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Mission Statement of the University of St. Francis Parents Association

Our mission is to support the University of St. Francis community and the Residence Life staff in providing students and their parents greater opportunities to become involved in university life.

Meeting Dates for 2005-06

Tower Hall, Presidents Room, 10:00 am

August 13
September 10
October 1
November 5
December 3
January 7
February 4
March 4
April 2
May 13

Parents Association 2005-06 Board

Bill Linz, Chairperson
Leanne Doty, Spokesperson
Dorothy Thomas, Spokesperson
Andrea Linz, Secretary
Arlene Finkle, University Liaison
Peggy Barrows, University Liaison

2004-05 Year in Review

- Planned and coordinated a fall dance (open to all students) which featured a DJ, pizza, pop and special prizes/giveaways in conjunction with the first home football game.
- Planned and helped coordinate with the librarian, Janet Gayle, library improvements which included: new lobby (seating, floor tile, painting, coffee table)
 - 3 new scanners
 - special tables for the disabled
 - additional art hangers to display USF students' works
- Participated in the 1% Day (supplied paint and parent workers to paint basement classrooms).
- Purchased 2 TVs, 3 VCRs, new movies, and CDs for the dormitory halls.
- Paid for FREE PLAY at Marian Hall Game Room (open to all students).
- Helped purchase extra prizes for Casino Night at Halloween
- Helped pay, in conjunction with SGA, for Stress Fest speakers and complimentary chair massages (open to all students).
- Paid for dance with a band, pizza and pop in January (open to all students).
- Found and moved a piano (donated by Knights of Columbus #3540) into Abbey for student practice and skits (for all students).
- Arranged for all students to use copier in the Business Office.
- Participated in Midnight Madness.
- Involved in recruitment of new students.
- Paid for one movie night (open to all)

Message from 2004-05 Chairperson

This year we have worked hard to make a place for ourselves at the University of St. Francis. We have gone quietly from a group that had to sell raffle tickets and cook books, to a funded group here at the University. With that funding came new responsibilities and challenges.

One of the many challenges has been, what to do with the modest amount of money that we have. As a group, we decided that we should spend the money to benefit all the students at St. Francis. Our goal is to improve student life and help make St. Francis a more enjoyable place to live, study and play. Our University is unique in that we have so many full time commuter students and we look for ways to make their day here easier.

Early this year we were issued several challenges and I believe that we have a good start in helping to achieve them. Our first challenge of the year was to come up with ways to entice the students already living on campus, to spend more time here. To that effect, we have sponsored two dances and one movie night.

Another challenge that was asked of us was to help get parents involved with our 1% Day. I believe that challenge has been met when we actively recruited freshmen parents at their Open House and signed up to volunteer ourselves.

For such a young group, as you look at our accomplishments this year, please remember that we are slowly finding our way. With the funds we still have, we will be making at least one major change to the University by the time the students show up for school in the fall.

As you can see, for such a young group finding their place at the University, we have met the challenge, and we are looking forward to meeting the challenge of a new school year. Please let us know of anything that we can do to help students at the University achieve their goal of a quality education.

Sincerely,

Leanne Doty, 2004-05 Chairperson
USF Parents Association

Message from the University Liaison

Looking toward the Future

“Making all futures fruits of all the pasts. (Edwin Arnold)”.

As the 2005-06 academic year begins, the Parents Association will strive to meet new challenges. The strong foundation formed by the hard work and dedication of past Parent Association boards and members will enable these future challenges to be met.

Parents Association members can participate in various ways:

- attend monthly meetings
- coordinate/work within a project
- volunteer time at a PA sponsored events
- participate in University events

The Parents Association keeps our mission “to support the USF community...” in mind as we set new goals this year. The state-of-the-art sound system installed during the remodeling of the Abby was made possible by the Parents Association donation. All students will be able to facilitate the sound system, not just for recreational purposes, but also for educational presentations. The improvements includes a big screen TV and several smaller TV screens, a video/audio system which is networked to the university.

“..To provide students and their parents greater opportunities to become involved in university life”, the Parents Association will actively participate in several events each day during the Homecoming/Family Weekend. Recently

Dr. Vinciguerra presented a proposal – that the Alumni and Parents Associations combine resources and talents. Together, even greater challenges can be attained. We are looking forward to collaborating as a TEAM because Together Everyone Achieves More!

Sincerely,
Bill Linz, 2005-05 Chairperson
USF Parents Association

Upcoming Parents Association Events

August 30 – USF night at Joliet Jackhammer Baseball game @ 6 pm; PA will distribute 100 Frisbees.

September 10 – Monthly meeting will begin at 10 am in the Presidents Room in Tower Hall.

September 23 – USF PA informational table in the Rec Center

September 24 – USF PA will sponsor an informational table and distribute 100 Frisbees at the Joliet Stadium Tailgate party (11 am – 1 pm) and a movie night for young children attending Homecoming/Family Weekend in the Auditorium at 7:30 pm.

September 25 – USF PA will host a table, which will sell water and Gatorade, at the Taylor Fest.

October 8 – After the USF home football game, the PA will sponsor a dance, open to all students, which will include a live band, pizza, pop, and prizes.

