



OLL Dads Club General Meeting August 30, 2022

Minutes

- Meeting called to order by President Alex at 7:15pm
- Roy H. led the Dad's Club in an opening prayer
- In keeping with tradition, last years President Maiko Llanes provided our new President Alex Hernandez with a gift – gavel which was put to good use immediately.
- President Alex introduced the new school Cheetah logo and logo for the 30 year anniversary of the first graduating class. He unveiled the banners with the new logos we will hang throughout key areas of the school. The dads club will play a key role in helping advance awareness about the school through this new branding initiative.
- President Alex introduced the board members in attendance – Alex Hernandez – Board President, David Argote – Festival Chair, Miguel Boscan – Golf Tournament Chair, Sean Treacy – Secretary, Charlie Wickenden – Treasurer, Orlando Hechavarria – Pignic, Jose Martinez – Nighttime Sports activities, Roy Hallak – Social Media, Softball – Michael Beguiristain and Ernesto Ibanez





- Principal Picazo provided welcome address and school update. Working with the support of the Dads club and President Alex we want OLL to have memorable and recognized branding similar to the Heat, University of Miami etc. The Dads club plays a key role in supporting the school not only through the fundraising and awareness efforts but also in the role we play as fathers for our kids and their classmates. The school is experiencing some real positive momentum with a number of children of Alumni enrolled in PreK 2 and the highest enrollment numbers for the school in a decade. We went from roughly 400 students last year to nearly 500 students this year. Roughly a 25% increase in enrollment. This is very encouraging and the goal is to build on this momentum and continue to increase our enrollment in the years to come. In September the school will be going through a re accreditation process which happens every 7 years. Some parents will be called upon to provide feedback and there will be members from the accreditation body observing classrooms during that month. Ms. Picazo encouraged us to get involved in any way we can through the Dads club and reiterated that the administration supports our efforts. We may not always agree but we have great collaboration between the club and administration has driven a lot of benefits to our kids and the school.





- President Alex introduced each of the tentpole event chairs to walk through their events. These events generate the funds to support the school as well as create awareness of the school in the community. We also have a great time doing it.
- David Argote chair of the Festival. The Festival is a Parish event but it would not be possible to do without the significant help that the Dad's club provides. The festival runs from Thursday March 2nd to Sunday March 5th. We will need Dads club support to do set up the weekend and Wednesday before and tear down on the Monday after the event. David will provide more updates in future meetings. Please reach out to him via the chat if you are interested in helping with the planning or have any questions. We can use as many volunteers as possible even if you can only give a few hours of time.
- Dr. Robert Gutierrez (aka Doc) is a former Dad's Club President, leads and organizes the Dads Club BBQ booth during the festival which sells Ribs, Churrasco, cheese steaks. Last year the Dads Club enjoyed record breaking sales and for the first time finished first in sales of any booths at the Festival. It's a significant revenue driver for the festival. We need help from the Dads doing food prep Wednesday night where we prep all the ribs and meat. We also need help manning the booth we usually have atleast 6 people working at any given time – 2 cooking, 2 plating/chopping, and 2 selling if you can help out even for a few hours its appreciated. Please get in touch with Doc if you are interested in helping and he will give some updates as the Festival approaches.



- Miguel Boscan Chairs the Cheetah Classic Golf tournament. It's a tournament where the foursomes sell out quickly. We get great sponsorships from a number of brands thanks to the network in the Dads Club. Miguel will provide an update on foursome rates soon. Event is scheduled for May 5 (Cinco de Mayo). Event will take place at Miami Lakes (formerly Shulas) Golf Course with registration 10:30am and Noon shotgun start. The Course is going through some renovations so the dinner event is TBD based on dining hall availability. Miguel will keep us updated as we progress. If you are interested in joining the planning committee for the golf tournament please reach out to Miguel.
- Orlando Hechavarria (Orly) is our Chair of the Pignic. The genesis of the Pignic started as a OLL family Picnic and not a fundraiser but we transitioned 3 years ago to a fundraising competition where teams can enter the Pig roasting contest and can win in different categories – Taste, Skin, etc. In addition to the team entry fees, we do tickets for the event, corporate sponsorships. It's a great day out. Saturday January 28. Enter a Pig with friends and family or if you are not a great cook we need help in managing, setting up and organizing the event. If you are interested in the planning or getting involved contact Orly via the chat.
- Our first event of the year is the Softball Tournament on December 3rd. The Chairs and organizers of this event are Michael Beguiristain and Ernesto Ibanez. We plan on having 10-12 teams in the tournament. Teams will be Co-Ed with at least 3 female players per team similar to other Softball tournaments. The tourney will be held at Optimist Park and open to the public. There will be an entry fee per team and different packages but will include trophies and other goodies. We have signed up Vicky Bakery as the breakfast sponsor. We have preliminary approval to sell beer at the tournament but pending some further discussions. Given that this is our first event and first ever softball tournament we are looking for volunteers for the planning committee by September 5. Reach out to Michael and Ernesto.





- Roger Miret could not attend the meeting but President Alex updated the Dad's club on the plan to have the 30th Anniversary Gala. This will take place in the spring of next year and will be a joint effort with the HSA. We see this as a great opportunity to not only celebrate the 30 years of the graduating class but also raise funds for the gym floor and drive awareness for the school. More to come on the Gala.
- We also are doing Tuesday night Volleyball and Thursday night basketball in the gym. Entrance fee of \$5 to play. Stay tuned on the Chat for details contact Jose Martinez for hoops or Renan Llanes about Vball.
- Our Treasurer Charlie Wickenden gave us a finance update. We have ~50k in the reserves as we kick off the year. In addition we have generated over \$400 from the basketball fees which we kicked off less than two months ago and have just added volleyball.
- Lou Mendez is a founding member of the Dad's club his children are OLL Alums and now his grandchildren are students. Lou shared his own personal story about how Emaus retreats have changed him for the better and how he has seen it help many men going through challenges over the years. Lou reminded us of the Catholic mission of the school and Parish and that through the Emaus retreat we have a resource that can heal us spiritually and help us be better husbands and fathers. Even if we aren't going through challenges, Emaus is an opportunity to help a fellow brother. Lou has great resources for any problem we might be going through. The Emaus Retreat for Men is taking place the weekend of September 16, 17 and 18. Lou has shared the application on the chat. If you have any questions reach out to Lou he also has great resources for any issues you may need help with. Take advantage of this retreat.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm

