

Minutes for Notre Dame College Prep Dads Club meeting – Tuesday, March 12, 2023

Call to order for Dads Club at 7:05pm by Mike Marrese at D'Agostino's in Niles, IL

16 in attendance

Welcome: Mike Marrese

Upcoming Events/Meetings/Service/Volunteer Opportunities:

Next Athletic Club Meeting: Wednesday, March 20 at 7pm in the NDCP library.

There will be Don Moms Club Sip and Paint on Tuesday, March 19, in the NDCP cafe. The registration link is on the NDCP Website Homepage. Sixty have signed up so far.

The Alumni Association Sponsored Final Four Smoker, will take place on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at Moretti's in Edison Park. It is open to anyone 21 and over. Registration is available at www.nddons.org/smoker. It will feature food and drinks for three hours. There will be an "elimination raffle" as well as other various raffles. The winning prize is \$5,000.

For any current dad that is an NDCP alum, there will be a "Dons on the Road" event on Thursday, April 11, 2024 5pm – 7pm at Wintrust Bank 231 S. LaSalle, Chicago, IL. Space is limited. Register for this free event at www.nddons.org/donsontheroad. The two hour networking event is limited to 75 attendees and will have drinks and hors d'oeuvres available.

For any current dad that is an NDCP alum, there will be an "Alumni & Senior Class Breakfast" event on Friday, April 26, 2024 8am – 9am in the NDCP cafe, Niles, IL. Register by April 14, 2024 at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeyiblxpGXlqIntVYjbBZ2dfp8gFkZ12xJkLq--lovokQUP1A/viewform>. There will be a guest speaker from the Class of '90 and the event will have a Q and A session.

We will hold the Mother Son Dance on Friday May 17, 6:45pm-10:00 pm. Country and Western will be the theme having been selected with 55% of those submitting votes. We will need 15-20 Dads to work this event. E-mail Mike as soon as possible if you can help with the setup. Volunteers are needed from 3:30pm until the end of the event. If you cannot come for set up please arrive at 5:30pm. This event will be outside on the parking lot. We will have access to the parking lot after 3:30pm to begin the setup. Please anticipate to stay since the event will begin shortly after setup is completed. The setup will consist of setting chairs and tables with tablecloths, placing centerpieces and bringing drinks out. The food will be catered by Forno Pavese. Final plans for this event will be arranged at the May Dad's Club meeting.

There will be a Friends of Notre Dame Golf Outing on Monday, June 17 starting 9am at White Pines in Bensenville. Begin to form your foursomes. This event is non-competitive and will feature awards. A lunch will served in the banquet hall from 1:30pm-2:30pm following golfing and is included in the \$95 price. There is a guarantee of 120 that we will need to meet. A registration link for this event is available on the NDCP Website Homepage.

Old Business

Family Bowling Night at Bowlero in Niles, IL on Saturday, February 24 had a great turnout. We met the guarantee of 60 and we filled 20 of the 32 lanes.

The biggest school fundraiser of the year, the Spirit Gala, took place on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at the Northbrook Hilton. There was a great turnout with 474 in attendance. \$385,000 was raised.

We had a Dads Club table at the Incoming Freshman Registration on Thursday February 15 hosted by Ken Peve and on Wednesday February 21 hosted by Jim Kerrigan.

We are looking for ideas to increase attendance at the Dads Club meeting. Should we continue to meet every month during the 2024-2025 school year? Those present agreed to continue monthly meetings. One suggestion were going back to meeting on Wednesdays. This however was deemed not ideal due to the Athletic Club's Pasta Dinner happening on Wednesdays during football season. It was also suggested that Monday would be a good day of the week to have our meetings as well. Returning to having meetings at the Edison Park Inn was also suggested. It was also suggested to set up a group chat to RSVP right away and to receive reminders of meetings and events.

Those in attendance suggested having two bourbon tasting events, one in the fall and one in the spring. It was noted that we make our April meeting the Spring Bourbon tasting event at Tavern on the Point in Edison Park, IL on Tuesday April 16, 2024 at 7pm. It was suggested to invite the dads of incoming freshman students.

New Business

The Cubs organization called Mike Marrese saying that is has been five years since we last had an event with them. They mentioned they had a selection of dates of which the Sunday June 2, 2024 date at 1:20pm versus the Reds appealed to most in attendance. The tickets would be \$25 per person and be in the 400 upper deck level. For \$26 the seats could be shifted to closer behind home plate. The minimum number of tickets would need to be 15. We will discuss this more at the April meeting next month.

The Northwest Side Irish Parade will be Sunday, March 17, 2024. We will meet at Onahan School. Please assemble at ND's spot #20 at 11am with the parade starting at Noon. The march will take about one hour with the ending at Harlem/Devon.

Next meeting will be at 7pm on Tuesday April 16 at 7pm at Tavern on the Point in Niles, IL. 6724 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago, IL.

-Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm