



## Fenwick Mothers Club Minutes

Tuesday, September 11, 2018  
Lunch – Noon, Meeting – 12:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER – Jodi Darrow, Mothers' Club President called the meeting to order.
  - A. Opening Prayer – Father Dennis Woerter – Moderator  
Father Dennis started by welcoming all the Freshman Moms. He spoke of the Kairos Retreat last week. He said this was his 38<sup>th</sup> one for him and that each one is different. He said that 3 days after the retreat ended, he had students come up to him and personally thank him for the retreat. He mentioned that this has never happened before. He was pleased that our students have learned gratitude. He then began by leading the group with the Mother's Prayer.
2. INTRODUCTION
  - A. Jodi introduced herself and the Past Presidents who were present – Tina Dillon & Tammy Mortell  
Jodi also introduced the 2018/2019 Executive Board  
Jane Gaffigan – President Elect  
Laura Jachim – Treasurer  
Caroline Prabhu – Corresponding Secretary  
Lisa Henige – Recording Secretary  
Elly Frymire-Cone – Vice President
  - B. Jodi welcomed all the Freshman Moms and thanked everyone for coming. She mentioned that all are welcome to join in the fun & please sign up to volunteer. Committee Sheets are circulating & Volunteer Sign-Up is on the Website.
  - C. Mothers' Club Information – email, Fenwick Bulletin on Monday & Thursdays, evites and invitations
3. Lousie Augustyn, co-chair of the Alumni Mother's Club Board, spoke of her Fenwick experience with the Mothers' Club. She talked about how she still gets together with the friends she has met thru Fenwick Mothers' Club. She encouraged all of us to take the time to volunteer and get involved. She mentioned that the Alumni Mothers' Club kicks off the year with a Harvest Breakfast on October 4<sup>th</sup> at Oak Park Country Club. She

also invited all current Mothers' Club members to join the weekly Advent reflection that the Alumni Mothers' Club will host over coffee during Advent.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

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

Laura talked about revenues for the Mothers' Club coming from Black & White shopping night, dues, giftware purchases, the Fashion Show, Oktoberfest and the Uniform resale. Mothers' club uses that income for the Faculty Welcome Luncheon, The Freshman Welcome Coffee, the Christmas Mass and Lunch, the Faculty Christmas party, the Senior Mother Brunch and Post Prom. Laura indicated that the forms for reimbursements are found on the website or to email her if you need assistance.

##### B. Thank You – Acknowledgments – Jodi thanked the following individuals for their time and talents given at the recent events:

1. Last Year's Senior Mass & Brunch – Jane Walsh, Caroline Prabhu & Melissa Vrdolyak
2. Last Year's Post Prom – Colleen Ehrhardt, Sue Gurgone, Amy Caronchi & Leslie Shearer-Meretsky
3. Directory – Katie Filbin & Kerri Sedlacek  
Kerri apologized for the mess up with the directory this year and said that the new directories will be available on Thursday at Mini Class night. She asked us to please stop by the table by the Friar Shop to pick up your copy on Thursday. After Thursday night, the directories will be at Reception for pick up by yourself or your student.
4. Uniform Resale – Heather O'Bryan & Deidre Kassay
5. Faculty Welcome Luncheon – Liz Durkin & Bridget Mahoney
6. Freshman Welcome Coffee – Maria Beltrame, Beth Jensen & Lina Velliotis

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Freshman Liaison Chairs – Nancy McNamara & Kerry Ward

Nancy mentioned that there were 187 new to Fenwick families this year.

##### B. Oktoberfest, 09/15/18 @Riverside Golf Club – Debbie Hultquist, Jenny Jones

The adult social event will include a live band, German beer and a buffet dinner. There is a Peloton Bike to be raffled off that night – only 200 tickets will be sold at \$100 a piece. Also there will be silent auction sports tickets as well as a stock your wine cellar to bid on. Raffle baskets will also be available. The event is casual and will include an award for best German costume for those who want to participate.

##### C. Black & White Shopping Night, 10/24/18 in the Fenwick Field House – Lauren

Kapusta spoke about the event. Other committee members include: Kelly Sandor, Cara Panares Pietrzak, Dori Schleiter & Tracy Welsh

Lauren mentioned that tickets can be purchased on the Mothers' Club website and are \$21 in advance, which will include a raffle ticket, and will be \$25 at the door. They currently have 20 vendors who will be selling items that night. They are still looking for more vendors. If you know of anyone that has a craft to sell or might be interested in showcasing their boutique at the event, please contact her. There are many volunteer opportunities for the event, some as simple as dropping of a case of water at school for the event. Please sign up to help at this event on the clipboard that is rotating around the room or by contacting her directly.

D. OutReach - Caroline Prabhu

Caroline spoke about the Mothers' Club Prayer Chain and how prayers are offered for those in need. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Caroline.

Caroline mentioned that a Retreat is being planned for February 2019. More information will follow.

E. Hospitality – Diana Baehrend, Carol Fox & Amy Grogan. Amy thanked the Mothers' Club board for supplying today's lunch. Volunteers are needed for future meetings. Individuals can either sign up to bring a specific item on a specific date or sign their names to a list to be contacted if there is a last minute need.

At this time we welcomed Faculty and Staff to the meeting for presentations:

6. SPEAKERS

A. Fr. Richard Peddicord, O.P.- President

Father Peddicord welcomed everyone to the meeting and was impressed to see such a large crowd. He told a story about a Fenwick alumni in Washington DC who starts his busy day everyday with the Rosary. That alum credits Fenwick for grounding him in daily prayer. Father Peddicord mentioned that there is an effort to canonize Bishop Edward Dominic Fenwick. He is the founder of the Dominican order.

Fenwick plans to say a novena in his honor starting September 18<sup>th</sup> and ending on the anniversary of his death on September 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be more information following for all who might be interested in joining Fenwick for this novena.

B. Mr. Chris Ritten - Vice President of Institutional Advancement

Chris mentioned that his office is responsible for all the external stuff that Fenwick needs to exist....marketing, fund raising, alumni relations, etc... Chris spoke of the Centennial Capital Campaign and left brochures for all who hadn't already seen them. He said that Phase 1 of the campaign will begin this coming May/June Fenwick will be building a parking garage on site that will house 300-350 cars. It is targeted to be completed by 2020/21 school year.

- C. Peter Durkin – Director of Alumni Relations  
Peter is a 2003 Graduate of Fenwick and was hired this year to work under Chris Ritten on the Fenwick network. FriarsConnect.com went live 6 days ago and has already been well received within the community. It is meant to connect Fenwick alumni with each other and help with career services. Please take the time to sign up to be a part of this network. It is available to Fenwick alumni as well as Fenwick Parents and Grandparents.
- D. Mr. Scott Hardesty – Development/Director of Marketing Communication  
Scott walked about how their main job is to “tell the Fenwick story”. They use the website, email, Facebook & Twitter to do so. They are hoping to add Instagram and SnapChat as well. He mentioned that the Friar Files blog is something we should read too.
- E. Dr. James Quaid- Director of Student Services & Enrollment Mgt.  
Dr Quaid is back working at Fenwick this year. He is familiar with Fenwick having been a past principal here. Dr Quaid said we are Blessed at Fenwick to have Father Peddicord who knows and understands the value of education and teachers who are well-qualified in their areas of expertise. Dr Quaid said that Maureen Nash is this year’s registrar in Student Services.
- F. Class Counselors
- Mr. Richard Borsch/ Ms. Laura Docherty – Class of 2019  
Ms Docherty said that Seniors need to be starting their applications. She said there will be an email sent out to the parents of seniors outlining the college application process. The early deadline for college applications is November 1<sup>st</sup>. She told the parents of seniors to be sure to check for messages in schoology. Naviance has a list for Juniors and Seniors to see who will be coming Fenwick. Ms Docherty mentioned that there will be quite a few colleges here on Wednesday this week and that each student can only miss up to 6 classes to visit a college rep. She also mentioned that the Write Place will help students with college essays so students should take advantage this resource.
  - Ms. Emily Anderson – Class of 2020  
Ms Anderson said that the Juniors should be making college visits this year. She said there are a number of colleges where demonstrated interest makes a difference in whether or not a student gets admitted. A lot of the Juniors have taken the practice ACT offered at Fenwick in June and they will be taking the PSAT one last time this Fall. They should compare these scores to see which test they may be better at and move forward by preparing for that test. She said that most schools take both the ACT and SAT tests. There will be another ACT/SAT prep class offered thru Fenwick in December for those students that will be taking those tests in the Spring.

- Mr. Pat Jacobsen – Class of 2021  
Mr Jacobsen said the Sophomores should be looking objectively at their Freshman year and decided what went well and where they can improve. They should be setting goals for themselves.
- Ms. Mary Visteen – Class of 2022  
Ms Visteen said the freshmen are starting strong. The main focus for them right now is on making peer connections and setting goals for themselves for this year and beyond. The freshmen all take the upcoming PSAT. It is a no stress opportunity for them to practice taking the test. Ms Visteen also mentioned that her goal is to meet individually with each freshman by the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. So far, she is on track to meeting that goal.

G. Mr. Kyle Kmeiek – Student Services/Learning Resource Coordinator-  
Friar Mentors

Mr Kmeiek explained that Friar Mentors is a program where Fenwick students volunteer their time to help other students in various subjects such as English, Math, & Spanish. The peer tutoring is available before school from 7:30 – 7:55am and during lunch. An email is sent to the teachers indicating who has taken advantage of this opportunity. Mr Kmeiek encouraged us to keep a close eye on schoology.

Continuation of New Business

- F. Giftware – Tina Hutchinson & Nicole Yungerman
- G. Christmas Mass & Luncheon, 12/6/18@OPCC– Elizabeth Fisher & Elly Frymire Cone
- H. Faculty Christmas Luncheon 12/21/18 @FHS– Sue Gurgone, Ana Dimailig, Jill Pinkowski, Sue Mcleod & Felicia Nelson
- I. Faculty Staff Appreciation Fund – Tina Dillon & Tammy Mortell  
Tina mentioned that this fund is a Christmas gift for the teachers and staff from the Mothers’ Club.
- J. Fashion Show & Dinner 3/14/19 @Drury Lane– Tina Dillon, Juli Cronin, Jane Gaffigan, Susan Haeflinger, Pam Malchow & Kerry Turgeon  
Jane said this is a fun night of boutique shopping, dinner and a fashion show. She encouraged even those who may not know a lot of Fenwick adults to sign up asking to be put at a table with other Moms in your child’s grade for example. She said it’s a great night to meet new people within the Fenwick community.

MEETING ADJOURNED 2:00pm

Thank you for attending today’s meeting! Thank you for your service to Fenwick Mothers’ Club!  
See you soon at Oktoberfest on September 15<sup>th</sup> at RGC & Black & White Shopping Night on October 24<sup>th</sup> here at Fenwick in the Field House!

NEXT MEETING - 7pm on Tuesday, October 16th in the Atrium