

St Mary's Academy Parent Guild Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2014

Present:

Kristi Cumming, Candace Partyka, Connie Yunyk, Susan Yurkiw, Pam Knysh, Leslie Finch, Colleen McFadden, Lorraine Koltek, Lidia Erickson, Elaine Murdoch, Christie DeJong, Carolyn Eva Meadows, Kathleen Reid, Shannon Roberts, Susan Yurkiw, Gina Borkofoski, Susan Chyzzy, Tracy Monney, Alison Thomson, Elaine Murdoch, Josie Audino, Michelle Klus, Mary Fuste, Crystal Bouchner-Maurice, and Shannon Roberts

*meeting called to order at 7:34 by Kristi Cumming, Parent Guild President

Approval of meeting minutes for October 7, 2014

* motion to approve and accept by Shannon Roberts and seconded by Lydia Erikson

Parent Guild President Report– Kristi Cumming

*International day update

- Overall funds raised exceeded 2013 total
- Thanks to all volunteers and Mrs Yunyk and her staff for support
- Cash raffle -thank you to Carolyn Meadows (chair 2014)and Mary Fuste (chair 2015)

*Uses for funds raised discussed

- Self-defense workshops
- Just say no presentations

*current year uses of funds have included:

- Study skills presentation Gr 7-9
- Study skills and anxiety presentation Gr 9-12
- Perhaps next year include anxiety piece for younger grades

*Thank you to Gr 10 students tonight for serving and preparing appetizers and holiday baking. Also guild members should take a gift of Christmas baking in handmade sewed gift bags when they leave

*Thank you to the hospitality for setting up for meeting tonight

President, St Mary's Academy - Connie Yunyk

*Staffing

- Welcome back Principal Josie Audino from her leave
- 3 new hires- library tech- Sheryl Shon, Maintenance- David, Director of Advancement/Alumni Affairs- Georgine Gaudes (Van de Mosselaer '83)

*School life

- Drama production "Shrek"
 - 3 sold out performances- Brava girls and all staff and parents
 - New tradition- "pass the hat" SMA bursary raised \$1,330 from this initiative

- Volleyball
- - Junior varsity won provincials
 - Varsity in finals
- AAA Hockey
 - Establishing SMA as a formidable competitor in North America
 - Graduating Team member are getting scholarships to Ivy league schools
 - Team to attend tournament BANDI
 - In Minneapolis won north American title
 - Preparing for World championship Feb/March 2015
- Academic
 - Douglas Campbell Speech Competition Dec 2014
 - Mid Year Assessment Dec 11, 12, 15 and Jan 15, 16, 19, 20
 - Prov English exam for Grade 7, 8 & 9
 - Cultural trip to Japan Feb 12-20 2015 – 14 students
 - Drama trip to Minneapolis March 13-15 2015 – 74 students
 - Philanthropy trip to El Salvador July 2015 – 18 students
 - Encounters Canada – Ottawa – Grade 11 & 12

Treasurer's report Susan Yurkiw

*See attached reports

* Motion to approve and accept July –Nov 2014 financial results by Shannon Roberts and seconded by Lorraine Koltek

Board Liaison Report – Leslie Finch

*Last board meeting Nov 19, 2014

*Committee presentations: Nominating & Governance, Budget (Oct 2014 results)

*Reports – President Scott Greenlay

*Workshops by Archdiocese - Board Governance, best practices, resources

*next meeting – budget - March 2015

Other committees

*Nothing to report

International Day Discussions

*A general discussion on international day successes and areas for improvement took place

- Entertainment
 - One performance worked better
 - Need a way to drive people into auditorium for next year
- Pavilions
 - Need new ones
 - Smaller ones need support
- Raffle – per Carolyn Meadows (2014 chair)

- 120 books not sold
- 41 books not returned – letter to sign off for lost books – still some not completed
- Recommend distribution in classes in future as mail problematic and costly
- Printing issues- misprints – 9 tickets in books instead of 10, covers incorrect/incomplete
- Volunteers collecting books went well each morning as well as office accepting them during day
- Prizes although larger this year not keeping pace with St Paul's (done at same time)
- Thank you to Gina for email blast one time a week – kept raffle top of mind for families

New Business – Connie Yunyk, President, St Mary's Academy

*Fundraising options discussed and tabled for future meeting

Next meeting February 3, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm