

St. Mary's Academy Parent Guild Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 03, 2015

Present:

Kristi Cumming, Candace Partyka, Susan Yurkiw, Connie Yunyk, Leslie Finch, Colleen McFadden, Lidia Erickson, Claudia Davies and Lorraine Koltek

*meeting called to order at 7:04 by Kristi Cumming, Parent Guild President

Approval of meeting minutes for December 2, 2014

*motion to approve and accept by Lorraine Koltek and seconded by Colleen McFadden

Parent Guild President Report – Kristi Cumming

*Review of previous action items

- Aim to book a speaker for the May meeting
- Need to consider whom we'd like. Connie has had no response from the woman with the Amanda Todd Legacy Speaker Foundation
- The parents are asked to think about topics that interest them

*Graduation

- The grad angels will be ready by the end of May
- This is likely the last year for the woman who makes them
- We need to consider an alternative gift for our graduates

*Nomination Committee

- A Nomination Committee has been struck and will soon meet to find people to fill the vacancies on the Guild
- The committee is comprised of: Connie Yunyk, Colleen McFadden and Anita Caci

President, St. Mary's Academy – Connie Yunyk

*2015-16 Budget process underway

- The President's wish list is being compiled and will be presented at the May meeting

*School Life

- Open House was a success – it appeared to be a full house
- There are lots of applicants for grade 7 but not so for grade 9 at this point
- We have an indoor track team

*Staffing

- Welcome Ms. Amy Houston ('03) as our new Alumnae Relations, Advancement and Special Events Coordinator

Treasurer's Report – Susan Yurkiw

- Requested an update from the administration of what has been bought
- Open House costs were roughly \$500
- We need to start using our funds
- There is \$47,728.68 in the general account
- There is \$24, 454.79 in the Lottery account

Board Liaison Report – Leslie Finch

Hospitality Report – Lorraine Koltek

- There was a great turn out of parents and kids at the Open House
- We also had a great volunteer turn out to help with the event
- Thanks to Lidia Erikson for sewing the table clothes and making the tartan runners for the tables
- Looking ahead: Staff Appreciation is May 19, Carnival is May 26 and Graduation is June 27

Corner Store Report – Sharon Godenir

- The committee met recently to discuss new items for the new student sale. Joanne will bring samples to look at in the next few weeks.
- The grade 12 grad hoodies are ready for pick up

Tartan Shop Report – Cindy Hasselmann

- The store is now carrying heavy weight tights in addition to the regular weight ones
- The spring sale is set for April more details to be reported later

Bingo Report – Gwen Lawrence

- There are 3 bingos coming up: Club Regent Casino February 9th (6:15 – 9:15pm) February 19 (6:15 – 9:15pm) and March 15 (noon – 3:15pm)
- Each bingo requires 3 volunteers. To date I have one volunteer for each. If anyone at the meeting were available to volunteer it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me at mdlawren@mymts.net
- An email was sent January 31 asking for volunteers but there have been no replies. Of the 65 bingo volunteers on the list there are approximately 10 who regularly volunteer. St. Mary's is given 20 bingos per year. The bingos generate approximately \$16, 000 - \$17,000 in funds which are used for Capital Projects such as furnishings and equipment.

Miscellaneous/New Business

*Volunteer registration

- Pam looked into the system, found some kinks and has suggested some changes
- Thank you Claudia for your feedback after using the volunteer data base for International Day
- We would like to establish a “leaner and meaner” volunteer registration process
- We need to consider the possibility that the database should be wiped blank at the end of every school year

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm