



OLL Dads Club General Meeting October 3, 2023

Minutes

- Meeting called to order by President Orlando at 7:10pm, Orly welcomed the Dads and led us in the opening prayer.
- **School Update** – Ms. Picazo thanked the Dads for their involvement with the school. We've had a couple of personnel changes in the school. One of the Prek3 teachers left for personal reasons we have already backfilled the position. One of the fourth grade teachers has left for family reasons, the school is managing with a plan in place but is seeking to hire another 4th grade teacher if we know of any candidates that are interested please have them contact the administration. Other than that the school is off to a good start. We had crazy sock day which was an opportunity for the students to learn about and support children in need in the Dominican Republic. We have Red Ribbon week coming up where we raise awareness on saying no to drugs and support rehab centers. The communication on the dress code plan has already been sent out to parents. If you have any questions please reach out to administration. The new car line has allowed for a smoother drop off but we ask that the Dads reinforce patients with our parents as there was an incident recently where one parent splashed a teacher and almost hit the car in front of them. Lastly please reinforce the importance of respect with our kids. We've had a few incidents recently one in a recent



volleyball game and destruction of property in the middle school boys bathroom. Please reinforce the importance of respect and kindness with our kids.

- **President Update** – Orly provided an update on the website www.olldadsclub.com which is your one stop shop to find out all the information of the events and meetings involving the Dads club. You can go there to see the calendar of events and meeting dates, meeting minutes and event details. The Whatsapp chat is a great way to stay connected and build community. Its for reminders about activities, support each other with referrals or recommendations. Its not a forum to share a new joke or goof off. We are also making a change for birthdays going forward as we know that we drown the chat with happy birthdays. We will recognize all the birthdays of the month during the monthly Dads club meeting.
- **Volunteer opportunities** – We need Dad volunteers to provide security to ensure that no one outside of the school is entering the event. The job will be just to keep an eye out at the entrances. The two events are a school movie night on October 20th where the film Coco will be played and on October 31 Trunk or Treat. In both cases Dads who volunteer qualify for volunteer hours.
- **Treasury Update** – Orly gave a treasury update in Charlie's absence. We have \$92,000 in our funds. A small portion of the funds are used to



put on the events and the majority is used to make improvement for the school.

- **Voting Items** – We voted on two school improvement items –

1) OLL Branded Tents to be used at events at a cost of \$2,325

2) Refreshing the Outdoor Basketball Courts - \$4000

Both items received unanimous approval to move forward.

- **Meet the Dads Networking** – Roy announced that the networking event will be held in the school gym on October 17th at 7pm. It's a great way to get to know each other better and network. Make sure to bring your business cards and every Dad will have an opportunity to give a 30 second commercial about their business. Make sure you take time to prepare your pitch (commercial) so you stay within the 30 seconds. Its another way to build community and provide each other with referrals and business.

- **Softball Tournament Update** – Ernesto gave an update. Tournament will be Dec 1 and 2 at Bucky Dent. We are incorporating a HR derby that starts on Dec 1 (first two rounds) and the HR derby finals and Tourney will be on December 2. All the details of the tournament will be on a dedicated Softball Tournament website that will be linked to www.olldadsclub.com. Last year we had 10 teams this year we are looking for a maximum of 12 teams. We have about 6 teams that have expressed interest already. If you want to play and don't have a team,



you can find other people who want to play on the chat and form a team (which was the case for one team last year). This is a family friendly fun event not a serious competition. To that end there are rules around the team composition – half of the lineup have to be school affiliated (Parents, past parents, alums) and each team needs a minimum of 3 female players. Ernesto has partnered with the school to streamline payments to allow for easy electronic payments. There will be sponsorship opportunities and an auction. Volunteers to join the softball board are welcome contact Mike or Ernesto.

- **Pignic Update** – The Pignic – pig roast competition will take place on January 27. Plenty of opportunities to get involved either through competing or helping set up. We usually get a 1000 people come to this all day event. Chair Orly and Co-Chair Alex will have more to come.
- **Festival Update** – David A. is Festival chair. We need all hands on deck for this event which takes place Feb 29 – Mar 3.
- **Cheetah Classic Golf Update** – Chairs Miguel B. and AJ G. gave a brief golf update. We will have some fresh new ideas that AJ is bringing as co-chair. We have a new golf hat design for example and more ideas in the works. The Golf tournament will take place on May 3, 2024. Working through venues. We will continue with the foursome format but if someone has an interest to play and doesn't have a foursome they should raise their hand and depending on availability we can pair with a team. Reach out to Miguel or AJ if you are interested in joining the Golf board.



- **Basketball Tournament Update** – Chairs Jose M. and Charlie W. couldn't make it tonight but the tournament has a date – April 20th, 2024. Lots of fun, draft format, free throw contest.
- **OLL Fishing Tournament** – Jaime gave a fishing tournament update. We are planning to do the tournament on May 17. Jaime needs help so if you are interested in getting involved contact him. Grouper is the fish to catch. We want to gauge interest in this tourney sooner rather than later so we can understand the scale of how many boats in the water we can get.
- **Parish Update** - Lou gave an update from the Parish and plans to give an update at each meeting. The aim is make sure the Dads are aware of everything going on at the Parish and to bring a bigger connection between the church and the school. As an example he encouraged everyone to attend the Masquerade party in the parish hall on Saturday Oct 14. Also Eucharistic adoration in the chapel takes place on Friday Oct 6 in the chapel from 9am to 9pm. There is Eucharistic adoration and concert at St Benedicts on October 28. Lou will provide references for events and retreats on the chat. Also if someone needs support, counseling, spiritual guidance Lou has a ton of resources that you can reach out directly to him and he will ensure confidentiality
- **Next event is our Networking Event** – Scheduled for Tuesday Oct 17.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm