

# **PARENT GUILD MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2008**

**Present:** Sr. Lynne Schimminger, Michelle & Gary Brady, Joan & Bob Vetter, Suzanne Walker, Mary Ann Starkey, Mary & Gerry Philbin, Mary Lou Stahl, Lynn Fennel, Michelle Hietanen, Carol Haas, Sue Leo, Carleen Smith, Larry Catuzza, Cindy Sodaro, Jill Wilkie, Donna Filsinger and Gail Phillips.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:10 pm.

**Guest Speaker - Sr. Lynne Anne Schimminger:** Gave a brief history of the 24 years she has been a part of Immaculata Academy, serving in various capacities at the school, and becoming the first President of IA in 1999.

Began with a Prayer Service, which revolved around the Franciscan theme "Peace and All Good", a phrase that St. Francis lived by. Distributed and gave an overview of the new 3-year strategic plan IA is undertaking.

- Assists in setting direction/priorities for the school, guides policies
- Plans began in 1993, typically for three 3 years, with each new plan evolving from previous plans
- 13 areas of growth - 3 new, the other 10 were in the previous plan

**Opening Prayer:** President of Parent Guild, Michelle Brady.

**Minutes of August 21, 2008:** Michelle Brady motioned to accept the minutes from the August 21st meeting. All in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** The General Account has \$7,002.71 as of September, 2008.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Condolence cards were sent to the Wach family, as well as Sr. Jane, for the passing of their family members.

**Principal's Report:** All is going well since the new school year has begun.

- New teachers have started
- IA ranked 10th out of 128 schools in the newly published Business First High School Rankings
- 100% of tuition has been paid for this school year
- Still waiting for 100 new desks to arrive
- Cinderella try-outs took place
- A seasonal newsletter will be done by Steve Lingle
- IA picture appeared in Hamburg Sun featuring the new school uniforms

**President's Report:**

- The Parent Guild approved donating \$150.00 for snacks at the upcoming Open House
- Open House will have P.G. representatives present to greet parents and answer questions (Open House will be Saturday, September 27th from 10:30 - 2:00 and Monday, September 29th from 6:00 - 8:00)
- Andrea Drabik, the Athletic Director, asked the P.G. to spread the word about the upcoming Monte Carlo Night on October 18th, a fundraiser which supports the athletic department, and is requesting a donation of prizes
- Next P.G. meeting will feature Saima Horab, IA's Guidance Counselor, who will talk about getting ready for college

**Current Business:**

- Magazine Sale will begin September 19th
- Meet the Teacher Night will be September 18th at 6:30 pm. Parents will follow their daughter's schedule and go to their classes. P.G. will host refreshments in the foyer, and needs help before and after, as well as baking and manning the refreshment table.
- Parent Social will take place on September 12th, rain or shine (in cafeteria if it rains). All attending are asked to bring lawn chairs and snacks to pass. There will be an outdoor fire pit and background music. This relaxing evening will give IA parents a chance to get to know each other.

**Other Business:** Suzanne Walker requested that everyone who hasn't done so should submit their email address for easier and more comprehensive communication with parents. This also saves time and money.

A Family Mass is in the process of being planned with Deacon Robb. More info will follow as plans are made.

**Closing Prayer:** President of Parent Guild, Michelle Brady. Michelle also thanked Sr. Lynne Anne Schimminger for speaking at the meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:15 pm. Next meeting October 9, 2008, 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

Respectfully submitted by Gail M. Phillips, Recording Secretary.