



Fenwick Mothers Club Minutes

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Lunch- Noon, Meeting – 12:30pm

1. CALL TO ORDER – President Jodi Darrow called the meeting to order
 - A. Father Dennis Woerter – Moderator
 - Fr Dennis talked of Senior Jorie Silvis who starts chemotherapy treatment for cancer on Wednesday, November 14th. He mentioned that the entire girls swim team is coming together for the morning Mass on Wednesday in her honor. He said that this is just one way we come together at Fenwick in support of each other.
 - Fr Dennis also asked that we keep the Seniors in our prayers while they decide where they will be spending their next 4 years.

2. INTRODUCTION – Jodi Darrow, Fenwick Mothers' Club President, welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for being there
 - Jodi introduced the 2018-2019 Executive Board
 - Jane Gaffigan – President Elect
 - Elly Frymire-Cone – Vice President
 - Laura Jachim – Treasurer
 - Caroline Prabhu – Corresponding Secretary
 - Lisa Henige – Recording Secretary

- SPEAKERS
 - A. Father Richard Peddicord – President

Father spoke of November 15th being the Feast Day for St Albert the Great. He is the Patron Saint of the Dominicans. St Albert was the professor of St Thomas Aquinas. Father pointed out that St Thomas Aquinas is more known to us than his teacher St Albert. He said that as educators the hope that our students will do even more significant things than us and that as parents we hope our children will out do us as well. St Albert was Blessed to have had such a great student who out-shown him.

Father Peddicord mentioned that teacher conferences were coming up next week and that he will be in the building and available. Please come see him.

 - B. Mr. Peter Groom – Principal

Mr Groom talked about Final exams being split this year with Theology and Science being before Christmas Break and the rest being after the break. It is a trial this year

and he would love to hear some feedback about how it worked. He would like to know if your kids were more or less stressed.

Mr Groom also talked about the racial issues that OPRF has been dealing with recently. He said that the only time that Fenwick has seen even a little bit of this racial tension was in 2016 during the Presidential Election. Please let him know if you hear of anything.

Mr Groom clarified that lanyards need to on at the start of class at 8am and not right as you come into the building.

Mr Groom also mentioned that the Christmas Faculty Lunch is the highlight of the year for the teachers and whatever they receive is a great thing.

C. Mr. Richard Borsch & Ms. Laura Docherty -College Update

Mr Borsch told us that only 10.3% of Seniors haven't applied to college yet. He said that the Illinois State Scholars will be announced shortly and that 90-100 Fenwick Students will receive the Honor. He mentioned that the students might want to add this recognition to their academic achievements on their college applications.

Mr Borsch said that PSAT scores are coming out. Juniors will get their scores first, probably right around Christmas. These scores are used to gage whether a student will be a National Merit Scholar. The underclassmen take the test to allow them to become familiar with the test.

Mr Borsch talked about the need for self-advocacy with our students. It is crazy to him that parents are filling out the Common App and the FAFSA. It is a responsibility cost and we need to remember that these kids will be on their own in 9 months.

D. Mr. Joe Ori – Director of Admissions

Joe mentioned the Entrance Exam is December 1st. Please send emails out to inform 8th graders that you know. Fenwick has a policy that you must test at our school to be considered for entrance to our school. Students can pre-register for the test this year and we will take walk-ons the day of the test too. There will be an admissions coffee this Thursday morning and again in the evening for those with questions.

E. Mr. Scott Thies & Mr. Staunton Peck - Athletic Department

Scott talked about the success of the Fall sports:

Girls Swimming had their 16th consecutive conference title

Boys Golf placed 10th in the State, which was the best in school history

2 Cross Country Girls competed in State

Girls Volleyball won regional title

Scott mentioned that more important than winning is that Fenwick produces great students, great athletes and great people. He is really proud of all of our kids.

Scott talked about Wednesday being the 1st signing day and that 8 Fenwick students will be signing to play collegiate sports next year.

Scott mentioned that there is a Catholic Conference Grade School Boys basketball shootout at Fenwick this weekend. They were trying to get the tourney in before the Entrance Exam to showcase the school to grade school students. There will be a similar tournament for the girls after the Christmas Break.

Next Tuesday will be Grade School day at the Girls & Boys Basketball games.

Scott mentioned that they were looking into providing all day camps this summer combining academic and athletic camps.

- OLD BUSINESS
 - A. October 2018 Minutes Approval
Jane Gaffigan approved October's minutes and Caroline Prabhu seconded the motion
 - B. Treasurer's Report – Laura Jachim
Black & White Shopping night was a huge success
Sign ups are online now for the Christmas Mass & Lunch and will close once we reach our limit. Please register early.
 - C. Thank You – Acknowledgments
 - 1. Hospitality – Diana Baehrend, Carol Fox & Amy Grogan
The group thanked the volunteers for today's wonderful lunch.

Debi Seligmann
Pam Malchow
Kiki Liston
Tina Dillon
Kenna Mackinnon
Jane Gaffigan
Gab Wood
Moir Pap
Lara Gatermann
Katie Mathews
Lynn Donzelli
Amy Grogan

They passed around the Hospitality sign up for future meetings.

2. Fenwick Mothers' Club Alumni Breakfast 10/4 – Mary Mavrogenes & Louise Augustyn
Thank you to the Mary & Louise for putting on a beautiful breakfast for all Mother's Club alumni.
 3. Black & White Shopping Night 10/24
Thank you to the chairpersons for this event: Kelly Sandor, Cara Panares Pietrzak, Lauren Kapusa, Dori Schlieter & Tracy Welsh. It was very successful.
 4. Nora Fleming
Thank you to Nora Fleming for giving back to the Fenwick Mother's Club \$10 per shield mini sold.
- NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Out Reach - Caroline Prabhu
This year's Spiritual Retreat will be on February 14, 2019 at Visitation Church in Elmhurst from 8:30-Noon.
 - B. Giftware – Tina Hutchinson & Nicole Yungerman
There are some new items and Fenwick gift bags at their table for purchase. They will also be at the Christmas Mass & Luncheon.
 - C. Christmas Mass & Luncheon, 12/6/18@OPCC– Elizabeth Fisher & Elly Frymire-Cone
Sign up for this event is on the website. This event has sold out in the past so purchase your tickets early if you plan on attending. There will be some vendor shopping, a raffle, the school choir, Mass and a nice lunch.
 - D. Faculty Christmas Luncheon 12/21/18 @FHS– Ana Diamailig, Sue Gurgone, Jill Pinkowski ,Sue Mcleod, Felicia Nelson
They are in need of 20 more raffle baskets for the Faculty/Staff lunch.
 - E. Faculty & Staff Appreciation Fund 12/18 – Tina Dillon & Tammy Mortell
This fund is the teacher bonus fund and is a monetary gift that faculty & staff members receive each year from the Mother's Club. Each donor name is placed on a board so that the teachers can see all the wonderful families that donated. Any size donation is accepted. Unfortunately, Pay Pal is too expensive to use so in order to contribute, you will need to write a check.
 - F. Fashion Show & Dinner 3/14/19 @Drury Lane– Tina Dillon, Juli Cronin, Susan Haeflinger, Pam Malchow & Jane Gaffigan, Kerry Turgeon
Save the date for the Fashion Show. Volunteers will be needed. You will receive a Sign up genius invitation if you wish to volunteer. Volunteers will be needed in January.

Jane is looking for volunteers to help chair this event next year. Anyone interested can shadow this year.

- G. Fashion Show Diamond Raffle –Rita Fioravanti & Lauren Kapusta
A beautiful Cross diamond necklace will be this year’s diamond raffle and was shown at the meeting. Only 200 - \$50 tickets will be sold for this raffle.

- H. Senior/Mother Mass & Brunch 5/5/19@Oak Brook Hills – Jane Walsh, Meg Breslin, Melanie Domke & Melissa Vrdolyak
Jane passed around a sign up to volunteer for this event. It is a beautiful event for the Seniors to spend time with their Mothers. There will be a 10am Mass followed by a brunch.

- I. Senior Post Prom, 5/18/19 – Cathy Dolsen, Colleen Ehrhardt, Janet Waring, Leslie Shearer-Meretsky , Jennifer Dowd
Janet talked about how the Post Prom committee is looking for nice raffle prizes to be donated so keep them in mind as you see deals this Christmas season.
She mentioned that they will be in need of volunteers to help decorate on Friday after school.
Janet also mentioned they are especially in need of men to run the casino tables the night of Post Prom. If interested, please let her know.
The event goes by very quickly and it’s fun to volunteer for it.

- J. Committee Chairs for 2019-2020
Anyone who is interested in chairing an event for next year, please contact our President Elect, Jane Gaffigan

- K. Next Meeting is here at Fenwick on January 22, 2019 @12:00pm

Happy Thanksgiving! Looking forward to seeing everyone on December 6th at OPCC for the Christmas Mass & Luncheon.

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 😊