

MOTHERS' CLUB OF ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL  
General Meeting Minutes  
August 30, 2006

Call to Order: 7:00 PM by Georgine DeBord, President

Welcome Prayer by Jeff Mancabelli, Principal

The meeting agenda was approved and seconded. The minutes of the last meeting, May 2006, were approved and seconded.

*Remarks from the President:* Georgine thanked everyone for coming, especially since this is the first day of school. The Mothers' Club Board was introduced: Vice President, Pam Datcher; Secretary, Primrose Horn; Treasurer, Beth Marchak. Mr. Mancabelli serves as moderator

Georgine discussed the purpose of the Mothers' Club. The MC supports the administration and teachers through volunteering at activities and raising money to support activities.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please email the board.

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*Christopher Thermistos*, Admission Director, spoke about the upcoming Open House on October 15<sup>th</sup>. This is earlier than usual and there are some program changes. The Welcome Presentations will be for smaller groups and held in the chapel. Tours will be more self-guided, still including SJC students with a mom or dad as guides. This is to make the visitors feel more comfortable with the smaller groups. The faculty will be in the auditorium at department tables. Food will be in the cafeteria; more simple, finger foods. I

Mr. Thermistos will meet with the open house committee to explain changes to the program

Georgine asked that volunteers sign up on the sheets in the back of the room. Volunteers will be contacted if needed or not needed.

*Secretary's Report:* The Mothers Club received a thank you from Katie Holland for the sympathy card sent to the family after her husband died in June. He was the father of Tess Holland, class of 2009.

Georgine DeBord introduced Roslyn Rikard, the Immediate Past President. Roz is a member of the Board. You will see her in the back of the room to welcome moms, assist them with sign-in and answer questions.

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*Treasurer's Report:* Please let Beth know if your membership check does not clear. Committee chairs, please turn in any outstanding receipts from past events. Even if you are not requesting reimbursement, the amount spent on an event helps us plan for the future events.

The MC is looking at setting up a new email system. We will let you know how it progresses.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Summer Calls:** Roz Rikard reports the calls went well. There was one new mom who requested someone who speaks Spanish to contact her. Next summer, the MC President will contact the volunteers with a list of the incoming freshman they need to call. We will note moms who speak other languages.

**Used Book Sale:** Kathy Yates : Textbooks are turned in the last 2 days of exams in May and sold in the second week of August. Every year more books are turned in but they seem to sell out faster. This year, the moms helped Mr. Emerson set up the books on Sunday, before the sale. This will be done next year, also. Jean Cieslak brought her 3 sons who were extremely helpful in set up. There were a total of 50 volunteers – thanks to all. Nancy Lopez's sister was great. She was the commandant keeping the waiting buyers in order.

Question: How do we know when the books are sold? Mr. Mancabelli answered: The students fill out their info which is taped in each book. When the book is sold, Mr. Emerson turns the information in to the Business Office. A check is sent to parents of students who graduated. The amount is deducted from tuition owed for current students.

Kathy added that there were a few books left over, if interested you could contact Mr. Emerson. Mr. Emerson has said department chairs try not to change books for at least 3 years, but sometimes a publisher changes the edition and the school needs to go with the change.

**Used Uniform Sale:** Holly Hankins volunteered to continue to chair this activity. Made \$1300 this year, about \$600 last year. Every item is sold for \$5 and brings money in to the Mothers' Club. Need only about 8 helpers for the sale.

Holly will bring the leftovers to Freshman Back to School night. There are some regular uniforms and JROTC items. She has a bag of grey pants that the girls wear; they look like Barry Manilow wore them so she will donate them outside the school.

Georgine commented the uniform sale is a great value, she knows because she bought some herself. She also alerted us that the sample desserts for the fundraiser are out in the back of the room.

**New Parent Orientation:** Representatives from the Mothers' Club meet new parents. A lot of new members are signed up at orientation.

**Dessert and Pizza Sale:** Toni Marzotto told us she co-chaired this event with Barbara Williams, whose daughter has graduated. She asked that we please SELL SELL SELL. In October, she will call the volunteers about distributing the items on Saturday, November 11. Until then please SELL SELL SELL!!

Denise Murphy commented that prices of the items may seem higher than the previous vendor, but the cakes are larger. Please check the sizes. Georgine commented that the date of delivery was changed so cakes and pies would be here before Thanksgiving, and pizzas would be here for the busy holiday season when you do not want to cook. PLEASE NOTE: We can order on line from anywhere and anytime of the year. Just put in the code for SJC and we will benefit.

**Welcome Tea:** Jane Riggott reminded us the Tea is on September 24.at 2PM in the auditorium. Mass is available at 1PM in the Chapel.

Georgine mentioned this year we decided to change to a "Welcome Tea" instead of "Mass and Tea" Also this year, there will be a charge of \$10 that goes toward the Marge Gasser fund and hopefully will provide a more accurate count of how many will attend.

### **REMARKS FROM MR. MANCABELLI:**

Mr. Mancabelli thanked the MC for the flowers sent on the birth of his third daughter, Leah, on June 5. Having had 2 other children in the cold months, this summer baby has been fun.

This is Mr. Mancabelli's 8<sup>th</sup> year at SJC, before that, 8 years at Georgetown Prep. This was an interesting first day of school. He arrived at SJC about 4:45 AM. At 6:45AM, a parent called that the Germantown bus just past by the students and kept going. There were a couple of other bus issues, and at 4PM, he was driving the bus to Silver Spring. At 6PM, his first grader called to tell about her first day and told him a 22 minute story about the gingerbread man. He led the first graders all around the school, always one step ahead of them. They finally found him in a basket of gingerbread cookies back in their classroom. After today at SJC, Mr. Mancabelli is sending in his resume to go to that school!

Mr. Emerson asked Mr. Mancabelli to thank the Mothers' Club for the help with the used book sale. Our help is a great benefit for him.

The school student directory will again be online. You use your Powerschool user name and password. It should be ready in about 7-10 days.

The school handbook was given to Seniors today. It will be distributed to Juniors tomorrow, Sophomores and Freshman the following days.

The multimedia room is up and running. There are 10 – 15 classrooms this year.

Brother Martin started a homework group after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Any freshman who has an F at mid quarter will be "invited" to attend. Br. Martin has 25 seniors to assist him. He is moving this toward a reading/writing resource center. If you have any trouble with Powerschool log on, please email Mr. Mancabelli with issues.

The Academic Convocation is Sept 6<sup>th</sup>. The National Honor Society recognizes students with academic achievement in the previous year. The National Honor Society induction is the same night

Back to School night for freshman is Sept 7<sup>th</sup>. Your student brings home a schedule for you to follow. If they forget, you can get a copy in the school office.

Upper class Back to School is Sept. 14.

Picture days: The seniors are done, 9/13 is the 9<sup>th</sup> grade; 9/12 is the 10<sup>th</sup> grade; 9/11 is the juniors. This company will produce the student ID the same day. Please encourage the students to carry them. September 27<sup>th</sup> is make up day for the seniors.

The Freshman-Sophomore Dance is 9/22. Please enter in the back parking lot. The peer ministers and student government will be there to help them mingle and make room for the Holy Spirit.

The senior breakfast is 9/22, a time for mass, breakfast and reflection.

Senior moms: the yearbook staff has requested information be submitted by 10/1. The seniors brought home information today.

September 28<sup>th</sup>, progress reports will be available on Powerschool. Contact the teachers directly with any questions, or call Mr. Mancabelli.

College night is Sept. 11 in the auditorium for seniors and parents.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Georgine:

1. sign up sheets for upcoming activities are in the back of the room. Please indicate if you would like to be a chair or co-chair. There can be more than 2 co-chairs.

Freshman moms – don't be afraid to co-chair.

2. We are the home team for the Gonzaga game on November 4. We will do the refreshment stand with the Men of St. John's. We get money for helping. The game will be at Montgomery Blair High School.

3. We may have a joint meeting/get together with the Men of St. John's around February 2007.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 4.

Adjournment 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted. *Primrose Horn, secretary*