

Alumni Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

To: Al Zimmerman, '73, Director of Alumni Relations

From: Peter F. Della Porta, '75 Secretary, Alumni Board of Governors

Date: January 22, 2007

Re: St. Joseph's Prep Alumni Board of Governors minutes from November 29, 2006 Meeting.

The meeting was convened at 7:35PM by President Bernie Kueny, Esq. '79. Tom Harrington '43 gave the opening prayer. Bernie asked to move the minutes from the September 9th, 2006 meeting into the record. Motion approved. Charlie Gallagher '65 gave the Treasurer's report.

Bernie introduced the first guest speaker, Carton Rogers '00, Assistant Football Coach and eight members of the offensive line. Carton gave us an overall view of the season and introduced each football player one by one telling us about their position, season successes, athletic honors, scholastic honors, and college school they intend to attend next year including their intended academic focus. There was then a period of Q & A with the coach and players. The two LaSalle games were briefly discussed.

Jim Murray '79, Director of Athletics was introduced. Jim gave a summary of the fall sports at the Prep. The Cross Country team was 18-2 for a 3rd place in the Catholic League. Six runners earned all Catholic awards with four on the first team. The Prep the football team went 1-1 preseason and undefeated in regular season. Prep Football players received nine All-Catholic awards, six straight All-Catholic MVPs and eight National Merit finalists. The Junior Varsity team went 10-0 and the freshman team was 8-1 and undefeated in regular season play. The future of Prep football remains very bright! For the Prep soccer team, the freshman team went 8-5-3, the Junior varsity team went 16-1-2 and the varsity went 18-4 despite losing 6 starters from the year before. Prep Soccer players received six All Catholics awards, three first team, and three the second team. The future remains very bright! Jim then discussed the PIAA issue, which focuses on Bishop McFadden making the decision to end the Catholic league and have all the teams enter the PIAA. Jim explained what the reasoning was behind the eminent decision. There are three pros: City & State championships, Better exposure for the athletes to college scouts, and more scholarship opportunities. Some of the cons are longer season by a month, the cost and where the money goes, which is to the public school system in Harrisburg. Jim stated that if the Athletic Directors voted today, it would be 17-0 in favor of not going to the PIAA. He stated that many issues remain unresolved.

(There was much discussion regarding this issue.) Some of the discussion was, Q: What is the timing of this A: Probably by next school year. Q: Will it work for all sports? A: Some sports like football may not work well. The Catholic league football teams would dominate. Again, many issues remain unresolved Q: How does the feeder system work for a school like the Prep with open enrollment? A: Not sure, this is a significant open issue. Q: Would the Prep entertain the possibility of going to another league. A: We would probably give this a try, however we would keep open the possibility of going to another league, like the Interac. We have discussed these issues with LaSalle and they are also reviewing the same options. Q: Where does Bishop McFadden get his authority to do this? A: Don't know, but probably because he is fully backed by the archdiocese. Q: What about specially scheduled games like to Prep-LaSalle game on Thanksgiving and what about the money? A: Probably, these types of games would be over. If there was a game, previously the money from the gate was split between the two teams, now the money would go to Harrisburg.

Bernie introduced Beth Missett, Director of Hawkton and Special Events. Beth discussed her involvement and comments with special events such as reunions and the Hawkton. This year will be the 25th anniversary of this event. Many schools have tried to copy the success of the Hawkton with mixed results. This year will have a James Bond theme. All vodka drinks will be "shaken but not stirred". Beth also discussed other events- Jug night, the annual golf outing (again at the Cricket Club). Beth also mentioned the success of the Book Store and announced that it is now online.

Bernie introduced John Anderson, Vice President of Development. John announced that the Phonathon this year was very successful. The Prep fund raising total is well ahead of last year's. The capital campaign is doing very well. The capital dollars are earmarked for the rectory renovation and increasing the endowment.

Bernie introduced Al Zimmerman, '73, Director of Alumni Relations. Al announced that the Alumni directory was mailed to 1,500 alumni. There is now a Prep email update sent every two weeks to the entire database of alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends of the Prep by Bill Avington, '90. There is a new website run by Brendon Murthy, '01, Director of Web Services. The reunion weekend went well. It started with October 20th with Happy Hour at Tir Na Nog (Attended by 160 people), Saturday brunch at Brittingham's (Attended by 60 people), Saturday afternoon Prep-LaSalle Game (Attended by 105 people), Saturday evening reunions (Attended by 365 people), and Sunday, The Annual Alumni Father-Son Communion Breakfast which was attended by about 640 people. Wednesday night Jug went well and the Annual Prep Classis will be 5/21 at the Philadelphia Country Club. Over 200 golfers are expected to attend. The Class of '57 reunion will be June 1, 2, 3. The Golden Liturgy and luncheon will be June 12.

Bernie introduced John Burns '54, the head of the Prep Attorney Alumni Association which John announced is growing and evolving. John gave us the purpose of the group and some of the initiatives planned thus far. One of the goals is to have over 100 members.

Bernie then introduced new business and final comments. There will be nominations shortly for Alumnus of the Year and the Reverend Charles A. Schnorr Award. There was a motion for dinner servers to place tip glasses at all Prep function. Motion Passed. There was also a proposal to create and post plaques for teachers who have received alumnus of the year award at their department at the Prep. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be February 6th.

Bill McGarvey '51 gave final prayer and the meeting adjourned at 9:37.

Respectfully submitted

Peter F. Della Porta '75
Secretary

In attendance were the following:

Name
Al Zimmerman '73
Andy Lynch '85
Mark Cavanaugh '76
Jack Duffy '72
Armand Della Porta '73
Peter F. Della Porta '75
Joe Bergan '83
Joe Kieffer '84
Bill McGarvey '51
Chris Tretta '71
Henry Adamczyk '53
Mike Kienlen '45
James Gabriele '93
Charlie Kling '61
Anthony Torre III '91
John DeFeo '75
Lou Puzano '59
Emanuele Buonamici ' 91
Bernard J. Buckley, Jr '84

Joe Mancano '72
Paul Perpiglia '81
Vince Dougherty '48
Brad Blaisdell '97
Michael Fitzpatrick '01
Bill McGarvey '51
Calvin Wilson
Carton Rodgers
Craig Dimitri '91
Francis Burns '71
Gerry Goldner '56
Peter Seymund '47
Joe Murphy '53
RG Adamzyk '52
John Burns '17/'54
John Avicolli '95
Jim Murray
John Anderson
Charlie Gallagher '65