



## Fenwick Mothers Club Agenda

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Meeting

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. President Jodi Darrow called the meeting to order.
- B. Father Dennis Woerter started the meeting off with the Mother's Club prayer. He asked us to keep in prayer the 5<sup>th</sup> group of Seniors to go thru Kairos next week.

### 2. Jodi Darrow, Fenwick Mothers' Club President introduced the 2018-2019 Executive Board:

Jane Gaffigan – President Elect  
Elly Frymire-Cone – Vice President  
Laura Jachim – Treasurer  
Lisa Henige – Recording Secretary  
Carolyn Prabhu – Corresponding Secretary (not present today)

Tina Dillon, Past President, was in attendance and introduced.

### 3. SPEAKERS

- A. Father Richard Peddicord – President
  - Father thanked the FMC for the Faculty Christmas Luncheon and for sponsoring the Annual Teachers Fund. He mentioned that it is a highlight of the year for the teachers and something that they look forward to every year.
  - Father mentioned that after 7 years as President, he is back to teaching again. He is teaching one class of Dominican Spirituality. He was concerned about classroom management since he was teaching 11<sup>th</sup> period seniors but said they they have been "angels on steroids." He is enjoying the class.
- B. Mr. Peter Groom – Principal
  - Mr Groom talked about noticing students stress levels being high during finals before break and that next year finals week will be back to way it was in the past with all the final exams after break in January.
  - Mr Groom talked about how it is hard to get the teachers to supervise the Turn About dance and that the number of kids will be limited to 500.

- Mr Groom discussed curriculum changes for next year. The current Fine Arts class will be focused on music only and will change its name to “Music Appreciation”. A Computer Data Structure Class will be added next year. This class may be offered as an online class depending on the number of students that sign up for it. An AP Psychology class and an Honors Level Studio Art class will be added.
- C. Mr. Richard Borsch & Mrs. Laura Docherty – College Update
- Mr Borsch emphasized that every Junior should take BOTH the ACT and the SAT at least once. They are noticing a trend where not every Fenwick student is trying both. He said that every school in the country accepts both tests and that some students do slightly better on one test over the other.
  - Semester grades for the seniors are being sent to colleges that require a semester report.
  - Seniors should check Schoology for a list of potential scholarships for extra merit money.
  - Seniors should make a final visit to the school that they think they want to go to in the Fall.
  - The financial aid forms haven’t gotten easier to fill out and read. If you have any questions about them, please get in touch with either Mr Borsch or Mrs Docherty.
- D. Mr. Joe Ori – Director of Admissions
- Letters of acceptance have gone out last Thursday to the 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Please reach out to people that you know who tested here to see if you can answer any questions about Fenwick.
  - We had about 518 8<sup>th</sup> graders test this year. This number was up from last year which saw a decrease because of moving the test to December. We like the number to be between 500 and 600.
  - We have about a 75% acceptance rate
  - 7<sup>th</sup> graders can start shadowing in February
- E. Mr. Roger Finnell – Banua Preview
- There are 119 students participating in Banua and another 20 students in the crew.
  - For the first time in 51 years, 8 teachers will be in a skit.
  - The performances will be on Friday & Saturday nights at 7pm.
  - Joe Zawacki, Sebastian Torres, Vinny Micucci, Kate Turner and Damien Dalic performed their musical acts for the Mothers’ Club.
- F. Ms. Cindy Erwin – Raise the Shield
- This year the Alumni Relations group has added a new event, The Winter Carnival. It’s meant to be a way for young alumni with young families to stay

connected with Fenwick. It is geared towards young kids. There will be a bounce house, a magician and pizza.

- This year's "Raise The Shield" 24 hour online fundraiser day will be February 21<sup>st</sup>. It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for the event. Last year Fenwick raised \$270,000 from approximately 2,000 donors.
- This year the student component will be enhanced by making it an assembly day. There will be "Penny Wars" at lunch where the students will compete by Class with donation buckets. Every paper dollar and penny contributed will add to the Class donations. Every "silver coin" donated will subtract from the Class donation – for example, a senior may load up his silver coins in the Freshman bucket so the freshman get a lot of deductions. The Class with the largest contribution will receive a dress down day.
- Tomorrow starts the Save-The-Date emails
- The video series for the Raise the Shield is student motivated and produced. Apparently, they are not fans of the Dom videos so he will not be in this year's. The theme this year is about how the \$ raised gets used at the school.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

##### A. November 2018 - Minutes Approval

Tina Dillon approved the minutes and Laura Jachim seconded the motion.

##### B. Treasurer's Report – Laura Jachim

- There are 17 people signed up for the February Retreat, which is \$25 per person.
- The link for the Fashion show will be up soon
- Please let Laura know if you have any questions about reimbursement.
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##### C. Thank You – Acknowledgments

1. Hospitality – Diana Baehrend, Carol Fox & Amy Grogan  
Amy thanked the volunteers for today's wonderful lunch
2. Christmas Mass & Luncheon, 12/06/18 @OPCC– Elizabeth Fisher & Elly Frymire-Cone  
Jodi said the Mass and luncheon was a terrific event.
3. Faculty Christmas Luncheon 12/21/18 @FHS– Sue Gurgone, Ana Dimailig, Sue Mcleod ,Felicia Nelson and Jill Pinkowski  
Raffle Baskets – Michelle Pacente  
Bartenders – Cara Pietrzak  
Jodi thanked everyone for all their work in putting together a wonderful event for the teachers.
4. Faculty Staff Appreciation Fund – Tina Dillon & Tammy Mortell  
Thanks to all who contributed. The gifts are truly appreciated by the faculty and staff.

5. Nora Fleming

Thank you to Nora Fleming for contributing to the FMC with every purchase of the Fenwick Sheild mini

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Out Reach - Caroline Prabhu

- If you are interesting in being part of the Fenwick Mothers' Club Prayer Chain, please contact Caroline Prabhu
- This year's Retreat is on February 14, 2019.

B. Giftware-Tina Hutchinson & Nicole Yungerman

C. Fashion Show & Dinner 3/14/19 @Drury Lane– Tina Dillon, Juli Cronin, Susan Haeflinger, Pam Malchow, Kerry Turgeon & Jane Gaffigan

- If you are looking for a table to sit, put down your child's sport or activity and/or their graduation year and they will place you with people of similar interests.
- Online registration will be up soon. You will be able to purchase raffle tickets online too

D. Fashion Show Raffle & Diamond Raffle – Rita Fioravanti & Lauren Kapusta

- They are still looking for Raffle Basket donations. For some reason, they are short this year
- Raffle baskets include a "tennis day with Mr Draski", a tailgate package and "shopping in Hinsdale"

E. 66<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Friars Scholarship Dinner Dance 4/26/19 –Committee Help Needed

F. Senior/Mother Mass & Brunch 5/5/19 @Oak Brook Hills – Meg Breslin, Melanie Domke, Jane Walsh & Melissa Vrdolyak

G. Senior Post Prom, 5/18/19 – Cathy Dolsen, Jennifer Dowd, Colleen Ehrhardt, Janet Waring, Leslie Shearer-Meretsky

- Looking for volunteers to help with decorations, if you are interested

H. Committee Chairs for 2019-2020 – if interested please contact our President Elect, Jane Gaffigan

I. Nominating Committee – Meeting held early March. We are in the process of looking for next year's Board. Please consider nominating yourself or someone you know for the Board. The "Nominating Form" is here and will also be on the Mothers' Club web page. Positions: President-Elect, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary. We also need members to be on the Nominating Committee to select next year's Board. Please contact Jane Gaffigan.

J. Next Meeting is here at Fenwick on February 26, 2019 @7:00.

Hope to see you at the Mothers' Club Spiritual Retreat on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

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 ☺

