PARENTS OF THE HEART (POTH) MEETING

November 2, 2017 Minutes

8:45am | *Meeting called to order by* Michele Sparks, POTH President
(*Next meeting: Thursday, January 11, 2017)*

Welcome – Michele Sparks, POTH President

- Welcomed parents.
- Thanked Fall Gathering Chairs for a very successful event. 325 people attended the event which is a record.
- The next Parent Education event is on November 15 at 7pm in the Chapel. The event is to celebrate the bicentennial of St. Philippine Duchesne founding of the first international Sacred Heart School.
- Woodlands Academy Winter Wonderwalk is on November 30 & December 1. This event features boutiques and a house walk.
- Feast of All Souls' Alumni Mass of Remembrance is today in the Chapel following the POTH Meeting.

Prayer – Maureen Gilligan

- Prayer was chosen with Goal III in mind.

Head of Schools Report – Nat Wilburn

- Thanked Fall Gathering Chairs and Committee for a hugely successful event.
- Halloween Parade was fun and well attended by parents. Thanked Jill Renn and Tom Steele for coordinating the faculty dance. The faculty was also thanked for putting extra time in to practice for the performance.
- Handicap Parking spaces behind the Driehaus are monitored by the City of Chicago police. Parking in the spaces without a permit can result in getting a parking ticket.
- Al Bus Service that provides pick-up and drop-off service for Sacred Heart has merged with a larger regional company. SHS's contract will not change nor will schedules or drivers.
- Matt Manley is the Interim Athletic Director. Nat is meeting with PAAC on November 3 to evaluate how to proceed with permanently filling the position.
- Justin Nixon's role has been expanded to include being Director of Fine Arts. As Director of Fine Arts Justin will find ways to promote/showcase SHS Performing and Visible arts to the school and surrounding communities.
- Comments made by Justin Nixon – On Tuesday, December 5 there will be an Alumni concert. Current students and past student will participate. The event will be held in the Chapel. Glee Club will sing the National Anthem at Allstate arena for a Northwestern game. The SHS Theater Workshop will perform at Edge Theatre on Broadway / This year's musical will be announced soon/ working on offering more opportunities for Primary and Lower Schools' students/ Fine Arts Council is a great way for parents to get involved with the arts. This a great way to support the school and to make the arts successful.

Student Life Update – Sally Sharp

- Spirit Week – Which team is in the lead? To date, the point totals are as follows Pink 20/ Red 540/ White 645. The money collected goes to schools in Uganda.
- Debate Tournament – The first tournament was this week. JV team won!
- A5 Volleyball team won the championship.
- The Flag Football Team is playing in the semi-finals on Saturday at Sheridan Park at 8:30am. They are first seated.
- Math Team – They have a middle school tournament in Fenwick coming up.
- Sheridan Road Record Newsletter now has a podcast. You find it under the Student Life link.
- Theatre Performance workshop is performing this week at the Edge Theatre.
- Two upcoming art contests – Yearbook Cover Design and Lickity Split Holiday Art Contest in which 20 pieces of art will be selected to hang on the walls at Lickity Split. K – 8 students can participate.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences are on November 8 (4pm – 8pm) and November 9 (8am to 12pm). On November 8, after care is offered starting after school to 8pm – Siblings (3 and older) not attending the school can also attend after 5:45pm.

Christmas Luncheon – Susan Eggers & Stephanie Nash Hart

- The annual Christmas Luncheon is on November 30 at Mon Ami Gabi. Please RSVP by November 21 at www.shschicago.org/sacred-heart-schools/parents/parents-of-the-heart/christmas-lucheon-registration. The cost of the event is $40. This is a tradition for parents and is a great event to reconnect with old friends and make new friends.
- Susan Maxwell will be honored at the luncheon. She was the former head of SHS prior to Nat Wilburn.

Faculty Staff Appreciation Breakfast/Dinner – Maureen Gilligan, Erin McCarthy, and Alexis Hanlon

- The event is on Tuesday, December 5
- Instead of giving a year-end gift please consider donating funds to support this event. Donations can be made at www.shschicago.org/facultystaffappreciation
- Volunteer at www.shschicago.org/volunteer
- Parents are asked to help out during the day with students while the breakfast is going on. 125 volunteers are needed. Volunteers are also needed for setting up and cleaning up after the event.
- Most of meal is catered but special treats will be brought in by parents.
- Gifts in kind are needed for raffle.

Annual Fund – Jessica Muinzer

- 50% of the financial goal has been achieved and 45% of the participation goal.
- The class with the highest parent participation percentage will win a special trip to Lickity Split with Mr. Wilburn. The winning division will receive a Free Dress Day with goûter served by Mr. Wilburn.
- ISACS Survey for reaccreditation is underway, and one of the components of the survey is parent participation. It is beneficial for us during this process to be able to show strong Annual Fund participation.

Community Service – Lisa Jozwiak and Maria-Paz Salas

- Academy and Hardey 7th and 8th graders participate in community service events. We need drivers for Tuesdays to take kids to the volunteer sites. Reach out to Maria-Paz if you would like to volunteer. She can assist you with signing up.
- Mr. Andy and Mr. Maxwell are two new addition to the cafeteria from Misericordia.

Food Drive & Howard Baskets –Paula Nichols ASH'93 and Maria- Paz Salas

- November 13 -20 there will be a food drive. The food goes to Ignatina Service. They will pick up food on November 21. Each class will be given a goal. Food can be drop off in the AM at the student drop-off on Rosemont.
- Howard Area Community Center Gift Drive- This year the 7 and 8 graders will connect with the families. We will not have names of children on the gifts this year. SHS is partnering with Headstart and HACC parents to coordinate this year.
- Primary School gifts will come in unwrapped this year.
- We anticipate receiving a list of 142 families this year from HACC.

Diversity Council – Jennifer Pinto

- Today, November 2 from 6pm to 9pm there will a screening of the movie 70 Acres in Chicago in the Chapel. This documentary film took 20 years to be put together. Cabrini Green residents and the Director of the file will be in attendance. Members of the Edgewater community have also been asked to attend.

Fine Arts Council – Ann Chiumino

- Justin Nixon is doing a great job As Director of Fine Arts.
- Next meeting is November 14 at 4pm in the Lower School Art Room
- Please continue to purchase items from Artsonia.com as part of the proceeds benefit SHS.
- The Art Institute even to see Marc Chagall's America Windows painting is on November 16 at 5:30pm.

Quiz Night – Elizabeth Montague, Kim Soo Nagle, Jennifer Pinto and Kim Ruhana

- Volunteers are needed. Please consider volunteering.

Room Parents – Beth Garino

- The next Room Parents meeting is on January 11, 2018 at 8am in the Cafeteria.

Admissions/PAN – Heather Shaffer & Heather Zimmerman-Gaito

- Sacred Heart Yard Signs are now available.
- Costume Class of 20XX Tee Shirts and Sweat Shirts will be offered. An email will go out to announce when the shirts will go on sale.
- Next meeting is on Tuesday, November 28 at 8:45am MPR