



Fenwick Mothers Club Minutes

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

7:00 pm Evening Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. 7:00 p.m. – President Jodi Darrow called the meeting to order

2. SPEAKERS

A. Father Dennis Woerter– Moderator

- Father spoke about the recent Sophomore Service day. He said that the Little Sisters of the Poor commented to him about the compassion, care and sensitivity that our students showed towards their residents. He said that he also saw those same qualities in the Seniors that attended the most recent Kairos retreat. The seniors talked about their Grandparents and siblings with disabilities with respect and compassion.
- Father then led us in saying the Mother's Prayer.

B. Mr. Peter Groom – Principal

- Mr Groom started off talking to the Mothers of seniors. He has seen a great change in this year's senior class. They wanted to change the image of how they were seen by others: to change their opinions of them. He is pleased by how they have accomplished this and thinks they are immersing as leaders. He saw this in the way they supported the Math team that just won regionals. There was a group of Seniors in the Fenwick parking lot for the Math team to return to Fenwick so they could congratulate them on their success.
- The Seniors also led the students in a successful Turn About dance.
- Mr Groom highlighted some recent athletic accomplishments. The girls' basketball team lost in the sectional finals. The boys' basketball team starts their playoff season tomorrow night, 2/27. Liam Hutchinson won State placing 1st in the 500 Swimming event!
- Mr Groom said that course selection is underway, adding that the new class AP Psychology only has a GPA prerequisite.
- Mr Groom mentioned that Fenwick is considering doing away with quarter grades and just having semester grades. He is concerned that in doing this, the freshman may suffer in the beginning. He welcomes any feedback or comments that we have on the subject.
- Mr Groom told us that 1st Semester Finals next year will be back to the way they were in the past at Fenwick with students taking them after the Christmas break.

C. Fr. Richard Peddicord-President

- Fr Peddicord started off by congratulating Liam Hutchinson and the entire boys swim team for their accomplishments this year. Fr Peddicord had the opportunity to hear Coach McGuire's speech to them and thought it to be "unbelievably Fenwick!" Coach McGuire talked about how the boys came together this season and sacrificed for each other and that was instrumental to their success.
- Fr Peddicord talked about how Fenwick is a Dominican school and the students are taught to understand what Dominican Spirituality is and how it pertains to their life. He would like to bring this Dominican Spirituality to the entire Fenwick Community. He polled the mothers that were present and asked for their interest if he was to host a Mass and Dominican Reflection specific to mothers in the future. He talked about having it on a Saturday morning. Someone suggested having it during Lent or Advent.

3. **INTRODUCTION** – Jodi Darrow, Fenwick Mothers' Club President, thanked everyone for coming to the tonight's meeting

A. 2018-2019 Executive Board was introduced

- Jane Gaffigan – President Elect
- Elly Frymire Cone – Vice President
- Laura Jachim – Treasurer (absent)
- Caroline Prabhu – Corresponding Secretary
- Lisa Henige – Recording Secretary

B. ALL ARE WELCOME – Join in the fun & please sign up to volunteer 😊
Committee Sheets are circulating & Sign-Up Genius is on the Website.

C. Mothers' Club Information – FMC emails (includes newsletters, special announcements, invitation and information), Fenwick Bulletin on Monday & Thursday

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. **January 2019** - Minutes Approval

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

B. **Treasurer's Report** – Jodi spoke for Laura saying that the online registration is currently happening for Fashion Show.

C. **Thank You** – Acknowledgments

1. **Hospitality** – Diana Baehrend, Amy Grogan & Carol Fox
Amy thanked the volunteers for tonight's great spread.

2. **Retreat** – Thank you to Caroline Prabhu & Janet Waring for a wonderful Valentine’s morning.
3. **Giftware** – Tina Hutchinson & Nicole Yungerman
There will be new items in April. Among the new things will be Fenwick shield balloons for Graduation parties and silicone cups.
4. **Nora Fleming**
Thank you to Nora Fleming for her donation back to the FMC for every purchase of a Fenwick shield mini.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Out Reach & Prayer Chain** – Caroline Prabhu
Contact Caroline if you would like to be added to the prayer chain list.
- B. **Fashion Show & Dinner – Thursday, March 14, 2019, 7pm @Drury Lane**
Tina Dillon, Jane Gaffigan, Susan Haeflinger, Pam Malchow, Kerry Turgeon & Susan Reagan
 - 219 Fashion show tickets have been sold to date. Please rally some tables together for a fun night.
 - The diamond necklace raffle will only sell 200 – \$50 tickets.
 - Kerry Turgeon is working on the raffle baskets for the event. There will be 10 baskets and will include the Penninsula Club, a Friar tailgate, Shop Around Hinsdale, wine and a Mass with Fr Peddicord to name a few. Please purchase raffle basket tickets which are on sale online as well as at the event.
- C. **66th Annual Black Friars Scholarship Dinner Dance, Friday, April 26, 2019 @Drury Lane**
Jodi mentioned that Fenwick is looking for volunteers to help with the event.
- D. **Senior/Mother Mass & Brunch – Sunday, May 5, 2019 @Oak Brook Hills**
Meg Breslin, Melanie Domke, Melissa Vrdolyak & Jane Walsh
 - Jane spoke about how this event is a favorite one among mothers and includes Mass, brunch, speakers and pictures with your senior child. Invitations are being mailed out in March and there will be online registration as well. They are currently looking for volunteers for the day.
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- E. **Senior Post Prom – Saturday May 18, 2019**
Janet Waring, Jennifer Dowd , Cathy Dolsen ,Colleen Ehrhardt, & Leslie Shearer-Meretsky
 - Janet said they are still looking for volunteers for both the night’s festivities which include a casino, raffles, games, food and check-in. They also need help before the event with bag drop-off and decorations.

F. Next Meeting is here at Fenwick on April 9th, 2019 @ 12:00pm

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:45pm.

Thank you for attending today's meeting! Thank you for all your time and efforts to Fenwick Mothers' Club – we are very grateful to you!

SEE U AT THE FASHION SHOW on March 14th