

## Family Day Meeting – November 11, 2006

**Attendees:** Ralph Gruss, Mark & Sue Rieger, Cheryl Pixley from Parents Advisory Board Joyce Shotick, Tammy Loud, Debbie Stewart, Eva White  
**Guests:** Jim Hamilton, Interim Vice President for Advancement (Information Tech), Robert Marias, Greek Life/Community Services

There was a Welcome and Introduction by Dr. Joyce Shotick, Associate Provost for Student Affairs. She read a quote from Charles Kettering from 1916 and asked if anyone knew who said it. One of the parents knew!

Dr. Shotick then introduced Jim Hamilton who spoke about the campaign “Value Proposition” at Kettering. Some of the highlights: Co-op — more mature students, world class labs, thesis.

Some of the things they hope to achieve are:

- Enhanced student life
- world class activity center (library/lounge)
- modernized classrooms with electronics
- increased endowments
- improved scholarships (full ride scholarships)
- expanded academic program (bio-engineering and bio-chemistry)
- expanded cultural diversity, sports capabilities, on campus housing, applied research, fuel cell research,
- broaden financial aid,
- online classes while students are on work term.

He mentioned UM Flint has an MBA Program.

Dr. Shotick then introduced the board members:

- Tammy Loud
- Eva White
- Debbie Stewart
- Ralph Gruss
- Sue and Mark Rieger
- Cheryl Pixley.

She welcomed all the new parents and thanked them for coming. Several were from out-of-state. She mentioned that the biggest draw to Kettering is the “Co-op.”

Dr. Shotick said they had their first Spirit Day at Kettering on Friday, November 10, 2006. Some of the students that wore their colors received prizes. She mentioned that the basketball team took 2<sup>nd</sup> in a competition in Detroit. There was a soccer game against Lawrence Tech at 2:00 p.m. (score: 3-6), and a basketball game at 3:00 p.m., also against Lawrence Tech. LTU won 81-76 (darn!). We would like to thank Mike Schaal and the

staff of the Recreation Center for their efforts organizing the soccer and basketball events.

Also, the SAE vehicles were in the garage at the Mott Center. A few of the projects mentioned were: Relay for Life, St. Jude's and Greek Life.

Dr. Shotick said there are four colleges in Flint: Kettering, Mott, Baker & UM-Flint. The four colleges combined have about 20,000 students. She called them Michigan State!

There is going to be a Holiday Food Drive competition among the colleges. They want to see which school will win. There will be representatives from all four schools to present the award.

Vice President Ralph Gruss gave a brief presentation! He gave an overview of the Parents Association: changing the bylaws, the TV in the student lounge, the scholarships. He mentioned our plans to develop parent board committees. He also mentioned our plan to have conference calling capabilities at meetings. Dr. Shotick will advise on the timetable to set up prior to meetings for parents and notification of number. (We will try to get the phone number and password put on the web site so out-of-state parents can participate at future meetings.) Ralph encouraged parents and students to visit the Kettering home page on a regular basis for updated campus information and activities.

Robert Merias, Greek life/Community Services was introduced and he spoke a little bit about Greek life. He passed out some Greek guidebooks for anyone interested. He mentioned the tours of four of the fraternities that were being offered that day. He was also available at the lunch if any parents wanted to talk to him further.

Debbie Stewart gave a treasurer's report:

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| Beginning Balance<br>as of 8/5/06 |  |             | \$ 3,810.00 |
| Income                            |  |             |             |
|                                   | Gold Card Sales & Family Day<br>Reg.     | \$ 1,580.00 | \$ 1,885.00 |
| Total Income                      |  |             | \$ 1,885.00 |
| Expenses                          | Prizes, Giveaways, T-shirts,<br>Supplies | \$ 140.76   |             |
|                                   | Coffee, Donuts & Brunch                  | \$ 662.40   |             |
| Total Expenses                    |  |             | \$ 803.16   |
| Current Balance as<br>of 11/13/06 |  |             | \$ 4,891.84 |

Jeff Plotzke spoke to the parents and passed out flyers for Kettering's First Musical "Tick, Tick Boom" to be presented at the McKinnon Theater. Admission is free!! The dates are: Thursday, November 30 @ 8:00 p.m., Friday, December 1 @ 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, December 2 @ 4:00 p.m. For more information you can call (810) 762-9871.

A Parents Survey was passed around for parents to fill out with any suggestions, or if they wanted to volunteer. They were asked to give us their email addresses on the survey. Dr. Shotick mentioned a couple of committees that parents could volunteer for, such as speaking with prospective students in their home towns about Kettering.

The next meeting is on January 6, 2007. Time and location to be posted on Parents Advisory Board (new name for Parents Association) web page.