



Fenwick Mothers Club Agenda

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Evening Meeting 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

1. CALL TO ORDER – Jodi Darrow, Mothers’ Club President called the meeting to order at 7:15pm
 - A. Opening Prayer – Father Dennis Woerter – Moderator
Father Dennis asked us to remember those kids who are suffering from anxiety, feeling left out and alone. He said that he tries to help them find a smaller community within Fenwick.
He also mentioned that he sometimes wonders if the students are just going through the motions during Mass and prayer during school. However, he notices louder voices and an energy in the room when the students gather to pray the Rosary, indicating to him that they feel its power.
2. INTRODUCTION – Jodi Darrow, Fenwick Mothers’ Club President
 - A. Jodi welcomed the Freshman parents to the meeting
 - B. 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
 - C. Jodi introduced the Past President in attendance: Tammy Mortell
 - D. ALL ARE WELCOME - Join in the fun & please sign up to volunteer. There are many events coming up. Committee Sheets are circulating & Sign-Up is on the Website.
3. SPEAKERS
 - A. Father Peddicord – President
 - He opened up by telling us about a Proclamation found on the Fenwick facebook page from the Oak Park Village Board honoring Fenwick’s 90th year. He read the Proclamation stating it’s significance. In 1929, there was a lot anti-Catholic sentiment in Oak Park. The bishop specifically wanted the school built in Oak Park for that reason. It is encouraging that 90 years later, the Village of Oak Park is honoring Fenwick’s 90th Birthday.

- Father Peddicord then talked Fenwick's Crisis management for the announcement of Van Dyke Trial verdict. He mentioned that a lot of faculty including himself were present outside helping students find their bus. He told a story of how one student told him to "be safe." Father was touched by the concern for his safety and a general concern by the students for the teachers. He spoke of how that exemplified the Fenwick community being concerned for each other.
- B. Mr. Peter Groom - Principal
- Mr Groom mentioned that both the Freshman 'Fenwick At Its Best night' and the Sophomore Night were well received. He said that Fenwick will continue to support these events, adding that the Sophomore one is especially important because they have found that on average it is the year when the students start to experiment.
 - Mr Groom talked of the academic environment. He mentioned that an Honors Treble Class was added this year and that Ms Lamoureux is teaching it along with taking over Mrs Seneses classes. Fenwick also added an Astronomy class and an Intro to Business class this year and that the name of the Honors Physics class has been changed to AP Physics I. He indicated that there are a few new teachers in the building as well.
 - Mr Groom said that Fenwick's enrollment for this year is 1149, 590 males and 559 females and that 66% of the student population comes from private schools. Fenwick has a 69% white population and it is the first year that this statistic has dropped below 70%. The top communities that Fenwick pulls from include Chicago, Berwyn, Elmhurst, Oak Park and Western Springs.
- C. Dr. James Quaid – Director of Student Services & Enrollment
- Dr Quaid said that entrance exam numbers were down last year but that we had 233 students for our most recent Open House and that number is up from last year. He said that he is targeting schools where organizations like Big Shoulders sponsor students.
 - Fenwick has also started allowing grade schools to use our science labs that are already empty on Fridays. This has been very popular to date.
 - Fenwick has hosted several receptions at various homes in our community and is holding coffees at Fenwick on Oct 18th & Nov 15th at 9am & 6pm for interested families to ask questions about our school.
 - Fenwick has also purchased billboard space on 290 and has a commercial on ESPN.
 - Janet Waring added that in the past, hosting Open Houses at Religious Ed programs has helped generate interest among the public school kids.

D. Mr. John Schoeph

- A preview of the Fall Comedy “Quality Street” was given by 4 students - Maria Frech, Susie Nash, Louis Quigley & Spencer Gallagher. Performances for this play will be at Fenwick on November 2nd, 3rd, and 4th

4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. September 2018 Minutes were approved by Jane Gaffigan and seconded by Laura Jachim
- B. Treasurer’s Report – Laura Jachim
Laura indicated that Oktoberfest was a big success, especially the Peleton raffle. She said that anyone needing reimbursement for expenses can find the form on the website or by emailing her for a copy.
- C. Jodi thanked the Oktoberfest committee for their success – Debbie Hultquist, Jenny Jones, Frank Sullivan, Peter Durkin, Jerry Capazolli & Chris Guillen. She also acknowledged that Nora Fleming is graciously donating \$10 back to the Fenwick Mothers’ Club for every shield that is purchased so please be sure to get one. The Giftware Committee is selling them at every meeting and will also be at the Christmas Mass/Luncheon.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Freshman Liaison** Chairs – Kerry Ward, Nancy McNamarra were not present.
- B. **Black & White Shopping Night, 10/24/18 @FHS** – Lauren Kapusta ,Cara Panares Pietrzak, Kelly Sandor, Tracy Welsh, Dori Schleiter
Cara spoke about how this event is a ladies shopping night from 7-10pm in the field house. There will be 25 vendors with food, beer and wine for the fee of \$21 in advance. Signup is online and will be \$21 until the day before and at the door when the price goes up to \$25. A raffle ticket for vendor prizes comes with an online ticket purchase.
- C. **Out Reach** - Caroline Prabhu
- Prayer Chain – sign up to be a part of the prayer chain by signing your name to the clipboard tonight or by contacting Caroline Prabhu via email.
 - Retreat will be on 2/14/19 at Visitation Parish, Elmhurst. Please save the date. More information will follow.
- D. **Hospitality** – Diana Baehrend, Amy Grogan & Carol Fox
Thank you to those who contributed to tonight’s meeting. Please sign up to help with food at November’s meeting.
- E. **Directory** – Katie Filbin & Kerri Sedlacek
We are still accepting Mothers’ Club registrations. We have over 500 registered to date, which represents about 50% of the families.
- F. **Christmas Mass & Luncheon, 12/6/18 @OPCC**– Elizabeth Fisher & Elly Frymire-Cone
This is a great event to get ready for the Christmas season. A few vendors and the Friar shop will be present and it’s a wonderful Mass and luncheon.

- G. **Faculty Christmas Luncheon, 12/21/18 @FHS**– Ana Dimailig, Sue Gurgone, Jill Pinkowski, Sue Mcleod & Felicia Nelson
This event will be held from 11-2pm. They are in need of a lot of volunteers – people to bring an appetizer, servers, decorators, and people to help put together raffle baskets. The teachers have a chance to win raffle baskets and they really enjoy this event.
- H. **Faculty Staff Appreciation Fund** – Tina Dillon & Tammy Mortell
Every member of the Fenwick faculty & staff are given a monetary gift from the Mothers' Club. Donating to this fund is a wonderful way to say thank you to our teachers. They are looking for 100% participation. A thank you poster board that includes all the families that contributed will be up during the luncheon and will then hang in the teachers' lounge.
- I. **Fashion Show & Dinner 3/14/19 @Drury Lane**– Tina Dillon, Juli Cronin, Susan Haeflinger, Pam Malchow, Kerry Turgeon & Jane Gaffigan
This is a big fundraiser for the Mothers' Club and there will be lots of volunteers needed. There will be boutique shopping and raffle baskets to win which right now include the Pennisula Club, a tailgate package and wine of the month.
- J. **Senior Post Prom- 5/18/19** – Colleen Ehrhardt, Janet Waring, Leslie Shearer-Meretsky , Cathy Dolsen & Jennifer Dowd
Janet mentioned that there is a need for volunteers to run the Casino tables.
- K. **Committee Chairs for 2018-2019** –
Committees are now being formed for next year. Please contact Jane Gaffigan if interested.
- L. Next Meeting is here at Fenwick on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 @12:00

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting! Thank you for all your time and efforts to Fenwick Mothers' Club – we are very grateful to you ☺ See you at Black & White Shopping Night, Wednesday, October 24th here at Fenwick in the Field house!