

St. Mary's Academy Parent Guild
Minutes Jun 5, 2012

Present:

Elaine Mordoch	Nicola Guttormson	Leslie Finch
Sharon Godenir	Shelley Henn	Sister Susan Wikeem
Janice Beveridge	Susan Yurkiw	Suenita Maharaj-Sandu

- Regrets Bonnie Cadieux
- Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.
- Sr. Susan said a prayer to bless and open our meeting

Motion to accept the Agenda – Janice Beveridge, second Shelley Henn
Motion to accept May/12 minutes – Leslie Finch, second Elaine Murdoch, all in favor

Treasurer's Report

- Leslie welcomed Susan Yurkiw as the 2012/13 SMA Parent Guild Treasurer
- Treasurer presented Financial position as at May 31, 2012:
 - Corner Store \$39,457 less expenditures of \$26,371 leaves a balance of \$13,086
 - General Account \$38,645 plus Lottery Account \$6,890 leaves a balance of \$45,536
- Bursary and scholarships (2 x \$1000) will reduce some of the funds toward end of school year
- This is Leslie Finch's final meeting as Treasurer; the SMA Parent Guild Executive thanks Leslie for her time and efforts in this position

Motion to accept Treasurer's report – Suenita Maharaj-Sandu, second Sharon Godenir, all in favor

Hospitality

- Carnival on May 29th was well attended; better signage would assist parents in finding the Parent Guild location
- Plans are underway for Graduation

International Day

- Bonnie Cadieux confirmed that meetings are being scheduled for next year's International Day

Uniform Shop

- No report
- Two successful sales have taken place; Uniform Shop closed at end of May

Corner Store

- Sharon Godenir confirmed the Corner Store made \$6700 worth of sales in two days during the Student Sale
- There are a couple of new items (T-Shirt/Sweat Shirts) to order for next year
- \$10 table sold well; significant amount of old stock was sold

Guild/Board Liaison

- The Board has approved a Conflict of Interest Policy and a Code of Conduct/Confidentiality policy

- A survey done by the Leadership Council requesting feedback from GR 7 – 12 included requests for:
 - more social functions,
 - lighter course work during mid-year assessments,
 - Guidance Counselor involvement if gossip is occurring in the school
- Follow-up is planned for each item raised
- Provincial examinations in January results indicated that SMA is well above provincial average (approx.. 15% higher)
- This is Suenita Maharaj-Sandu's final meeting as Guild/Board liaison; the SMA Parent Guild Executive thanks Suenita for her time and efforts in this position

Bingo

- No report; Gwen Lawrence advised there has been sufficient volunteers available for Bingo events all year

Volunteer Coordinator

- Bonnie Cadieux hasn't indicated there have been any issues with volunteers for events

Director's Report

- Grade 12 year end is starting:
 - Awards Assembly
 - Parent/Daughter Breakfast last Friday
 - Mass tomorrow
 - Then exams begin
- Other school events include:
 - Tree planting/choir performing in honor of Sr. Marie Rose Durocher
 - New Blog on the SMA site to highlight newsworthy items and information; school intends to hire a part time Communications Coordinator next year
 - HRT and Green Teams worked together to promote the "right to water", raised funds and awareness on issues related to Lake Winnipeg; raised funds to put in a filtered water fountain to fill re-usable water bottles; next year's campaign is to make SMA totally plastic water bottle free

The SMA Parent Guild Executive would like to extend a fond farewell to all out going committee heads and members, as well as to:

Nicola Guttormson, President
 Fran Mulhall, Vice President

Motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. – Nicola Guttormson

Next meeting – September of the 2012/13 School Year

Jackie MacFarlane, Secretary
 SMA Parent Guild Executive