

Bishop Lynch High School
Parent's Association Board Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2017

In Attendance: Janet Lane, Alicia Mendoza, Penny Green, Carrie Stock, Carolyn Valles, Adriana Davis, Patti Shore, Nikki Ramos, Deb Jaska, Dad's Club: Ralph Castro and Mark Leonard

Not in Attendance: Margaret White, Julie Beyer, Emilda Santiesteban, Lynette Bonacquisti, Sophia Gonzales, Cynthia Graser, Gina Ruibal, Friar Friends Chair – Susan Luce

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Janet. Janet introduced Rosanne Collier, new member who will co-chair our Social Committee. The BLPA bi-laws do allow the President to appoint and fill any vacancy during the school year. Welcome Rosanne.

Opening Inspirational: Opening inspirational was led by Janet.

Hospitality Report: Penny Green, Carrie Stock

- Tonight we have jambalaya which does contain sausage and shrimp along with vegetables.

Secretary's Report: November, 2016 meeting minutes were read and approved with one change.

Treasurer's Report: - not present

1st Vice President: Margaret White – not present

2nd Vice President: Alicia Mendoza

- Freshman Rally is April 9th. During the Rally, someone from our board will speak about the Parent's Association. This is a great time to recruit and solicit volunteers for the board. Alicia will work with Cynthia to come up with a communication piece that can be sent to the DPL middle schools in advance of the rally introducing the Parent's Association. Deb suggested coordinating this with BL's communication department.

Communications Chair: Cynthia Graser – not present

Parliamentarian: Adriana Davis – nothing to report

Social Co-Chairs: Lynette Bonacquisti, Sophia Gonzales, Gina Ruibal, Rosanne Collier

- Teachers and Staff appreciated the Northpark gold coins and \$20 give aways during their holiday luncheon.

Class Rep Coordinators: Nikki Ramos, Patti Shore

- Responsible for Baccalaureate reception, Junior Ring Ceremony and Senior Dinner. The class coordinators are responsible for chairing these functions or designating a chair. The Baccalaureate reception should be chaired by a Freshman mom, the Junior Ring Ceremony by a Sophomore mom and Senior Dinner by Senior Moms.
- Senior Dinner – Margaret White volunteered to chair it this year. She will designate co-chairs to handle food, decorations, etc. Theme of Senior Dinner needs to be selected by the Seniors. This

can be coordinated through Ms. Rodriguez. Deb recommended getting away from giving gift cards. Will table this discussion until next meeting.

- Junior Ring Ceremony – Carolyn Valles and Alicia Mendoza will coordinate
- Baccalaureate Reception – Patti Shore will coordinate. Alicia also suggested since the reception is at St. Pius, getting a Freshman mom from St. Pius to help since they are familiar with the school.

Friar Friends Chair: Susan Luce – not present

- Deb advised that Susan is setting up impromptu Spring socials for moms. No funds are needed for these. Will try to have a social for each class with a mom volunteering to use her home and other mom's bring food and beverages. Will be good to have the BLPA support her with this effort. It was suggested we try using restaurants/bars as the setting to take the burden off of volunteering a home and bringing food and drinks. Suggested places like Times Ten, First & Ten, Lakehouse, The Lot. The purpose of the socials is to create bonds within the class and they will continue to keep coming back to BL. Deb will discuss with Susan.

Dad's Club: Ralph Castro and Mark Leonard

- Ralph - November 21 – Ronald McDonald House served breakfast to about 50 people. Served pancakes, bacon, cinnamon rolls and fruit
- Was unable to do the Angel Tree project this year due to dates not working out to get enough volunteers.
- Working on setting up date for Salvation Army feeding the homeless
- Mark Leonard will be Dad's Club President next year.
- Mark - Treasurer Report – \$63 in expenses for an ending balance of \$2,888.

School Liaison Report: Deb Jaska

- We had to cancel the alumni soccer game last Saturday due to the weather. Our plan is to re-schedule at one of the home soccer games. Will not play a game but have the alumni gathering.
- Taco Tuesday for alumni from the past 4 years is tomorrow, Jan. 10th. Need 3 volunteers from 11:00 – 1:30 in the atrium. Janet, Carolyn and Rosanne volunteered to assist.
- Save these Dates: Mission Rally kickoff is Jan. 20th. This is a pep rally for the kids. Feb. 26th is the Mission Rally from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. It is a Sunday fun day for current and past families.
- April 22 – Auction
- April 30 – President's Reception at the Dallas Arboretum. This is to thank donors and volunteers for their donations, time and talent.
- For the Love of the Lake alumni clean-up is next Monday from 4:30 – 5:30.

President: Janet Lane

- Also joining the BLPA Board is Evelyn Campbell who will co-chair our Social Committee.
- Great job to Emilda for coordinating our Angel Tree donations this year.
- Next month I will be appointing a nomination committee for the board next year members. Be thinking if you would want to be part of this committee.

Spiritual – Julie Byers – not present

Closing Prayer led by Alicia

Next Meeting: February 13th at 7:00 p.m.

- Deb suggested that we have our board meetings on Sunday's after BL Sunday and the Freshman Rally since we are all here working anyway. This will free us from coming back the next day for our normally scheduled Monday meeting. All were in agreement.