



Ignatian Guild Meeting Minutes, 8/29/17

President: Staci Fleming
Vice President: Angela Koros
Recording Secretary: Miriam Sweeney
Corresponding Secretary: Aundrea McGrew-Brown
Treasurer: Karen Eggert
Assistant Treasurer: Tricia Mason

Welcome and Call to Order

Staci Fleming called the meeting at 7:01 pm. The minutes were approved by Aundrea Brown and Esther Arnold. Staci asked new members of the Guild and those attending their first Guild meeting to raise their hands and be recognized. A cheerful applause ensued. Staci welcomed the freshman moms and teased the Senior moms that “ordering caps and gowns is just around the corner!” Staci started the meeting introducing Kristin Haygood and Tricia Brown of the Development office. “They are here for us parents even through the Summer and especially the next 30 days as we count down to the fashion show, SI LIGHTS!”

Staci announced her agenda for the evening’s meeting will not be in its usual chronological order, as there are some new business that need to be in the forefront, such as introduction of the new parent clubs, and the fashion show.

Opening Prayer

Rita O’Malley lead the opening prayer. Rita tells the story of the first day of school when she was a child, and finally getting to wear her “back-to-school new shoes”. The message being that new shoes and old shoes are signs of our childrens’ growth. Growth is God’s gift. How do we recognize these moments of growth, change, and blessings in our everyday lives?

Security at SI

Marybeth McFarland, Director of Security introduced herself. Born & raised in Chicago, Illinois, from an Irish Catholic family of six. She graduated from Arizona State University and Federal Law Enforcement Basic Academy with Criminal Investigator Training. She is also a Firearm Instructor and Adjunct Instructor. She was also with the Santa Rosa JC Police Academy for 20 years. Marybeth is a single mom of 16 years. Her children: Jake, 25 yrs old, Jenna & Devan 20 yrs - UC Santa Cruz & UC Santa Barbara.

Marybeth introduced the new school wide security digital system, which can access all doors at SI. This is especially important should a “lockdown” happen at school; the central system can remotely open, and lock any doors at SI. The new digital security system elevates the standard response protocol of “lockdown, evacuation, and shelter”. SI is the first private school in San Francisco to have this in place. Along with the new central digital security system, SI also has upgraded the digital check-in system for all visitors and volunteers entering SI. This system is linked to the National Sex Offenders database and is another way our community is protected at SI.

With numerous activities and events on campus, SI has 24/7 contracted security guard service.

For lost or stolen items, please call Security at 415.919.4599, or 415.624.4285.

AALPA

Rufus Davis, Jr., co-President of AALPA invites all of you to its first general meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 6pm, at the Wilsey Library. AALPA is a multicultural, multiracial group of volunteer parents and guardians, promoting family equity, education, support and mentorship via social and networking opportunities. Through outreach efforts in our communities, AALPA seeks to raise awareness of the educational opportunities at St. Ignatius College Preparatory for Latino and African American students.

Carla Bello, co-President of AALPA, welcomes everyone to any and all of AALPA meetings. Please lookout for the dates in the SI website and Parent Newsletters. She recognized Aundrea Brown and Jeanette Wright as the AALPA Liaison to the Guild.

SIPAC

Randolph Arguelles, President of SIPAC, is from class of '86. He is very excited to continue the great work of past SIPAC presidents in creating a social network that can provide support, advice, mentorship, and assistance predominantly, but not exclusively, to the Asian parent community and parents of Asian children at SI. The first SIPAC meeting is on Wednesday, August 30, at 6pm, in the Wilsey Library. All SIPAC meetings have an educational component. The first series will be lead by Randolph on the Holistic Review of College Evaluations. The information shared will be from his professional experience of reviewing college applications for UC Berkeley for over 15 years. He introduced Meggie Chichioco as the SIPAC Liaison to the Guild. Meggie reminded everyone that SIPAC will be providing dinner during the meeting tomorrow night and all students are welcome.

Fathers' Club

Dave Churton has served on the Fathers' Club Board for the last 6 years. The Father's Club holds many events for all SI fathers, the flagship being the Auction held in Spring each year. The next Fathers' Club event is the Welcome BBQ, Oktoberfest, Thursday, September 14 at 5:30 pm for cocktails and dinner at 7:00 pm, in the Carlin Commons. The Fathers' Club helps connect other SI dads through service, such volunteering in the concession stands during home games. Dave is looking forward to another great year at SI. Most of all, Dave is excited to work alongside Rufus, Carla, Randolph and Staci, in "building a stronger and loving SI community".

Reports of the Executive Board

Vice President: Angela Koros welcomed everyone. She thanked the Executive Board for providing the refreshments for the evening. A sign-up sheet was passed around for hospitality for the next 8 Guild meetings.

Recording Secretary: Miriam Sweeney reminded everyone that going forward the minutes will be emailed to the working board only, then uploaded in the Guild website for everyone to access. Should there be any discrepancies or information that has been omitted, please email her directly and she will make the corrections.

Corresponding Secretary: Aundrea Brown surprised Janti and Patti, the two birthday girls in the room, with a “birthday girl” crown and had everyone festively sing Happy Birthday to them. The room erupted with applause.

- A sympathy card was sent to Dave Churton and family in the wake of the passing of Dave’s brother.
- A sympathy card was sent to Jaden and Samaya Roberts (Juniors) whose grandfather passed away two weeks prior.
- A sympathy card was sent to the LaRocca family in the tragic death of Tori Larocca.
- Staci also thanked everyone who helped bring refreshments at the Larocca service, held in the Commons.

Treasurer: Karen Eggert reminded the standing committees to turn in their reimbursement requests early, and thanked those who already have.

Assistant Treasurer: Tricia Mason reminded everyone that there will no longer be any Guild dues. Everyone is “IN” the Guild. She also encouraged everyone to bring a friend to the next Guild meeting.

Reports of the Standing Committees

Communications: Michelle Avery reminded the standing committees that the next Principal Newsletter is going out on 8/31. She understands that there are many deadlines and reminders, so to make things easier, she has included the prior year’s newsletters in her reminders, to give standing committees an idea of how to frame submissions.

[Historian:](#) Janti Sommer has one simple request, “Smile for my camera!”

[Hostessing:](#) Maureen McFadden reminded everyone to contact her for any needs in volunteers through Sign-Up Genius, or to help set up a Sign-Up Genius for their respective events.

[Guild Room:](#) Gina Miglio reported of the new mini refrigerator in the Guild Room. She also reminded standing committees using the Guild Room to keep it tidy. Miriam Sweeney reminded Gina that Elena Pidgeon donated denim yardage towards a new drape system in the Guild room. Karen Stucker volunteered to sew it together... “after the fashion show”.

[Loyola Guild:](#) Yvonne McCarthy, Patti Merrigan, and Tricia Hagey. The Loyola Holiday Tea, in conjunction with the Loyola Guild and Ignatian Guild will be held on December 10. More updates to come!

[Mentor Moms:](#) Staci Fleming thanked Liz and her committee for putting together the most warmest welcome to the freshman families, three times, and in three different regions, Marin, SF and the Peninsula. “We are all grateful for the hard work and for helping the community kickstart another great school year!”, said Staci.

[Prep-Shop:](#) Kristen McCarthy announced a proud earning of \$29,000 and counting from Summer school and Summer events as well as Freshman Orientation. A huge applause erupted. Kristen anticipates new products to fly off the shelves during Back-to-School Night, Bruce Mahoney, and at the Fashion Show Marketplace on Sunday, 10/1. Come and see all the new Fall merchandise: SI Christmas ornaments, Cozy plaid SI blankets, Red/Blue long sleeve t-shirts and Navy SI PJ's. “Don't miss out, stuff is flying off the shelves!”, said Kristen.

[Sunshine Hugs:](#) Helen Vydra Roy has nothing to report. She reminded everyone that we are all the eyes and ears of our community. Please let Helen know of any need within our community.

[Freshman Orientation:](#) Valentina Camp-Davis, Jennifer Callahan, Elaine Shanahan, Adriana Carlton, and Vanessa Mar thanked all their volunteers

who made the day a huge success for the freshman students and families. Staci thanked the FO Chairs for working hard over the Summer break, ensuring a fabulous kick-off to the year. Staci had great feedback from freshman families!

[Fashion Show:](#) Esther Arnold, Sheila McCarthy, Patti Sheedy, Monica Myers are super excited as they are 30 days away to showtime! Seniors are signed up and SI is bursting with amazing energy. We look forward to you joining us for this year's SI LIGHTS Fashion Show Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, here at SI.

- Sheila McCarthy announced 305 seniors will be participating in this year's show. This is the biggest participation number in the SI FS history! Currently, Sheila and Patti are still looking for ladies to help with the upcoming fittings in the SF, Marin and Peninsula area. Please contact Elena Pidgeon (Marin), Kim Hughes (Peninsula) and Maureen O'Brien (SF) directly to be assigned a partner and region.
- Gina Miglio, Hair and Make-Up Committee Chair, has a call-out for volunteers for hair and make-up for both Saturday (2:30-6:00pm) and Sunday (9:30-12:30pm). "Even if you are planning on attending the show, there will be plenty of time to help out and get ready to attend the show as a guest", encouraged Gina.
- Cynthia Lotti with Model Hospitality is excited to feed the kids again for a second year in a row, along with Lisa Fell, Stephanie Silva, and a crew of awesome mom volunteers. They still need monetary donations to provide food for the student models during rehearsals. Most of the kids will be coming in from extra-curricular activities/athletics after 8 hours of school. They will be hungry! Model Hospitality will make sure your kids are nourished!
- Underwriting: Esther Arnold thanked those who have already turned in underwriting towards the scholarship fund. There are a few seats left for Saturday night's show. Go to the SI Lights website and buy your tickets today, as both days will be sold out very soon. The Live Auction Graduation Celebration 2018 Package is an SI Lights Fashion Show exclusive item and will not be offered at the Fathers' Club Spring auction.

Don't miss out on this very special graduation package. It is loaded with treasures that your senior can start to enjoy now, such as year-round secured parking in the SI garage.

- Raffle Baskets: Denise Rich and Yvonne McCarthy reminded everyone to attend the Gift-Giving Coffee tomorrow, Wednesday, August 30 from 9-12pm, at the Koros residence in Burlingame. An evite has been sent, and they encourage everyone to pass on the invitation to their group of mom friends, post the invite to their social media, and to take a friend along with them to the coffee gathering. Yvonne and Denise are mainly looking for gift-cards and cash to help fund the amazing raffle baskets. Raffle tickets are for sale tonight and tomorrow at the Gift Giving Coffee. Sneak Peek at just a few baskets:
 - a beautiful and iconic Louis Vuitton Neverfull Tote in the classic monogram style! This delightful item retails for over \$1200.
 - back by POPULAR DEMAND!!! Who will be the lucky friend you choose to attend a taping of the Ellen DeGeneres show in Hollywood? This star-studded event includes two (2) VIP tickets on a date to be mutually agreed upon. To be sure you are red-carpet ready, you and your friend will receive blowouts at the DryBar and stylish Allie and Me. Toast to your lovely night with your very own Waterford crystal champagne flutes and a bottle of Veuve Clicquot. The lucky winner of this basket will take home an exquisite hand-carved jade necklace by Heidi Carey.
 - an Instant Wine Cellar including 40 bottles, individually donated, of premium reds, whites, and sparkling wines to celebrate any occasion.

[Moms' Night Out:](#) Kelly Dyke reminded everyone to save the date of October 26 for MNO's Oktoberfest. Stay tuned for updates and details as we roll into Fall.

[Online Business Directory:](#) Carmen Samayoa said to stay tuned for more details in the next meeting.

[Staci Fleming:](#) All other Standing Committees, such as International Food Faire, and Mother and Son/Daughter Dance, etc., please stay tuned for more info as we roll into the year.

Closing Prayer: Lisa Bibat read from Psalm 1:18, “I Love you Lord, You are my Strength”. Lisa followed the reading with a one minute devotion, meditating on the gifts and blessings of our everyday no matter how ordinary; to be aware of each blessing, small or grand.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.