

**Brophy College Preparatory  
Brophy Mothers' Guild  
General Meeting – Harper Great Hall  
March 6, 2008**

Call to Order and Welcome: Darcy Royal, Guild President called the meeting to order 11:40 am. Darcy wished executive board members, Susan DeLozier and Eldene Spelder Happy Birthday.

Darcy shared 12 of the “100 reasons, Why a son needs a mom” by Gregory E. Lang

Opening Prayer: Brona McHenry, Treasurer

Reflection: “Gift of Prayer” by Margaret Silf

Executive Board Reports:

1. Darcy Royal, President – Update of Guild Events, “Heart felt” Thank you (printed on back) Darcy stated that in order to save time today please refer to the back of your agenda and read her “Heartfelt” thank you to Brophy Guild & Community members. Darcy asked that we please take the time to read this today.
2. Marlene Pontrelli Maerowitz, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Membership - Marlene said the Guild Membership information was mailed to the new incoming moms for the class of 2012. Marlene also asked anyone who had an interest in a leadership position next year to note that chairs are still needed for the following committees: Book Club, Historian, Parent Awareness, Project Graduation and Student Activities Coordinator.
3. Lynn Donahue, Recording Secretary – Darcy Royal called for a motion to approve the February 21, 07 General meeting minutes. Eldene Spelder made a motion to approve, Brona McHenry seconded the motion, the minutes were approved.
4. Brona McHenry, Treasurer, Eldene Spelder, Assistant Treasurer – Guild Budget – Brona noted that the books will be closing soon, so please turn in receipts from your committee as soon as possible. Brona asked if you have any expenses or a report please turn them in as well. They are needed to plan next year’s budget. Brona stated that the check request forms are available on line on the Mothers’ Guild website.
5. Susan DeLozier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Susan reported that the *Renaissance* series is going very well. The next session is going to be presented by the Office of Faith & Justice on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Planning for the Installation Brunch which is to be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> is well underway. Susan noted that the cost is \$10.00. All moms are invited to the morning meeting followed by brunch.
6. Beth Warne, Corresponding Secretary – Beth reported that she sent several Mass cards in January and February to members of the Brophy community.

She also said that she arranged for the altar flowers at Father Becker's funeral Mass on behalf of the Mothers' Guild.

Darcy then asked the slate of officers for the Executive Board 2008-2009 to please stand. Darcy introduced them and asked them to please come forward. Darcy also introduced the nominating committee for 2008-2009.

Brophy Mothers' Guild 2008 – 2009

Executive Board Proposed Slate:

President - Marlene Pontrelli Maerowitz  
1st VP - Lisa Khnanisho  
2nd VP - Grace Edgar  
Corresponding Secretary - Maureen Mackey  
Recording Secretary - Kelli Rice  
Treasurer - Eldene Spelder  
Asst. Treasurer - Dorothy Gaynor  
Past President – Darcy Royal

2008-2009 Nominating Committee:

Chair - Theresa Keeley  
Marlene Pontrelli Maerowitz  
Lisa Khnanisho  
Lynn Donahue  
Ann Wolf  
Cinda Stone

Darcy thanked the 2007-2008 outgoing nominating committee, chaired by Betsy Haenel for their hard work.

Darcy asked that a motion be made to approve the Slate as presented. Susan DeLozier made a motion to approve the slate and it was seconded by Beth Warne. It passed unanimously.

Board Committee Chair Reports:

Book Club – Nancy Landry & Sharon Ames- No report. Please check the website for information.

Day tripper - Judy Walden & Mary Masters Opila- the Kayak trip is set for May 5<sup>th</sup>. Judy reported that 40 moms can go on the trip so please get your reservation in to Judy Walden. Please look for the flyer on the table.

Hiking & Running Clubs – Susan Casillas, Kelley Rice & Barb Wankowicz- Please look for flyer on the table.

Luncheons - Audrey Stanford & Susie Muzzy were not in attendance– Darcy announced that The Spring Fling is set for April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please look for the flyer on the table.

Mom Prom (Mother-Son Dance) - Cinda Stone announced that the event is set for April 27. The theme is a fun, casual Beach Ball. It is for Moms and sons of juniors and seniors. Cinda asked that moms of freshman and sophomore sons consider helping staff the event that night so the moms of older sons can enjoy the evening as guest. Darcy noted that the event co-chair Jamie Lendrum could not be at the guild meeting today because she was being honored at a luncheon and is the recipient of 'Women Who Care' Award".

Mothers' Guild Spring Retreat - Maureen Mackey & Cathy Moran – The dates of the spring retreat are April 4,5, & 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in attending please get a flyer and turn it in as soon as possible.

Prayer Group & Yoga Group - Deb Pabst & Katrina Abrams (Yoga) Katrina reported that there are two yoga dates left for Mothers' Guild members. The yoga group will be meeting Mondays, March 10<sup>th</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup> in the Black Box Theater. If you would like to be added to the prayer group email please contact Debra Pabst at [pabstearth@aol.com](mailto:pabstearth@aol.com) .

Parent Awareness - Cathy Gomez & Teresa Fitzsimmons –No report.

Project Graduation - Nancy Gundersson- Darcy announced that you will be hearing for volunteer help announcements by email from the committee.

Prom – Darcy announced for the Chairs that Prom date (April 19 - Great Hall)

Charity Charms – Darcy announced for Char Davis that Brophy charms are available at the Varsity Shop.

Brophy/Xavier Liaison - Julie Trapp (Xavier Fashion Show, March 9)

Student Activities/Friday Night Lights – Janet Rush –No report.

Senior Mom Events – Darcy announced for the Chairs to Check e-news. Next treat day for seniors is March 17<sup>th</sup>. If you want to get involved meet in the SAC.

12:15 PM: Brophy Mothers' Guild Scholarship Presentation- Mothers' Guild First Vice-President, Marlene Pontrelli Maerowitz presented the Gwendolyn Reese Spirit of Challenge Award to Brophy senior Michael Rubenstein. Marlene described some of the challenges that Michael faced during his time at Brophy and how he reacted and overcame those challenges. She said that "Michael met these challenges through hard work, perseverance and an amazingly upbeat spirit". Marlene presented Michael with the award and a scholarship of \$500.00 from the Mothers' Guild. Michael graciously accepted the award and thanked all those who supported him while he has been at Brophy.

Adjournment of business meeting.

Principal Bob Ryan - Mr. Ryan highlighted a few things on the calendar.

- The Summit on Human Dignity- this is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of staging this event. The topic this year is "Wages of War, Price of Peace. For a period of two weeks there will be a daily assembly. Different aspects of the topic will be presented. Mr. Ryan said that hopefully, this will open a dialogue with our sons. He noted that parents

are welcome but please email Kim Baldwin or Sue Hornbeck if you plan to attend.

- The 2008 Southwest Youth Fest- This will take place at Glendale Jobing.com Arena. Students must arrive no later than 9:00 am. Attendance will be taken.
- Parent/Teacher conferences will be April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please check the website or enews for further information.
- Spring Musical- Bye Bye Birdie.
- Mr. Ryan also discussed the issue of theft at Brophy. It is not a crisis, but thefts do happen every year. He asked parents to please remind their sons to be vigilant and more responsible for their own property.

Mr. Ryan then introduced Mr. Ted Skowron, the Counseling Department Chair, and two counselors, Mr. Mendoza and Mrs. Van Van Schoyck. There was a Q & A session for parents with the counselors.

Minutes recorded on April 10, 2008

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lynn Donahue, recording secretary.