

Mothers Guild Meeting Minutes, Tuesday November 15, 2022  
7:00 p.m. – MUHS Conference Room 127

- I. Call to Order 7:04pm
  - A. Opening Prayer and Welcome; 29 mothers in attendance
  
- II. Guest Speakers
  - A. President's Report - Father Michael Marco S.J.
    - a. Recruitment – fewer students to recruit, keeping standards for admissions
      - i. Had an event to talk about enrollment challenges and ask families to be advocates of MUHS; Catholic feeder schools are down
      - ii. Future Full of Hope – we won't let finances be the reason boys don't go to MUHS
    - b. New Director of Special Events – Sara Reynolds, starts Dec 5
  - B. Academic Report - Mr. Jeff Monday
    - a. Preparing for two visits:
      - i. Cognia in Feb 2023 (accredits MUHS)
        - 1. Survey to families, student survey
      - ii. Jesuit Identity Review (every six years, early fall 2023)
    - b. Suggestions from moms for recruitment: go to parish CCD classes; advertise our standards in grading, test taking
    - c. Some moms voiced concern about lower GPAs vs public school – Mr. Monday explained that the school profile is sent to colleges with average ACT score, average GPA, etc., to help colleges understand the characteristics of MUHS; colleges have institutional priorities
    - d. How do we maintain standards while increase enrollment
      - i. Four non-negotiables: 1. Academic rigor 2. All boys 3. Catholic Jesuit identity and mission 4. Location of 35<sup>th</sup> and Wisconsin
      - ii. Last year was highest number of denials in applications (most denials are because we don't think the student can do well at MUHS)
  - C. Annette Cleary
    - a. Counseling office and Fr. Pribyl S.J. are helping kids practice gratitude: students writing grateful things on leaf post it notes and put on poster – will be backdrop for Thanksgiving mass
    - b. Holiday Toy Drive (Key Club) for House of Peace Nov 22-Dec 1
      - i. Will serve 1000 families
      - ii. Pick up paper ornament with child's name and info, buy gift
      - iii. Donate gift cards, venmo donations, pray for families, bake
      - iv. Theme festivities to produce excitement for event
  - D. John Meuler - MUHS Director of Admissions ('00)

- a. Fall recruitment: Visited 35 middle schools, 10 high school fairs
- b. Open House was Oct 23; 274 families registered; 800 guests came through building
- c. Shadow days: 215 8<sup>th</sup> graders come through
- d. Application/entrance exam Nov 1 deadline; 380 as of today; fewer kids born in 2009; 256 boys tested here; 9 tested with extended time; Bruce Guadalupe had 24 test; retest is Dec 9 for those who missed
- e. Rely on mission for recruitment: faith, community, scholarship
- f. Jr Hilltoppers sports (volleyball, basketball, football); Summer Explorer Camps both help with recruitment
- g. Digital advertising – billboards, ads on smartphones
- h. Planning events to get parents to help in recruitment
- i. Magis Awards – scholarship to top 90 percent of entrance exam

### III. Officer Reports

#### A. Approval of Minutes - Karen Parks

- a. Lisa Cross made a motion to approve the October minutes; seconded by Adrienne Conradson. Motion passed.

#### B. Treasurer's Report - Theresa Krajnak

- a. Beginning balance October 1: \$14,355.72
- b. Ending balance October 31: \$16,607.44
- c. Check register balance: \$3,473.40

#### C. VP Report/Helping Hands - Heather Ferber & Tracie Sparks

- a. Families continues to get meals, sign up on Helping Hands (Mothers Guild Sign Up Genius "Volunteer Now")
- b. Mr. Beck's family got a basket when his baby had surgery

### IV. Committee/Event Report

#### A. Holiday Bus Trip - (November 30th) Bradley Wabiszewski & Tracy Josetti

- a. 90 signed up, opening for 100 guests; two buses
- b. Bus leaves at 7:45am

#### B. Mother/Son Dinner Dance - Dania Sereno, Chris Gigot, Nancy Heltemes & Erin Groth

- a. January 29
- b. Two DJs, Grand Ballroom events projected in freshman room
- c. Registration opens December 9
- d. Cash bar will be available – new this year
- e. Theme is Sweet Memories
- f. Volunteers needed, sign up in January

- C. Spring Fashion Show - DATE CHANGE to May 4th for Dinner
  - a. Women's Club of Wisconsin
  - b. Mother/Son fashion show
  
- V. Old Business
  - A. Teacher and Staff Appreciation Day - October 18<sup>th</sup> and November 15 Heidi David, Marcela Muzquiz, Anne Broeker & Adrienne Conradson
    - a. Thanksgiving theme, highly appreciated by all staff
  - B. St. Rose Food/Clothing Drive - Adrienne Conradson & Christina Fugman
    - a. Need socks, hat, mitten, clothes along with food
    - b. Box in hallway near security stand for donations
  - C. Open House - Katie Kwiatt & Jill Belardi
  
- VI. New Business
  - A. Topper Auction - April 1, 2023 Chairs: Sarah Bahr, Molly Bell
    - a. Molly and Sarah announce the theme: Topper City Limits (think: Austin City Limits) – casual dress
    - b. Looking for volunteers, email Sarah ([mepspinner@aol.com](mailto:mepspinner@aol.com)) or Molly ([dougmollybell@me.com](mailto:dougmollybell@me.com));
  
- VII. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

\*\*Next Meeting - Tuesday, December 13 @ 9:00 a.m. in Room 127  
preceded by Rosary in the Three Holy Companions Chapel, 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Parks, Secretary