

Prep Moms Meeting ~ Hall of Fame Room  
Thursday, March 16, 2017  
Minutes

**Call to Order** – President Julie Dunbar called Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Opening prayer and introductions** -

**Attendance** - Ann Tjaden, Julie Dunbar, Michel Jarzynka, Toody Moffatt, Maureen Emodi, Tina Hruska, Amy Klein, Begona Saloma, Maria Moise and Mary Sheridan

**Principals Report** - Mr. Bopp absent

President Julie Dunbar reported that she would be discussing year-end gift options from Prep Moms with Mr. Bopp and Fr. Neitzke. Currently Prep Moms has approx. \$50,000 in funds from Jay Mart income. Each year a \$5-\$15,000 gift has been selected from needs presented to Prep Moms. 2014 - Crucifix was donated to the Heider Center and a Salad Bar. 2015 - Restoration of the Jesus and Mary statue that resides in Skinner Chapel. It was mutually agreed that the gift should benefit the whole community.

**Recent Events** –

1. Freshman Costume Dance 2/10/2017~ Julie reported for Stacey Burke. This was the highest attendance ever with approx. 200 present. Good time was had by all.
2. Mom Prom 2/13/2017~ Kelly Hickey reported that it was a huge success with approx. 1,000 in attendance with a net of \$14,000. Tammy Dawdy graciously stepped forward to chair next year. Some suggestions for next year ~ a bigger venue needed and online reservations.
3. Maintenance Crew Breakfast 3/8/2017~ Christine Flint executes this event that is provided by Prep Moms food donations.
4. Parent/Teacher Conference dinner 3/14/2017~ Ann Tjaden, Toody and Maureen reported on the first ever pre-conference dinner. The March, April and May Teacher/Staff Appreciation lunches were combined to one evening event. Approx. 60 teachers came and went. Expecting 96, quite a bit of food was left over. Next year 4 Ignation Breakfasts and 2 Parent/Teacher Conference dinners will replace the lunches. Discussion was held with how we can better plan on numbers attending and to better serve needs/wants. Possibly not do a dinner. Gift Baskets, survival kits, goody bags with lite snacks and provisions, instead of a sit-down dinner - some

teachers leave and utilize the time prior for other needs. Logistics of the breakfast outside the Criss Auditorium was discussed. Will these events be self-supporting as the lunches have been in the past?

### **Upcoming Events –**

1. Prep Moms Spring Retreat 3/23/2017; 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. ~ All are encouraged to attend this Lenten night of reflection organized by Frances Swanson and led by Fr. Kevin Schneider in the Sullivan Campus Center. Mass will be followed by quiet reflection and fellowship.
2. Prom ~ 4/29/2017
3. After Prom 4/30/2017~ Mary Sheridan and her committee have been busy with details at the Amazing Pizza Machine. Please answer the SignUpGenius call for door prizes, monetary donations or gift cards. All attendees will draw for door prize when they leave. Age-specific activities are available that will interest the boys and their dates. A pizza/nacho bar will be provided from 12:30-1:30 a.m. Mary will talk to Fr. Dorr regarding tweaking the times. It is unanimously felt that a 3:00 or 3:30 a.m. end time is more than adequate. Any more and volunteers would be hard to secure.

**Last Meeting –** Tuesday, April 11, Hall of Fame Room with a 6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting.

Some ideas were suggested about ways to increase attendance at our meetings using email reminders, Parent Pulse, etc. Communicate better among classes by breaking up in to grade levels at first meeting. Have a meet and greet to get more connected. Maybe the Big Brother program could be utilized to include parents to field questions, a parent-to-parent helpline. We need to encourage attendance and break down the belief that this is not just for committee chairs but rather an all-inclusive open forum regarding activities of the Prep community. Education and fun! Possibly with door prizes and incentives at the end of the year.

**Adjourned-** Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. by President, Julie Dunbar

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Tjaden