

MOTHERS' CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2009

This meeting was attended by the Mothers' Club Board, various members of the SLUH administration and the general membership of the Mothers' Club.

Chris Myers, President, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending. Sharon Hartzler, President-Elect, led the attendees in prayer.

Chris began the meeting with a few announcements. She asked that we keep the Langford and Ritz family in our prayers as well as the Shea and Milliano families. She gave thanks that Josh Beckerle was back here in school.

Chris read a funny note about how to use reverse psychology on our boys just to see if they are listening.

Chris introduced Mr. David Laughlin, President of SLUH. Mr. Laughlin welcomed us all back and gave a warm welcome to the new SLUH moms. He encouraged the moms to sign up and get involved because it helps our faith community grow. Dave talked about how great the Mothers' Club was this summer when they jumped right in and helped after the tragedy of the plane crash. Mr. Laughlin feels that we must follow the Roman orator Quintilian's advice, 'not many things but what you do, do it well'. He feels that the boys here at SLUH are part of a bright and faith filled community.

Mr. Laughlin reminded us of a few key dates:

- September 11th, Mass of the Holy Spirit, celebrated by Fr. Doug Marcouiller, SJ. All are welcome.
- September 18th, Mass and reception for the sophomore class in honor of their deceased classmates. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Carlson and held in the chapel. All parents are welcome to attend but please give sitting preference to sophomore parents.
- September 25th, we will dedicate the new Field House.
- October 5th, the senior class will have a tree dedication in honor of Chris Zandstra.
- December 8th, Mass will be celebrated for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, celebrated by Archbishop Carlson.

All times will be posted on the SLUH website.

Mr. Laughlin thanked Mr. Joe Rankin for all of his help with the new facility. Mr. Rankin is a SLUH alumnus and the Director of Facilities. Mr. Laughlin also mentioned that the old gym will now be referred to as the Commons. The Danis Lobby will no longer be used for banquets and gatherings and we are encouraged to use the Commons instead. The Father/Son Banquet will now be held in the Commons instead of off-site.

Mr. Laughlin explained that this year we will begin using the new Field House and that it will take time to figure out how to best use all of the new and old space. Be patient and forgiving. This summer a new phone and paging system was put in place (thanks, Joe!).

Next, Chris introduced Dr. John Moran, Principal. Dr. Moran talked about the message he gave to all of the classes on their introduction day. He said that this year we are really going to focus on the five 'Grad at Grad' principles based on a document by the Jesuit Secondary Educational Association. He talked about all five principles and gave examples of how our boys can grow in each of these areas. Dr. Moran mentioned that Dr. Michael Thompson, psychologist, consultant and author, will be at SLUH on October 1, at 7:00, to speak about raising boys. He is the author of "Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys".

Our next speaker was Mr. Brock Kesterson, Vice President Student Life. Mr. Kesterson said that he likes his new title as it expands his role beyond just discipline. He wants to get to know all of the young men at SLUH. He wants to challenge these boys to show courage and confidence through school work, athletics and peer relationships. Though he is in charge of infractions in the areas of theft, bullying, language and dress code, he is encouraging the boys to try and develop the ability to deal with these issues on their own. Brock spoke about the Parent Network organization and said that there are three speakers lined up this year. He also told us that each boy will be getting his own email address through Zimbra, SLUH's email system. He encouraged the mothers to read the *Prep News* every Friday as it is full of information about SLUH. Brock asks that if our boys show signs of the flu, please make them stay home until they are better. He said that each boy has a copy of the student handbook and that there is a copy online as well.

Chris then publically thanked Mr. Rankin and excused the administration from the meeting. Chris introduced Robyn Pilliod, our trusted Mothers' Club advisor, and Connie Lienauer, the Administrative Assistant in the Advancement Office. Chris also thanked the following staff members who help the Mothers' Club all year long: Joe Patke, Director of Communications, Data and Events, Ben DuMont, who gets our Mothers' Club information online, Rita Mulligan, in the advancement office and Terry Meiners who works in our financial office.

Chris talked about the budget and explained that \$11 of each student's tuition goes to the Mothers' Club. We get \$6,000 in September and again at the beginning of the second semester. The Mothers' Club sponsors about 30 events with the largest being the Card Party, SLUHtique and Graduation Dinner.

Each member of the Mothers' Club Board was introduced and given a chance to give her job description.

Sharon Hartzler, President-Elect, stressed that it is important to get involved here at SLUH and you will be amazed at how much your boys change in four years. Sharon truly feels that the SLUH experience is for and benefits the whole family. She discussed the annual Hope for Honduras Baby Shower. We are collecting items that will be sent with the senior boys who accompany Mr. Merriott to Honduras in January. Sharon requested that we send in our donations the week of September 21-25 and leave it at the switch board. If you do not have time to shop, a monetary gift of any amount is appreciated. She stressed that only small items such as crib sheets, clothing (infants through five year olds), and ointments can be sent since these items travel with the boys.

Judy Dooling and Mary Stoker, Card Party Co-Chairs stressed that the Card Party, to be held October 11th, is truly a community event. The ladies told us that they are still in need of attendance and special prizes such as a card table and chairs, a fire pit, a small T.V., dinner certificates, cash to buy items, etc. In addition, we need many volunteers to help before the Card Party and on the day of the Card Party (e.g.: hostesses). One volunteer activity before the Card Party is the two craft workshops. The first is on September 11th from 10 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. The second is on September 24th after the Mother's Club Mass and Meeting which begins at 10a.m. Also, there is a bakery booth which is chaired and staffed by the freshman parents, for those that want their first opportunity to be involved.

Karen Easley and Jane Frick, SLUHtique Co-Chairs, are preparing for the annual Christmas Boutique to be held Sunday, December 6th from 11:30 – 4:30. There will be over 40 vendors there so come and do your Christmas shopping and have some lunch if you like. They are still looking for vendors with unique items to sell. The Mothers' Club will have a booth selling other food if you do not sign up for the lunch. There will be entertainment provided by Cor Jesu's Bell Choir and SLUH's Jazz Choir. This committee still needs a decorating chair and volunteers to serve lunch and sell raffle tickets.

Peggy Harris, Cookbook Chair, gave us a viewing of the new cookbooks filled with numerous family favorites. The committee collected over 800 recipes for this book. There is a new section for the novice cook filled with easy to cook recipes. The books sell for \$20 and will be on sale at school, Wednesdays and Fridays in September, from 7:30 – 9 a.m. and 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Peggy is looking for volunteers to sell these books at school and at your home churches after Sunday Masses.

Brigid Shea, Corresponding Secretary, explained that her job is to organize and supervise the Mothers' Club mailings and mail paper copies to those that have not provided SLUH email addresses. There are 6 mailings throughout the year. Brigid would like a couple of volunteers to help her with the mailings.

Mini McLaughlin, Recording Secretary, explained that her job is to record the minutes of the board meetings, email them out to the Board Members for approval, then get the approved minutes posted on the Mothers' Club website. Mini also explained that she helps Chris open and redirect the club's email, phone mail, and snail mail as well as tries to keep the parent email addresses current.

Charla Dziedzic, Technology Chair, explained that she is in charge of posting the meeting minutes and monthly mailings online. She is also in charge of gathering all of the volunteer sheets and distributing those lists to the proper committees.

Martha Staley, Pastoral Chair, announced that she and her committee are responsible for the Mothers' Club liturgies and the Mass portion of the Mother-Son Mass and Lunch, helping set up the Adoration schedule and cleaning the altar linens twice a month. She still needs help with Eucharistic ministers, singers and musicians at the masses. She also needs help with

Advent Adoration, cleaning the altar linens, and with the Day of Recollection. Martha announced the following events:

- September 24th- Mothers' Club Mass and Luncheon
- November 8th-Mother-Son Mass and Luncheon
- December 6th – Mothers' Club Mass and SLUHtique
- January 21st - Mothers' Club Day of Recollection
- May 18th - Mothers' Club Mass and Installation

Kathy Thames, Community Outreach, announced events with which she could use our help:

- Thanksgiving Basket Drive
- Winter Coat Drive
- December 5th - Loyola Christmas Party
- December 12th – Santa Shop at Loyola
- Fiesta for Funds
- Rock for Charity

Information on all of these events will be found in future Mothers' Club mailings.

Patty Neyer, Hospitality Chair, explained that her job is to set up for some of the Mothers' Club events and provide refreshments. She is also in charge of coordinating the hostesses for the Card Party and she will need about 30 volunteers for this.

Anne Ragland, Historian, explained that her job is to take pictures at all the Mothers' Club events. She encouraged anyone who takes good pictures at any of these events to email them to her. At the end of the year she will provide Chris with a scrapbook of the year's events.

Chris introduced Barb Bettonville and Clair Jablonski as this year's Cashbah Co-Chairs. The ladies did not yet announce the theme of this school year's Cashbah but said that will be announced soon. The auction is March 20th. Barb encouraged everyone to sign up for the many areas where help is needed. We need hosts for gift gathering parties, people to work on decorations, and people to work with Painted Treasures. They would like a freshman or sophomore parent to get involved with Oral Auction so they could get to know the ropes. Helpers are needed with homeroom baskets, quilting, and serving the night of the auction. She announced that two of the parties from last year's auction still have openings (a wine tasting party and a Cajun cocktail party), and you can call the Mothers' Club to sign up.

Chris introduced Patsy Goessling, Family/Grandparents' Masses. Patsy explained that she serves as a liaison to the school for special masses such as the two Family Masses and the Grandparents' Mass. She organizes the Eucharistic Ministers for these Masses. Patsy is also in charge of the Card Party prizes and she asked for us to give her ideas of restaurants she can contact for nice attendance prizes.

Chris told us that Mary Luckey, is in charge of the Martha Committee, Mary coordinates the Mothers' Club responses to school families in need. She sets up food schedules for the families or sends Mass Cards and asks the school community to keep those families in our

prayers. Mary will have a flyer in the next mailing asking for ideas of ways to better serve our families.

Chris announced that Toni Otten and Peggy Harris are our Mother-Son Mass and Lunch Co-Chairs. The event is Sunday, November 8th and is a great day to spend with your son. They are in need of a freshman or sophomore mom to shadow them this year.

Chris told us that Patti Kennedy and Debbie Pazderka will serve as Parent Network Reps. Chris explained that Dr. Moran will sit on a panel of three speakers at the March 10th event about alcohol.

Chris thanked the 50+ moms who signed up to be class reps and encouraged the ladies to file into the Commons for refreshments, and a chance to sign up for various activities and to meet new people.