

Alumni Board of Governors Meeting Minutes

To: Al Zimmerman, '73

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

Date: November 29, 2006

Re: St. Joseph's Prep Alumni Board of Governors minutes from September 9, 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 April 5, 2006 meeting into the record. Motion approved. Treasurer Andy Lynch '85 gave his report and announced that the Alumni Board of Governor's raised approximately \$25,000 at the golf outing and spent \$20,000 leaving a \$5,000 balance. Motion passed to approve minutes.

Bernie mentioned the passing of several Prep Alumni and family. Dick Harrington '72, Fr. Joe Kline, Kelly Rooney, Gene Otto '92 and Rich Collins '71 is battling cancer. 9/11 victims "Buddha" Clark and John Sigmund's daughter were also mentioned and honored.

Bernie stressed the need for email addresses for all alumni to speed communications including Bill Avington's '90 updates to the Prep alumni community. Question was asked how did this past year golf outing compare to previous years? The answer was that we usually have about 120 golfers but this year we had 204 and much more in sponsorships. Bernie thanked the committee for both golf and tennis.

Fr. Byron had planned to attend but he needed to attend a commitment in Washington DC. Bernie then introduced the Prep's new Principal, Michael Gomez, which included Mike's very impressive bio. Mike commented on his Jesuit background and the Jesuit school commitment to be "men for others". Mike gave his impression of the status of the Prep and first few months in office and continued into a discussion of the strengths of the Prep and his goals, objectives and challenges for the school year. The strengths included the academic achievements (how many honor students, etc.) and athletic achievements by sport. Mike gave a very inspiring view of his vision of what the Prep could be and how the Prep mission statement is made part of each student's life. During Q&A: Q: How did the Prep get the #15 ranking in Philadelphia Magazine? A: This lowly ranking was based on a combination of criteria. The Prep got low grades in some areas, such as class size, due to the limitations in their plant and facilities which obviously seriously impacted the overall grade and subsequent ranking. Q: What can the Board of Governors do to

help his agenda? A: Continue our efforts in fund raising and efforts in communications throughout the Prep community. Q: What are you doing in response to the cheating scandal of last year? A: Each Prep student needs to be held accountable. Other issues: Diversity is a major challenge to the Prep this year. About 40% of Prep students receive financial aid.

Bernie introduced The Prep's Director of Ignatian Identity, Rev. Bruce Maivelett, S.J. Fr. Bruce first commented on Mike Gomez's credentials, attitude, enthusiasm and work ethic and how blessed we are to have him. 72 people applied for the Principal's job and he was by far the most qualified. Fr. Bruce then also commented on Fr. Byron, experience, Prep alumnus, credentials, etc. and how blessed we are to have him also. Fr. Bruce then discussed the Jesuit's mission in today's world, how they have changed and how we can participate, support, and embrace the Jesuit mission. He mentioned smaller masses. There are currently 4 Jesuits at the Prep. It was mentioned by Jack Duffy in contrast when he was at the Prep all his teachers were Jesuits. Today most students would never have a Jesuit as a teacher. Fr. Bruce will be sending out a letter to describe what we will be asking from the Prep alumni community.

Bernie introduced Vice President of Development John Anderson. John stated his initiatives in progress: Alumni relations: announced 18 scheduled visits throughout the country; Parent relations: Programs, contacts; Improved communications: email bulletins, Prep Magazine, major rework of Website; annual giving: Phonothon (goal of 300 callers reaching 9,000 alumni; Prep Fund, capital campaign goals, grow endowment (Planned giving discussion), etc.

Bernie introduced Al Zimmerman '73, Director of Alumni Relations for his report. Al discussed the capital campaign goals and current status. Al also discussed phonothon plans and goals and the upcoming reunion weekend. Al listed the weekend activities – Brittingham lunch Football game, 05 reunions, and communion breakfast. Q&A: Q: What is the current Prep tuition? A: \$13,600. There was a recommendation for the Prep's Mothers' Club to send a response to the Philadelphia Magazine & Inquirer articles.

Bernie gave concluding comments for the meeting which included a new Mother/Son communion breakfast. There were seven new members at this meeting. The next Prep Board of Alumni meeting is scheduled for 11/29.

Bill McGarvey '51 gave final prayer and the meeting adjourned at 9:32.

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
Joe Bergan '83
Joe Kieffer '84
Ray Adamczyk '52
Bill McGarvey '51
Chris Tretta '71
Henry Adamczyk '53
Mike Kienlen '45
Paul Sullivan '49
James Gabriele '93
Charlie Kling '61
Matt Simon '73

Ed Foy '75
Richard Brown, Jr. '84
Brian Kearney '99
Anthony Torre III '91
John Avicolti '95
Steve Fera '82
John DeFeo '75
Lou Pauzano '59
Emanuele Buonamici '91
Tom Harrington '43
Bernard J. Buckley, Jr '84
James A. Dempsey '82
Shane Funston '99
Craig Dimitri '91
Timothy Murphy '95
Joe Mancano '72
Bernard Gray '79
Paul Perpiglia '81