

**Villanova Parent Guild
Meeting Minutes
Oct 7, 2008**

The October 2008 meeting of the Villanova Parent's Guild was called to order at 6:58 p.m. in Room 19 by co-president Jim Lenz. Approximately 25 people were present. A prayer was offered by Jim to open the meeting.

Football Season: Attendance at games has been very good, Coach Muller is excited about the team and all the support. Buttons with the Parent Guild logo were distributed have been distributed to parents to wear at sporting events. Tailgating parties are going well, two parents are needed for Homecoming, the Golden family is hosting it for the Fillmore game. The tailgating parties give parents a chance to get to know each other and so all can sit together at sports functions. Sports passes, which are good for a year, can be purchased for a one-time \$25 fee and are good for all home sporting events including basketball, football and volleyball. Denna Lenz, reporting for Sophie Butcher said that \$4,000 has been made on 'spiritwear' sales.

Photos: Parents are asked to please submit photos from sporting or other events to Jim Lenz: jim.lenz@sbcglobal.net or Heidi Whitman: hwhitman@villanovaprep.org for Nova notes.

Financial Report: Luanne Crocker reported about guild fiancés (see attached report). She explained the \$100,000 disbursement to the school was from a three-year build-up of funds and are earmarked for certain events until needed. As an organization we start with a base of \$6,000,--which comes from a yearly guild fee of \$20 collected from each Villanova family and fundraising events. The fiscal year begins on July 1. The balance left in the account is seed money for events such as tailgating party expenses, the Junior ring mass and senior breakfasts.

Banner Sales: Michelle Kolbeck reported about banner renewals and sales. About half of those who have banners hanging in the gym have renewed, the others are still pending and there are 6 to 8 new banners. This has raised a about \$6,800 a year through renewals and sales. Banners can be renewed for up to for 4 years and cost \$200 for the sides of the gym and \$300 for the front. The program was well set up and Michelle thanked those did it before her.

Wildcat Golf Classic: Dawn Golden, committee member, said that the event date is Monday, Oct. 27th and sign-ups are available on-line. The fee includes the golf date and a banquet afterwards.

Fall Play: The fall drama production "Can't Take it with You" will be held at the Blackbox Theater in Ojai because of ticket demand/seating and the large cast. The Blackbox Theater can accommodate 100 people. This arrangement is only for this play.

Parent to Parent program: This program, to connect day students with students and parents of overseas students, is almost finished and is being coordinated by Norma Bennett. She has a list of people and will be contacting them shortly with the names of students. There has been a great response to this effort.

Directory of Students and Families: There was motion made and passed unanimously that an 'opt out' box about a family information be included on the schools's application for next year. This motion means that unless a parent indicates on their renewal/new application form that they do not want their information included in the directory, it will automatically be included. The directory is not public and is included on Edline. The sign-up on the school's website only drew 10 percent of families.

Senior Breakfasts: The first Senior breakfast has been held and was a great success. The next one is Nov. 21st.

Junior Class Leadership Ring Mass: Don Diaz is heading this up and has asked for this event being held on November 24th. Don explained it is a desert-only function. Help is needed for clean-up and set-up. Eight to ten parents are needed and it's a good way for parents to get service hours. It's help at St. Thomas Aquinas Church parish hall, with mass at 7 pm.

Website: The website is being redone and an outside company has been hired to revamp it. After that revision, guild events, updates and minutes will be posted to the website. Dave McAtee is heading this up.

Auction: A tentative date of April 25th has been set for the auction. It will be a very similar setting as last year's event, with it being a dressy event with no students present. It will include dinner, a silent and live auction. Michelle Borchard is looking for help with publicity about auction items.

Discussion: Discussion took place about how parents are notified about events/happens on campus and how that can be improved; and who represents the school at guild meeting and how the guild interacts with the school. Suggestions were made for improving this.

The next meeting will be changed as the first Tuesday is election day. Date will be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Diane Le Fevre
Secretary

