

## Alumni Board of Governors

### Meeting Minutes

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**To:** Al Zimmerman, '73

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

**Date:** September 11, 2006

**Re:** St. Joseph's Prep Alumni Board of Governors minutes from April 5th, 2006 Meeting.

The meeting was convened at 7:40PM by Bernie Kueny, Esq. '79 President. Tom Harrington '43 gave the opening prayer. Bernie asked to move the minutes from the February 5th, 2006 meeting into record. Andy Lynch '85 Treasurer, gave his report.

Bernie mentioned the passing of several Prep Alumni. Matthew Brannau '82, died suddenly leaving behind his wife and seven children. There was discussion of two fundraising events to raise money to support his wife and children and his sons have been offered free tuition to the Prep. Lt. Col. John C. Spahr '81, died tragically over the skies of Iraq in his F/A Marine fighter jet. A crew shell will be named in his honor and will be dedicated on Sunday, April 30 at the Boathouse. Mass will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the dedication and christening to follow.

Bernie introduced Rod Henkels '82, Chair of the Board of Trustees. Rod mentioned that the state of the Prep is excellent and it continues to attract the best young men in the area to be "men for others". 2006 continues to be a year of challenges - Faculty departures, cheating scandal, Fr. Clifford resigning, among others. However, he emphasized the lots of positive things going on, such as the Prep had 13 National Merit this year. Mike Egan, former Vice President of PECO and Exelon Executive, was hired for \$1.00 to examine and refine business operation at the Prep. Mike is also heading the committee to review the faculty pension plan. The committee to hire a new school principal is expected to give its recommendations by the end of May. The cheating scandal was the worst event of the year and Rod addressed the faculty three times. He brought in an investigation professional to analyze, review & summarize the scandal and there has been a new policy adopted. First offense, suspended, second expelled. Twenty two sophomores were suspended. Rod cited a need for a code of conduct. Other business is that the board feels the need to grow the endowment, and an expansion of scholarships to be offered to financially challenged applicants. There will be a tuition increase of \$600-700 next year. Rod reviewed the demographics of faculty and its impact on the pension plan. The Capital campaign pledges total \$15 million and still in silent phase. There is a plan to refurbishing the rectory and the two blocks behind the school is up for sale. But the price tag is \$6 million to purchase but at this time it is considered to probably be a luxury. Rod stated the important need to develop a long term property plan.

Bernie introduced Gus Kueny '53, who introduced the next speaker, Ron Ferreri. Ron works for the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS). Ron thanked us for the support the Prep community has given the JRS in the past. The JRS is an international Catholic organization with a mission is to accompany, serve and defend the rights of refugees and forcibly displaced people. JRS undertakes services at national and regional levels with the support of an international office in Rome. Founded in November 1980 as a work of the Society of Jesus, JRS was officially registered on 19 March 2000 at the Vatican State as a foundation. JRS programs are found in over 50 countries, providing assistance to refugees in refugee camps, to people displaced within their own country, to asylum seekers in cities and those held in detention. The main areas of work are in the field of Education, Advocacy, Emergency Assistance, Health and Nutrition, Income Generating Activities and Social Services. At the end of 2004, more than 450,000 individuals are direct beneficiaries of JRS projects. Nearly 1,000 workers contribute to the work of JRS, the majority of whom work on a voluntary basis, including about 75 Jesuits (priests, brothers and scholastics) and 75 religious from other congregations. These figures do not include the large number of refugees recruited to take part in the programs as teachers, health workers and others. Bernie made a motion to give the some proceeds from the Golf outing to the to the JRS, pending review of the outing's financial bottom line. The motion was carried.

Bernie introduced Jay Hill '66 and Pat Lamb '86 to speak regarding the Ignatian Fund. Jay & Pat explained that the purpose of the fund is to expand the diversity of the Prep. Four students are selected each year and given approximately \$1,500 in tuition dollars. Bernie made a motion to give the some proceeds from the Golf outing to the Ignation fund, pending review of the outing's financial bottom line. The motion was carried.

Bernie introduced Joe Quinn '71 to discuss the Hawkktion, which is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is "Viva Las Vegas" The Hawkktion generally raises \$300-400 thousand per year for the Prep. Motion made and carried to donate a full page Ad in the amount of \$5,000 to the event.

Bernie introduced Al for upcoming events. Al discussed several upcoming events: Phillies game, Manhattan night, the annual Prep Golf Classic on May, 22, (180 golfers at Philadelphia Cricket Club) War at the Shore (which has now added a new Prep vs. LaSalle fishing tournament) and the crew social.

Bernie introduced Jack Duffy to discuss the March 11, retreat at St Joseph's University retreat. Sixteen attendees from the Prep were there led by Fr. Gerry Maglone.

Bernie introduced Frank Burns '71 for the annual gathering of Prep Lawyers. 70 lawyers attended on Ash Wednesday. New business: Two new members were introduced: Mark Zoller '03 and Ed Dougherty '71.

Bill McGarvey '51 gave final prayer and the meeting adjourned at 9:03.

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
Mark Sullivan '89
Stephen Gleason '83
John Burns '54
Joe Bergan '83
Joe Kieffer '84
Ray Adamczyk '52
Harry Stinger '49
Bill McGarvey '51
Lou Paulino '59
Vince Dougherty '48
Chris Tretta '71
Henry Adameczyk '53
Franz Loeber '86
John Sigmund '54
Tim Kueny '87
Bernie Kueny '79
Tom Lederer '74
David MaGear '77
Mike Keinlen
Jude Carey '88
Chris Lisko '90
Paul Sullivan '49
Andrew Lynch '85

Eric Rauch '90
Jack Keshishian '90
James Gabriele '93
John Anderson
Leo Carlin '55
Clarlie Kling '61
Jim O'Brien '62
Joseph Pandolfi '57
Joseph Mancano '72
Ed Foy '75
Richard Brown, Jr. '84
Scott Mullen '99
Brian Kearney '99
Gus Keuny '53
Rod Henkels '82
Gallagher '65
Anthony Torre III '91
John Avicelli '95
Mark Zoller '03
Gerry Goldner '56
Steve Fera '82
John '75
Lou Pauzano '59
John Foster '72
Bill Avington '90
Emanuele Buonamici ' 91
Tom Harrington '43
Ed Dougherty '71
Frank Burns '71