Mothers Guild Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11:30am – MUHS in Room 127

I. Call to Order 11:33am

A. Opening Prayer and Welcome, 39 mothers present

II. Guest Speakers

- A. President's Report: Father Michael Marco S.J.
 - a. Basketball won the state championship
 - b. Robotics team won regionals, going to nationals in Houston
 - c. Admissions for next year has strong numbers, budgeted for 230 and confident to meet that and even go over; strategic plan is 250
 - d. John Thimmesch, after 25 plus years as VP of development, is retiring at the end of this fiscal year
 - e. CFO Bert Duerrmeier is stepping down, will stay on to train replacement
- **B.** Academic Report: Mr. Jeff Monday
 - a. Senior Shared Life is in its second of two weeks
 - b. Mr. Monday received unsolicited feedback from the Kohl Center employees about how respectful and well behaved our students were
 - c. Forensics had a successful weekend
 - d. Key Club had a weekend conference
 - e. Sophomore wellness day last week
 - f. Junior ACT testing last week
 - g. Tomorrow is career and college day for juniors
 - h. Preview for Grease on Friday, shows this weekend
 - Parent/Teacher conferences last week, will send survey for parent feedback and teacher feedback
 - j. Currently meeting about strategic plan, will provide update at next Mothers Guild meeting; working on continuous improvement
- C. Assistant Dean of Students: Mr. Colin Dillon: dress code changes
 - a. Has been reviewing dress code, goal is to brings things back to a professional manor
 - b. Met with juniors, presented new plan, received positive feedback
 - c. Tentative dress code has five parts, final plan will be delivered to families soon
 - i. Normal dress code: no more jeans, solid color pants with beltloops, no rips or frays; school branded polos or button down shirt; navy, grey, white plain polo; dress shoes or gym shoes; No more hoodies; must wear MUHS branded crewneck or manufactured logo crewneck or quarter zip; quarter zip can have a t-shirt under; No jackets worn during the day, must be in locker
 - ii. Warm weather dress code: Dress shorts, belt loops not necessary; Shirts: polo or MUHS t-shirt
 - iii. Mass dress code: Shirt and tie, no jackets or hoodies; crewneck allowed during cold months
 - iv. Blue & Gold days: Jeans and MUHS athletic pants allowed, Any MUHS shirt (hoodies allowed)
 - v. Special Dress Days: Apply to the top/shirt students wear; Game day for sports teams, still wear proper pants
 - d. Consequences still being determined

- e. 750 branded Marquette High polos will be sold at registration in August, \$10 cash, extras sold the next week
- **D.** Topper Auction April 20: Chairs
 - a. Paint the Town Blue & Gold is the theme
 - b. Cocktail dress, feel free to wear blue and gold but not necessary
 - c. Annie Bolger, ambiance chair, is looking for plate chargers anyone can donate, they will be painted
 - d. There is still time to donate to the auction, the Amazon Wish List is accessible from the MUHS Topper Auction website

III. Officer Reports

- **A.** Approval of Minutes: Karen Parks
 - **a.** Terrie Stangl made a motion to approve the February 2024 minutes; seconded by Kate Schroeder. Motion passed.
- **B.** Approval of Executive Board: Karen Parks
 - **a.** Jennifer Deslongchamps made a motion to approve, seconded by Emily Byrnes. Motion passed.
- C. Treasurer's Report: Belinda Russell
 - **a.** Beginning balance: \$58,228.87
 - **b.** Ending balance: \$11,706.12
 - c. Check register balance: \$11,406.12

IV. Committee/Event Reports

- A. Nominating Committee Rebecca Barbosa
 - **a.** Announced class reps for 2024-24
 - i. Freshman Class Reps ('28): Katie Kwiatt, Terri Meulemans
 - ii. Sophomore Class Reps ('27): Lisa Volm, Jen Packee
 - iii. Junior Class Reps ('26): Karen Parks, Kaycee Frost
 - iv. Senior Class Reps ('25): Christina Fugman, Rebecca Barbosa
- **B.** St. Rose Outreach Adrienne Conradson, Christina Fugman
 - **a.** Collecting food, personal care and clothing this week; collection bins at entrance
- C. Spring Fashion Show & Dinner Beth Von Ruden, Katie Cantwell, Jennifer Wallace
 - a. Thursday, April 25
 - **b.** Registration link is on website
 - **c.** Derby is the theme
 - **d.** Fashion show by Shop Privy and Moxie
- **D.** Spring Mass Leslie Colvin, Tayla LaMacchia
 - **a.** May 15
 - b. Incoming freshmen moms will be invited, please reach out to any you know
- E. Used Book Sale Collection Belinda Russell
 - **a.** May 22 is last day of finals, book collection day
 - **b.** Venmo will be used again
 - **c.** Flyer will be available with information soon
 - d. Sale date: Wednesday July 17

V. Old Business

- A. Lenten Day of Reflection Terrie Stangl
 - **a.** Feb 20, 45 women participated

- **b.** Mass, Mary's Way of the Cross, speaker
- **c.** Light refreshments
- **B.** Overnight Mothers Guild Retreat Jennifer Deslongchamps and Colleen Hutt
 - **a.** Overnight last week
 - **b.** Attendance increased 50% from last year, getting closer to pre-Covid numbers

VI. New Business

- **A.** Open positions for 2024/2025
 - a. Posted online, Sign Up Genius; or email Tracey Sparks
 - **b.** Sign up sheet will be brought to the spring mass reception
- B. Adrienne asked about what time to have meetings next year, most agreed 11:30am
- **C.** Stephanie Niederjohn said there are Buy It Now items available right now, it benefits the Topper Auction

VII. Closing Prayer & Adjournment

Respectively Submitted, Karen Parks, Secretary