

SJP Alumni Board of Governors

Minutes of November 14, 2011 Meeting

I. Call to Order/Opening Prayer

President Peter Della Porta '75 called the meeting to order and invited Tom Harrington, Jr. '43 to give the opening prayer.

II. Minutes of September Meeting

Minutes of the September 20, 2011 meeting were submitted by Secretary, Stephen Kriz '92, a motion to accept duly made, seconded and unanimously approved.

III. Guest Speakers

Al Zimmerman '73 – Master Site Planning

Al informed the BOG that Burt Hill had been retained by the Prep to evaluate the current Prep facility and future needs. Among the plans under discussion were future use of the Gesu Church and the 17th Street Convent. In addition a wish list for future field sites and parking are being discussed. Al explained that a representative from Burt Hill would be willing to make a presentation about their process to the BOG at the next meeting.

Rev. Bruce Maivelett, S.J. - Principal Search

Fr. Maivelett shared with the BOG the process by which he and his committee were working to identify principal candidates for Fr. Bur's consideration. His committee had met with several focus groups within the Prep community to solicit potential attributes that should be taken into consideration. Fr. Maivelett had indicated that a decision could be made as early as Christmas.

Jim Murray '59 and Speedy Morris – Athletics Report

Jim Murray and Speedy Morris presented and update on the following fall sports:

Cross Country – This year's team is 20-3 and won the Southern Division. They placed fourth in the Catholic League Champs.

Football – The Varsity is 6-4 and this year's Thanksgiving Day game will once again be played at Plymouth Whitmarsh High School against Malvern Prep.

Golf – The team was undefeated this season and lost by 4 strokes in the PCL champs.

Soccer – The Varsity was 9-5-3 and lost to LaSalle in the SemiFinals. The JV was 14-1-3 and the freshman were 5-8-3.

So far this year there are 28 all-Catholics from The Prep.

IV. Committee Reports

Prep Fund

Bernie Kueny, Esq. '79 described the role of the BOG through the history of the Prep and how tuition has always been subsidized to a degree. He asked the BOG members to commit to participate in the phonathon one evening and to recruit 10 additional alumni as well.

Reunion Weekend

Andy Lynch reported on a successful reunion weekend and that \$12,000 had been raised from Reunion Class donation.

Alumni/Father-Son Communion Breakfast

Peter Della Porta announced the following award winners for the 2012 Communion Breakfast.

Schnorr Award: Mike Gomez

Alumnus of the Year: Chris Tretta, Esq. '71

Keynote Speaker: Mike Farrell, Esq. '70

Prep Classic

Ed Foy '75 announced that the 2012 Prep Classic will be played on May 21st at Philadelphia Country Club and the cost will be \$375 per golfer. The event will be held at PCC for the next three years. This year's honoree will be Frank Quattrone '73.

Hawkktion

Stephen Kriz '92 announced that this year's Hawkktion will be held on April 21, 2012. We are looking to significantly increase alumni participation in this event and expect the BOG to assist with this effort. A committee from the BOG is being formed to support efforts to increase alumni participation.

Prep at the Shore

This event will be held during the summer of 2012 at the Deauville Inn in Strathmere.

V. Old/New Business

Admissions: This year's open house was a great success with 552 families in attendance. A total of 1,600 people visited The Prep that day and 450 student volunteers worked at the event. Fifteen alumni, led by John Burns '54, manned the alumni table at the open house.

Pre 7th Grade Program: This new summer program will be open to 100 kids and focus on leadership training.

Mentoring Program: Eric Cahill '99 presented on an endeavor to have alumni mentor students on careers, college selection, etc. He has worked with Amy Romm, one of the Prep's college counselors, to create a survey that was sent to all alumni. Eric and Amy are planning a Career Day on February 24.

The attendance list is attached. The meeting began at 7:15 p.m. and ended at 8:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 8, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen J. Kriz '92
Secretary