

**Saint Mary's High School
51 Clapham Ave
Manhasset, NY 11030
Alumni Association Board Meeting
Monday November 17, 2014**

Present: George Shaughness, MD, Co Chair; Robert Anastasia; Robert Dunphy; Christine Gawrych; Kristen Graham; Maureen Johnson; Robert Pennachio

Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with a prayer lead by Dr. Shaughness.

There was a discussion regarding the revision of the 2015 Alumni Association Board (AAB) meeting schedule. There was a recommendation to have a meeting on or about January 26, 2015 to discuss Sport's Night (March 13, 2015).

Mr. Anastasia invited all present to attend the School's Sports Award Dinner, the following evening Tuesday, November 18, 2014. Awards are given out to scholar athletes and for other outstanding achievements.

Item 1: Upcoming Events

2014 School Play

All were reminded that the annual school play is "Grease". It will be performed this Friday November 21st and Saturday November 22nd. All are encouraged to attend. An outside professional drama team (The Josephine Foundation) has been enlisted to augment the talents of the students.

Advent Day of Prayer

An announcement for The Schools of Saint Mary Advent Day of Prayer at Our Lady of Grace Manor House was distributed. This event is very spiritual and has always been well received.

Item 2: Annual Fund

The Annual Appeal Solicitation Letter was mailed out October 30, 2014. The appeal reaches out to alumni, parishioners and to possible outside donors.

The Annual Report is scheduled to be sent out in January or early February 2015.

E-Solicitations are sent regularly to follow up on solicitations.

Item 3: Don Monti Golf Outing

It was announced that although the golf was rained out, the event was a financial success. A representative from Plandome Country Club stated that golfers who prepaid to play a round, would be given rain check vouchers to play another round on a day of their choice.

The dinner was well attended. Tom Raleigh was this year's recipient of the Timothy J. Coughlin Award for Outstanding Contributions to St. Mary's High School.

A financial review for the years 2009 to 2014 was distributed. The financial review for 2014 was as well.

There was a discussion about future plans for the outing. The interests of younger alumni need to be considered. Other possibilities included a 5K run/walk for students, alumni and families.

It was suggested that student leaders, such as team and club captains be included in the plans. There is a need to include young alumni. A big draw for older alumni is nostalgia. It was agreed that any proposal for changing the golf outing should be discussed with the Monti family.

Item 4: Sports Night

There was a discussion regarding the discontinuation of the annual sports night. A copy of the letter that was sent to alumni was reviewed at the meeting. It has been an emotional issue for graduates of Saint Mary's Girls High School. The various sides of the issue all have validity. It was agreed that this alumni board would have preferred to have had the issue discussed, prior to the letter.

Item 5: Janet McHale Scholarship Update

Ms. Graham reported on the scholarship to date. The first award in Janet's name is scheduled for presentation, April 2015. There was a request for information on the activity of the scholarship at the next meeting.

Item 6: Class Agents

There was a discussion about the need for more Class Agents. It was recommended that telephone conference calls be schedule with these agents, for enhanced communication.

Item 7: Reunion Updates

Ms Graham updated the committee on the plans for the classes of: 1964; 1974; 1990.