



Fenwick Mothers' Club Minutes

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Lunch- Noon, Meeting – 12:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. 12:30pm – In Father Dennis' absence, Father Peddicord started the meeting with the Mother's Club Prayer.

2. INTRODUCTION – Jodi Darrow, Fenwick Mothers' Club President

- A. 2018-2019 Executive Board and Past Presidents
- B. Welcome & Thank you for being here ☺
- C. ALL ARE WELCOME – Join in the fun & please sign up to volunteer ☺
Committee Sheets are circulating & Sign-Up Genius is on the Website.
- D. Mothers' Club Information – FMC emails (includes newsletters, special announcements, invitation and information), Fenwick Bulletin on Monday & Thursdays

3. SPEAKERS

- A. Father Richard Peddicord – President
Father congratulated the Fenwick Girls' Hockey team on their win and State Championship title. He went on to talk about the championship game that was against New Trier High School. It was the first game that he had been to this season. He mentioned that Fenwick easily had 5 times the number of fans present for the game and he was impressed with the Fenwick student body and their support of the team. He was proud of Ellie Kaiser, who when fouled choose to take a penalty shot instead of giving the team a power play. Father observed Ellie made the sign of the cross before taking her shot. That simple act showed Father the power of Fenwick. She made the shot that gave Fenwick the win! During the school assembly, the team talked about the fans helped them make the State Championship possible that night. Father believes that says a lot about the Fenwick Community!
Father told us that his very favorite event of the year is the Mothers' and Seniors' Mass and Brunch. He encouraged all the Senior Moms to attend!
Father also thanked the Mother's Club board for the work they did this past year, especially Jodi Darrow who made this year a success.
- B. Mr. Richard Borsch & Mrs. Laura Docherty
They talked about how Seniors make it easy to say goodbye. Their motto is Cooperate and Graduate. Many seniors have made their college choice but some have not. The Seniors need to get them copies of their scholarship letters before the May 16th. This information is on Schoology.
The parents of Juniors are to encourage their children to meet with them. Parents may or may not be present at those college counselor meetings. The counseling office is starting earlier this year with teacher recommendations. Juniors will need to let the teachers know

after Easter break this year. This will give the teachers the opportunity to write those letters on behalf of the students over the summer, making it less cumbersome in the fall. They also mentioned that the common app questions are out and that juniors can start mapping out their answers to the essay question now. They would like the students to take both the ACT and the SAT tests to evaluate whether they may be better at one over the other. A July ACT test and an August SAT test has been added for this year. They also said, for those students who aren't good test takers, that many schools are not requiring the standardized tests, including University of Chicago. In order to help your child decide on what they want study in college, it would be a good idea to look into summer Internships where their interests lie right now. The Fenwick college counselors will be offering, again this year, summer college talks every Monday for six weeks starting in June when school lets out.

C. Mr. Peter Durkin

Peter mentioned Friars Connect currently has over 700 people on it. It is a good resource for resume help or help with summer internships.

Peter encouraged parents and alumni to sign up for this year's Friar Classic Golf Outing which will be held on June 14th. The event will be at the Cantigny Golf Course and is meant to be a fun event. Registration will open shortly. They will be offering a discount to female golfers and young alumni golfers. There will be both morning and afternoon tee times.

D. Ms. Marilyn Frisz

The Black Friars Gala is April 26th at the Drury Lane. There are currently 500 tickets sold and there is still space available. There will be both a live auction and a silent auction this year. They have 14 college baskets and some Fenwick baskets to bid on. You need not be present to bid. You may bid via your cell phone that evening. Also, there will be a \$20,000 cash raffle. Raffle tickets are \$100 each. You also do not need to be present to participate in the raffle so purchase your tickets online.

E. Mr. Authur Wieckiewicz- Debate Team

He is the head coach for the Debate team and his assistant coach is social studies teacher, Brian Jerger. The debate team competes both locally and nationally. Two debates each year are hosted by Fenwick. The team is good for helping with writing and also is good for students who may have difficulty socially. They are always looking for new members. This year there will be a summer debate camp offered in August. He wanted to thank the moms who have been helpful with tournaments during the year.

F. Mr. Dave Kleinhans –WYSE

Mr Kleinhans is the coach of Fenwick's TEAMS and WYSE science clubs, along with Kevin Roche. Students in TEAMS compete as a combined entity in solving an engineering/physics situation. They placed first at Regionals and even beat the University of Chicago Lab school which was a huge accomplishment. Students on WYSE compete individually and then those individual scores are combined to form a team score. Fenwick won every medal at WYSE Regionals. The State competition is April 24th. Fenwick has 18 kids going to State this year which is the largest group in his 10 years of coaching the team.

Mr Kleinhans also mentioned that he is looking to build a "maker lab space" at Fenwick. It will be a space where robotics, 3-D printing and Computer Aided Design work can be done. If any

parents are interested in helping this dream become a reality, they can contact him to donate to the cause.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. February 2019 - Minutes Approval

Caroline Prabhu approved the minutes and Jane Gaffigan seconded the motion.

B. Treasurer's Report – Laura Jachim

Laura mentioned that all Mothers' Club events this year have been just as successful if not more so than last year.

Anyone needing reimbursement, please let Laura know.

C. Thank You – Acknowledgments

1. Hospitality - Diana Baehrends, Amy Grogan & Lisa Fox

Amy thanked everyone who helped provide today's lunch. She also thanked all who have supplied donations for hospitality this year!

2. Fashion Show

Jodi thanked Tina Dillon, Jane Gaffigan, Susan Haeflinger, Pam Malchow & Susan Regan and their committee for all their work of this year's Fashion Show. She also thanked Diana Baehrend for her beautiful table centerpieces and Amy Grogan & Carol Fox from Hospitality for coordinating the food backstage for the models.

Jodi thanked Kerry Turgeon for the fashion show's raffle baskets and Rita Fioravanti for the diamond raffle.

3. Giftware – Tina Hutchinson & Nicole Yungerman

Tina and Nicole launched new items at this meeting. They have what they call "graduation items" which include Fenwick balloons, cups and napkins. Also new is a tie-dyed silicone cup which is dishwasher safe and comes with a lid and straw. Please stop by and check out all the things they have.

4. Nora Fleming

Thank you to Nora for continuing to make monthly donations to the Fenwick Mothers' Club for each purchase of a mini shield. She continues her generosity to Fenwick.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Senior/Mother Mass & Brunch – Sunday, May 5, 2019@Oak Brook Hills

Meg Breslin, Melanie Domke, Melissa Vrdolyak, & Jane Walsh

Jane mentioned that Father Peddicord said it all. Please sign up soon if you haven't already done so, the last day to sign up is approaching. The event kicks off at 10am with pictures, at 11am there is Mass, which is followed by brunch.

B. Senior Post Prom – Saturday, May 18th, 2019

Janet Waring, Colleen Ehrhardt, Jennifer Dowd, Cathy Dolson & Leslie Shearer-Meretsky

Janet said that they still need volunteers to help on Friday morning with alphabetizing the backpacks and also on Friday afternoon with decorating the school. If you are interested in helping please email Leslie Shearer Meretsky to be added to the sign-up genius.

C. Volunteer Appreciation & Officer Installation Mass & Luncheon- May 14th, 2019 in chapel & Atrium

Elly Frymire Cone encouraged all who helped with the Mothers' Club events throughout the year to come on May 14th for the appreciation lunch. It will begin at 10:30am with Mass in the Chapel and then followed by lunch. There will be no sign-up sheets or meeting, just the chance to enjoy each other's company.

D. Binders – Please turn in your completed Binders for your events to Jane Gaffigan

E. Membership/Registration for FMC 2019-2020– Katie Filbin & Kerry Sedlacek
Registration is now open for next year's Mothers' Club. Please sign up!

F. "OKTOBERFEST" – Fenwick Fathers' Club & Fenwick Mothers' Club joint Event- Debbie Hultquist & Jenny Jones & Melanie Domke - Save the Date, Saturday, September 21st, 2019
Riverside Golf Club

G. Presentation of New Executive Board for 2019-2020

President – Jane Gaffigan

President Elect – Debi Seligmann

Vice President – Jane Walsh

Treasurer – Maggie McGarel

Corresponding Secretary – Janet Waring

Recording Secretary – Jenny Prangle

MEETING ADJOURNED at 1:15pm.



Thank you for attending our last regular meeting of the year – what a Fabulous year it has been! Thank you for all your time and efforts to make Fenwick Mothers' Club so wonderful - we are very grateful to you 😊

GO FRIARS!

