

Ignatian Guild Meeting: Sept 8, 2020 6:30 pm.

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This was our second Ignatian Guild meeting via Zoom, and we had more than 225 attendees!

As moms signed into the Zoom, the Ignatian Guild Board did our best version of the twist, inspired by the scene from Pulp Fiction with Uma Thurman and John Travolta. □

Welcome by Sheila McCarthy, Ignatian Guild President. Sheila warmly welcomed all moms to a year that is starting off very different.

Opening Prayer/ Blessing: St. Ignatius College Prep President Father Eddie Reese led us in an opening prayer and a welcome to all moms.

Theme for the year and Adult Spirituality offerings. Megan Pryor Lorentz, Director of Adult Spirituality, shared the year's theme: AMDG: Sharing Hope, Building Community and asked everyone to reflect on What is bringing you hope? She explained the meaning of AMDG –the Latin motto of the Jesuits, Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam, For the greater glory of God. Ms. Pryor Lorentz also outlined multiple adult spirituality offerings, including weekly Rosary, Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS) – see link <https://www.siprep.org/about-us/offices/adult-spirituality/ministry-of-mothers-sharing-moms> , a mini course on Faith, Film and Fiction, and a 4-part webinar beginning Sept. 15 called Envisioning a Just Society Amidst Covid-19 (Link here: <https://justsocietyseries.wordpress.com/> if interested).

Introduction to 2020-2021 Executive Board of the Ignatian Guild. Each member of the new executive board introduced herself while a slide with her photo and family photo appeared; each spoke of what she is hopeful for during this unusual time: President Sheila McCarthy, Vice President Cathleen Rigatti, Recording Secretary Kerry Dolan Button, Corresponding Secretary Kelly Scandalios, Treasurer Karin Tucker and Assistant Treasurer Jenny Yung.

Birthdays! Corresponding Secretary Kelly Scandalios wished everyone with birthdays in July, August and September a happy birthday, including Sheila McCarthy, Karin Tucker, Kelly Scandalios and Megan Pryor Lorentz

SIPAC President Michelle Mendoza introduced herself and gave some background about SIPAC – SI Parents Asian Club – and SIPAC's annual Christmastime event, Pasko. Michelle invited all SI parents to attend SIPAC's September meeting, featuring a talk by college counselor Randolph Arguelles discussing what the UC's dropping the ACT/SAT requirement means for your student. Michelle also introduced **Venetia Hui Gatus**, the SIPAC liaison to the Ignatian Guild. Venetia introduced herself; she will be attending Ignatian Guild meetings throughout the year.

AALPA Liaisons Lydia Flocchini and Kelli Willis, two of the three liaisons to the Ignatian Guild from AALPA –Parents of African American and Latino Students – introduced themselves and welcomed parents to monthly AALPA meetings on the third Wednesday of the month. Griselda Ayala, who was not able to attend, is the third liaison from AALPA.

Fashion Show. Denee Berliner, one of the cochairs of the Fashion Show, an annual fundraiser that usually takes place in September and involves all Seniors who wish to participate, gave an update on the show. Because of the pandemic, the Fashion Show has been postponed until after January 1, 2021. The theme for the show is in the final stages of development. Denee assured everyone that there **will** be an event no matter what –even if it's a drive-in event.

Prep Shop News. Jo McKay, one of the Prep Shops Co-chairs, shared the news that the online prep shop store has been launched (go to siprepsshop.com). New items include face masks! Items are shipped

to your home. The store on campus is currently closed for in-person shopping due to the pandemic. JO mentioned that the Prep Shop will need volunteers, Jen Bonvechio is in charge of Prep Shop Volunteers. Her email if you are interested in volunteering, is jenniferbonvechio@gmail.com

Sunshine Hugs. Stephanie Luedorf, co-chair, explained that Sunshine Hugs is a group of moms ready to help out families in need –whether someone is sick or if a family member has passed away. Sunshine Hugs sends cards, and also coordinates donations and deliveries of meals to families going through a difficult time. If you'd like to volunteer to help with Sunshine Hugs, please email ignatianguild@siprep.org

Mom's Night Out. Marti Maes and Terry Marks, co-chairs, introduced themselves and welcomed ideas for how we can have a Mom's Night Out – usually held in October at the SI Commons, with food, a DJ, and shopping –this year. They're working on cooking something up!

Treasurer's Report. Karin Tucker introduced herself and mentioned two ways to help fundraise for SI while you do your regular shopping: Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com and choose St. Ignatius College Prep) and E-scrip, where you register your grocery cards (www.escrip.com // choose St. Ignatius College Preparatory).

The S.I. Parent Portal Guild Vice President Cathleen Rigatti walked everyone through the fountain of information on the Parent Portal of the SI website: Check it out at <https://www.siprep.org/parent-portal> For all the events going on, and links to the Ignatian Guild and other parent clubs.

Ignatian Guild Now On Instagram! Priya Anto, Ignatian Guild Communications Co-chair, encouraged all moms to follow the Guild @si_ignatianguild Use hashtags #WeAreSIMothers and #SIIgnatianGuild . She asked that you send her photos of you and your students to share on the Guild's Instagram page. Priya's email address: priyamjohn@gmail.com

How To Reach The Ignatian Guild: Beth Ward Francesconi, Communications Co-chair, spread the word: Use ignatianguild@siprep.org to reach anyone on the Guild board with questions. Also

Interested in hosting a parent or family social event? Take this survey to let us know what you'd like to host: <https://forms.gle/ZLjBCbcjqzSL6gqo6>

Google Calendar App: Beth Ward Francesconi also shared: Our S.I. calendars all live on a Google platform and can be added to an iOS Calendar app on iPhones and iPads as well as the Google Calendar app on all iOS, Android, and Mac OS platforms. You'll find the subscriptions in the right sidebar of our Calendar page on the website and here is a direct link: <https://www.siprep.org/life-at-si/calendar-of-events/school-calendars/google-calendar-feeds/>

Next Ignatian Guild Meeting: Tues Oct 13 at 6:30 pm.

Closing Prayer Megan Pryor Lorentz led us in a closing prayer.

"Parking lot"-style breakout rooms were held to continue socializing for those who chose to participate.