



**Immaculate Conception High School
Alumnae Association**

**MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2017**

Members Present: JoAnn Beatrice '79, Debby Grasso '74, Khiana Duncan '14, Angela Fava '81, Kimberly Klain '90, Denise King '89, Renee Gitto '91, Robin Manzo '73, Dana Regan '88, Coreen Sabat '80, Nicole Turro '00

Members Excused: Lisa Buono '75, Liz Miguel '88, Josepha Roloff '91, Mary Ann Muto '70

Financial Report

Robin reported balance with explanation.

Correspondence

- Sympathy card sent to Rebecca Cestaro ('15) and family acknowledging the death of her father
- Sympathy card sent to Mr. Jeff Horohonich (ICHS Faculty) acknowledging the death of his mother
- Thank You note received from Kangela Guerrero '20 for Get Well wishes received from ICHS Alumnae Association
- Robin requested all members to email any Alumnae news to her so as to be able to acknowledge important events in their lives.

Discussion

➤ **Remembrance Mass**

Sunday, November 5, 2017

- Anna Marie questioned the liturgical appropriateness of the change made from Memorial Mass to Remembrance Mass (approved 9/15/2016). Renee will check with Sr. Alexander to determine whether the event name will remain Remembrance Mass.
- Anna Marie suggested advertising the Mass in the local newspaper (Community News) in order reach families of Alumnae who may still reside in the area but do not receive email or USPS mail from ICHS. Renee will contact the Community News.
- Anna Marie additionally suggested contacting local parishes to include mention of the Mass in their bulletins. Renee will send Robin the parish list. Robin will contact parishes.
- Renee will update the School Calendar to add time and a note to make it clear that the Mass is open to the entire ICHS family
- All present agreed to forgo USPS mail for this event as the response to past mailings do not justify the cost of postage (approx. \$800). Evites will be sent to the entire database (over 2000 email addresses) by Renee on or about Oct. 10th and a reminder on "constant contact" the first week of November.
- Denise will create a Facebook Event Page

- Renee will provide the number of NJ Alumnae and (separately) the number of Alumnae parents in the database
- Denise will update Event Plan with details and will distribute

➤ **Taste Of...**

Thursday, April 26, 2018

- Denise provided an overview of Taste Of and remarked that it is not too early to mention the event to the restaurants that we frequent. Ideally, we will be able to expand the participation to provide more variety of foods. If anyone knows of a restaurant and would prefer Denise (or other volunteers) to stop in, please let Denise know.
- Detail Taste Of planning will begin in November
- Debby request photos of Taste Of 2017 be posted on the Alumnae page of the ICHS website. Renee will post.

➤ **Fundraising Suggestions**

- Dana Regan suggested holding a Calendar Raffle. All present agreed that this would be a good idea and that the May – June time frame would be a good time as tickets could be sold at Taste Of.

➤ **Other Topics**

- Membership
 - AnnaMarie suggested a “membership drive” which could include sending more formal, personal invitations to a meeting
 - Khiana volunteered to brainstorm with the more recent graduated
 - Nicole suggested hosting activities that would be of interested to those Alumnae with young families (for example, Easter Egg Hunt, Breakfast with Santa)
- All present agreed that the October meeting will be cancelled as there is little activity at that time and the meeting was scheduled the day after the Gala.

Next Meeting Scheduled for November 16, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Faculty Lounge of ICHS.

Respectfully submitted by:

Robin Dellraria Manzo '73
Secretary/Treasurer