controlling student attendance at social functions at which there is concern that alcohol consumption and other inappropriate conduct may occur.

Gini and Greg thanked Fr. Paulson and Dr. Karl for their reports and comments, and encouraged parents to communicate on matters of interest or concern at any time, either directly to Fr. Paulson and Dr. Karl, or to any officer of the Parents' Organization.

**Adjournment.** Gini adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 pm.