

St. Mary's Academy Parent Guild
Minutes Oct 4, 2011

Present:

Elaine Mordoch	Nicola Guttormson	Leslie Finch	Tammy Becker
Gwen Lawrence	Fran Mulhall	Liz MacCharles	Genevieve Michael
Louise Cameron	Geethanjalie Jayasingh	Tracy LaBossiere	Patti Ouellette
Sister Susan Wikeem	Suenita Maharaj-Sandhu	Sylvia Goodman	

- Regrets Angie Lindsay, Bonnie Cadieux
- Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.
- Fran Mulhall gave a prayer to bless and open our meeting

Motion to accept the Agenda – Genevieve Michael, second Liz MacCharles
Motion to accept Sep 13/11 minutes – Genevieve Michael, second Fran Mulhall

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer presented Corner Store (approx. \$3000) and SMA Parent Guild (approx.. \$24,200) Financial position as at Sep 30, 2011

Motion to accept Treasurer's report – Gwen Lawrence, second Elaine Mordoch, all in favor

Corner Store

- No Report

Uniform Shop

- Some of the back ordered items have finally come in; ready for Friday's sale
- Still shortage of specific sizes for sweaters, cardigans and tights
- All volunteer positions have been filled and staff are being trained

Hospitality

- Committee Head unable to attend but Sr. Susan confirmed the Parent Wine and Cheese event was a success; lots of food left over for subsequent events in the school
- Discussion around the Christmas event:
 - Alumnae are invited to attend
 - Fran Mulhall to speak to Janice Beveridge regarding ideas for activities, gift exchange or raffle, where to order dinner, etc

Bingo

- Gwen Lawrence has the updated volunteer list from Judy Ashcroft; there are only 16 names on the list
- Discussion around the limited number of volunteers and the distribution of the Volunteer Sheet:
 - Some feel an emailed Volunteer Sheet is disregarded and the cause of the reduced number of volunteers
 - Phone Committee head has a smaller number of volunteers also
 - Sr. Susan confirmed this year is the first year that nothing was mailed out in August including the Volunteer Sheet
 - Maybe need to revisit sending it out in August or find a way for parents to be able to complete a form online and email it back to the school; Sr. Susan to speak to school Web Master

Volunteer Coordinator

- No Report

Guild/Board Liaison

- First Board meeting for 2011/12 has happened; Strategic Plan implementation continues
- Principal's Report
 - Wizard of Oz drama production is scheduled for Dec 2-3-4; all are encouraged to attend
 - Sports – hockey, volleyball, cross country teams are established; SMA is one of three AAA hockey teams in Winnipeg this year
 - Recent events include Grade 12 retreat, Walk for Cancer, senior movie night, Head Girl elections (Alanna Robert elected), Service Fair and Mother Mary Rose week
- School Programs Report
 - Two accredited courses in public speaking and debate this year
 - Professional development – four teachers attended technology training day on Sep 30
 - Connie Yunick involved in Canadian Catholic School Trustee Association
- Alumnae Association Report
 - Board expanded to twenty, new representative on Board for Alumnae Association (Leanne Boyd)
 - Alumnae tea was held
- Next meeting October 17

Special Events

- International Day:
 - Committee Head unable to attend but Fran Mulhall confirmed that planning for International Day is progressing; three new Pavilions this year
 - Bonnie Cadieux is working with and training new Pavilion conveners
 - All other committees are in place and meetings are ongoing
 - Mass is confirmed at 10:00 with Pavilions to open after Mass
 - Coupons will be used again this year with some slight denomination changes
 - Sales/Marketing convener is meeting with Treasurer regarding ordering advertising/print materials
- Marion Awards – President passed out card with information on Marion Awards luncheon on May 12, 2012
- Volunteer Luncheon – scheduled tentatively for May 24, 2012

Director

- In addition to events mentioned by Guild/Board Liaison:
 - Meeting for those interested in El Salvador Mission on Oct 17
 - Meeting for those interested in trip to Minneapolis to see Broadway production of the Lion King on Oct 17
 - Foundation Board is working on next phase of SMA expansion which involves the theatre production/foyer area; capital campaign to begin
 - Alumnae Homecoming event recently held; next event is Mass followed by lunch in the boardroom on Sunday Dec 4
- Question regarding reduced access to textbooks in some classes; Sr. Susan explained funding process for textbooks and that limited access encourages teachers to be more creative in “teaching to the outcomes” versus “teaching to the textbook” including online resources, library, note taking, etc

New Business

- Sylvia Goodman will no longer be head of the Phone Committee; Louise Cameron has agreed to step in as replacement; SMA Executive thanks Sylvia for her contribution and Louise for assuming this important role
- Each year the Parent Guild presents each graduate with a silver grad angel

Motion to purchase 110 grad angels for the 2012/13 graduating class – Sylvia Goodman, second Genevieve Michael, all in favour

Next meeting – December 6th at 6:30

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. – Genevieve Michael

Jackie MacFarlane, Secretary