



Ignatian Guild Meeting Minutes, 5/30

*President: Staci Fleming
Vice President: Angela Koros
Recording Secretary: Miriam Sweeney
Corresponding Secretary: Aundrea McGrew-Brown
Treasurer: Karen Eggert
Assistant Treasurer: Tricia Mason*

Welcome and Call to Order

Staci Fleming called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. Approval of Minutes by Miriam Sweeney, second by Karen Eggert.

Staci welcomed all the new Guild members for the school year 2017-2018. Staci and the room gave a standing ovation to the new freshman moms in attendance; "SI is a place that becomes our home, our family, and a place that you, and WE are always welcome... the door is wide open". As an SI mom, you are automatically "IN" the Ignatian Guild. Staci encouraged the new moms to share the information with other freshman moms who could not make it to that meeting. She also introduced the new IG Board. Staci reminded all standing committee members to pick up their folders for each of the events they are chairing. In it are all the contact info and IG calendar of events and meetings.

Opening Prayer

Rita O'Malley, Ignatian Guild Moderator and Director of Adult Spirituality, tells a story as the opening prayer... "First Day of School Drop Off". The message being that first days are full of fresh starts and possibilities—inspiring us to do new things and to get involved.

Reports of the Executive Board

Ignatian Guild President: Staci Fleming

Staci and her husband Dave moved back to California from Connecticut in 2009 with their 4 children: Ana (2011), David (2013), Tommy (2016), and Lizzie, a rising junior at SI (2019). The moment the Flemings got into SI, they “dove in and got involved”, eventually Dave became president of the Fathers’ Club during the 2014-2015 school year. The welcome and support of SI’s great community has made their lives that much better. She encourages everyone to get involved, support the community-building efforts of the Guild, and come to the meetings to find out about all the fun things going on at school.

Vice president: Angela Koros

Angela has three children: Elena (2012), Peter (2015), and Ava, a rising Junior (2019). “We are going to have a great year with Staci. She is so much fun and we are going to have a year that is off the charts!” Angela’s main responsibility is hospitality. Each meeting is hosted by a group. Each group hosts the refreshments to be shared at the meeting. There is also simple set-up and break-down involved with each meeting. Angela is the incoming Ignatian Guild President for the next school year, 2018-2019. Angela thanked everybody for coming to the meeting. A Hospitality Sign-Up sheet was passed out in the room.

Recording Secretary: Miriam Sweeney

Miriam has three children: Jacob (2015), Marcus, a rising Junior (2019), and Leo who is in 8th grade. She is thrilled for the new year, the new possibilities and is excited to meet the new moms in the Guild. Her main responsibility as Recording Secretary is to record the minutes of each Guild meetings. Miriam will also send out communication emails on behalf of the Guild Board throughout the year.

Corresponding Secretary: Aundrea McGrew-Brown

Aundrea has a daughter, Alena who is a rising Senior (2018). They are both excited for the new year, and welcomed everybody to join in and get involved. Her first meeting was the first Guild meeting of her freshman year three years ago, and she remembers the meeting being one quarter of the room it was that evening. Aundrea is thrilled to see so many freshman moms in attendance and proud of how much the Guild has grown. Her main responsibility is to support Staci and her fellow board members; “we are the cheerleaders for Staci and for all of you!” The Recording Secretary is the eyes and ears of the community, by reaching out in times of happiness and sadness. On behalf of the Ignatian Guild, the recording secretary communicates the Congratulations, the Thank Yous, and the Get Well Wishes. Aundrea encourages everyone to email her and let her

know of any milestones, birthdays, death and illness that we may not be informed about. "We would like to let our friends, our family and our community know that we are thinking of them".

Treasurer: Karen Eggert

Karen has a rising Junior, Brendan (2019), and Sophia, a rising Sophomore (2021). She welcomed everyone, especially the freshman moms to the meeting. Her first introduction to the Guild was co-chairing the International Food Faire during her freshman year. It was such a great experience and she has been involved ever since. Her main responsibility is to take care of Guild finances, such as reimbursements for events.

Assistant Treasurer: Tricia Mason

Tricia has four children: Michaela (2016), Brittany, a rising Junior (2019), an incoming freshman (2021), and a sixth grader. Her main responsibility is to assist Karen with all things Guild Treasury related. Her big message is that there will no longer be membership dues collected to join the Guild. **The Guild is open to ALL SI moms!**

Reports of Standing Committees

SENIOR FESTIVITIES 2017: Jane Young, Caroline Fogarty

Staci extended the biggest thanks and shout out to our past Guild president, Saasha Orsi, who spearheaded the entire 2016-2017 IG year. Her last event as Guild president was the Senior Festivities, chaired by Jane Young and Karen Fogarty.

This committee and their tireless volunteers spent the year fundraising for this FUNraising Senior Festivities Day. Traditionally the Senior Festivities is a senior-only event, but this year, the SI student body President and its leadership board opened up the event to the entire student body. Because of this generous invitation, Senior Festivities was four times the fun, and sent a great message of "community" to the entire student body. Thank you class of 2016!

PREP SHOP: Kristen McCarthy

The Prep Shop team is chaired by Kristen McCarthy, Caroline Doyle, and Carol Keighran. Prep Shop is a year-round event. The Prep Shop team tries to be at all school events, including over the Summer and during Cat Camp. Prep Shop will be open on the first day of summer camp orientation, 6/19, 8:30-10:30am. Summer school hours is still in the scheduling process.

The Prep Shop team is looking for volunteers for the SI campus shop on Tuesdays and Thursdays and to help man the booth during events, such as the Freshman Parents and Freshman Students Orientation and other SI athletic events. Please contact Kristen if you are interested in volunteering for a shift; “we have so much fun and it’s a great time to peruse the merchandise”. Kristen also did a show and tell of a few of the new SI gear items for this year. SI gear was sold at the end of the meeting.

SI LIGHTS: [Esther Arnold, Monica Myers, Patty Sheedy, Sheila McCarthy](#)

This is the 48th year of the Ignatian Guild Annual Fashion Show. The fashion show is the flagship fundraising and community-building event of the Ignatian Guild. This 48 year tradition supports our mission in two ways, #1 showcase our seniors and #2 assist the Jesuit mission which is to raise money towards the SI Scholarship Fund, enabling generations of students a wonderful Jesuit education. Traditionally the event is held in November, but this year the fashion show will be on September 30 and October 1. So far, there are 297 senior students registered to model in the show. The four chairs have been working tirelessly and will continue over the Summer. Needless to say, the enormity of the show takes a whole village to put on. Please be a part of the fashion show team; no experience necessary and we have on-the-job-training!

SI LIGHTS is the theme for 2018. Two short videos were put on describing what the fashion show is all about. Sheila McCarthy and Patty Sheedy were out of town.

Esther Arnold, Underwriting: Thank you for coming tonight. This job is humbling and amazing all at the same time. We are thrilled to be a part of this time-honored production. Please look out for emails and snail mails over the summer with donor forms, invitations and updates on the show. Tickets to the evening and luncheon show will go out in August. The fashion show always sells out, so please buy your tickets early. It is not to be missed.

Currently, the raffle basket committee chairs have been hard at work putting together a variety of packages to raffle off at the show. Denise Rich, Yvonne McCarthy and Jody O’Connor presented a sample of the most popular raffle baskets to be showcased and raffled at the event: two Louis Vuitton “Neverfull” Bags. Raffle tickets were sold during the meeting: 1 ticket for \$20, 3 tickets for \$50, and 6 tickets for \$100. The raffle chairs are still in need of gift cards to include in the baskets. Please consider donating gift cards to restaurants, spas,

Apple Store, Amazon, Pottery Barn, and skincare products. They are also looking for sports events tickets, Disney connection for Club 33 and skincare services. One of the raffle baskets is an “Instant Wine Cellar”, and there is a big need for fine wines in reds, whites, roses and bubbies. All donations can be dropped off to Tricia Brown’s office on the second floor of McGucken Hall, or at the next IG meeting.

Monica Myers, Party Production: Please go on the website and sign up to volunteer. Click on the parents tab and it will give you a choice to go to various parents clubs. Click on the Ignatian Guild and the fashion show site is up and functioning. It is also a great way to find out about the what, where, when and how of the fashion show. We are still in need of help for set-up and clean-up, so come check us out!

Vanessa Mar, on behalf of Sheila and Patty, Show Production: Vanessa started as a fashion show dressing room manager when she was a freshman mom. This will be her fourth year chairing the Dressing Room Committee. Her daughter will be in the show this year, and she is so excited.

On behalf of Sheila and Patty, Vanessa called out for dressing room attendant volunteers on Saturday night and Sunday day; Sunday day shift being the most in need. “It is super fun working backstage, you get to work with the kids, and basically see the show from a different perspective”, said Vanessa.

Elena Pidgeon, Store Liaison (Marin): Elena will be working with Maureen O’Brien (SF), and Kim Hughes (Peninsula) as store liaisons for the fashion show. This is a very important job as there would be no fashion show without the fashion. “Store liaisons are in charge of getting the clothes loaned to us for the show. If you know of a store owner who is interested in showcasing their clothing, please contact one of us, we are in the directory”, said Elena.

FRESHMAN ORIENTATION:

Valentina Camp-Davis, Adriana Carlton, Jennifer Callahan, Vanessa Mar, Elaine Shanahan are the chairs for the August 20th event. They will be working hard over the Summer to put together an amazing and warm welcome to all the freshman families.

COMMUNICATIONS: Michelle Avery

Staci introduced Michelle Avery, “Please open all information from Michelle Avery and Robin Wall. This is another way of communicating to you. They will also guide us in communicating to the bigger SI community, such as promoting your respective IG events”.

HOSTESSING: Maureen McFadden

Maureen McFadden organizes the IG sign-up geniuses for all the events. Please open up any email from her and sign-up! If you are running a committee, and need help, please contact Maureen and she will work with you in customizing your Sign-Up Genius volunteer request.

SUNSHINE HUGS: Helen Vydra-Roy

Sunshine Hugs is here for our community. We are a year-round program, as life happens over the summer break too. We prepare meals for families in need during death, and illness, and times of crisis. If there is a community member having surgery or with a long-term illness, we can help organize gardening or dog-walking services for them. We communicate through a website sign-up called Mealtrain, so look out for those emails as well. If you know of a family who is in need, please do not hesitate to communicate the information to us. We have many ways of reaching out in a sensitive manner and without being intrusive. At this time, we have over 200 volunteer sign-ups in Sunshine Hugs, but we can always use more. A sign-up sheet was passed out for Sunshine-Hugs meal train sign-up.

MOMS' NIGHT OUT: Kelly Dyke

The event is on October 26, Thursday at 6pm in the Commons.

“Moms Night Out is for just us gals, no kids, no partners. We are currently working on our theme, and I promise it is going to be great fun! It is a great night to welcome the freshman moms, make new friends and reconnect with old friendships. We hope to see you all there”!

Closing Statement from Staci

We are better as a group than we are as individuals. And as individuals, we are better when we dare greatly. My personal goal for this year is to underline the Jesuit mission of being a mother for others. And I invite all of you to dare greatly.

However you dare greatly will be different for each of us. It might mean attending a meeting we have never attended, maybe it is introducing yourself to someone new here at SI. Maybe it is diving right in to help at the fashion show. Jump in, get covered in dust and be a part of it. Perhaps we dare greatly in strengthening our faith. There is plenty of great opportunities to do that here. However each of us dare greatly, we will do it as mothers for others. Welcome, and Thank You from the bottom of my heart.

CLOSING PRAYER: Lisa Bibat

Lisa thanked the Guild Board for sending her mom a lovely card with thoughts and prayers as her mom recuperated from a mild stroke a week before. She was touched by the beautiful gesture.

Lisa closed out the meeting by singing in acapela while the rest of the members joined and repeated in spirit and hymnal voice. The song was "As we Gather".

As We Gather

by Tom Coons

As we gather may Your Spirit work within us
As we gather may we glorify Your name
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship
We'll be blessed because we came
We'll be blessed because we came

Chorus:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end,
They are new every morning, new every morning
Great is Thy faithfulness (Oh Lord)
Great is Thy faithfulness

You have called us by Your Spirit into worship
In this temple You have set our hearts aflame
As we lay our hearts upon Your holy altar
We'll be blessed in Jesus' name

Let us cleanse our hearts as we begin to worship
Let us fill our hearts with love for You and sing
Open up our eyes so we may come to know You
And unto us the Spirit bring