

St Mary's Academy Parent Guild Meeting Minutes

December 9th, 2015

Present: Connie Yunyk, Kelly Moon, Christa Giesbrecht, Kristi Cumming, Candace Partyka, Pam Knysh, Debbie Mackow, Mary Fustey, Lidia Erickson, Claudia Davies, Neena Oberoi, Leslie Finch, Cathryn Ekdahl, Richere O'Shea, Rosalind Amato, Carmen Buccini, Crystal Boucher-Maurice, Debbie Styles, Irene Mastito-Dao, Sherri Moir, Kathleen Reid, Lorraine Koltek, Deb May, Michelle Klus

Meeting called to order at 6:42 pm by Kristi Cumming, Parent Guild Present.

Motion to accept previous minutes from October 13th, 2015 by Candace Partyka and seconded by Claudia Davies

Executive Committee Reports

Parent Guild President – Kristi Cumming:

- Thank you to Claudia Davies and Ramona Thomson for all of their hard work as the International Day Co-Chairs.
- Thank you to Mary Fustey and Eileen Eng for co-chairing the International Day Raffle.
- Thank you to Mrs Connie Yunyk, the office staff and all of the pavilion chairs for their hard work at International Day.
- Thank you to the hospitality committee and Mrs. May for hosting tonight's Parent Guild Christmas Party.

VP Volunteers – Christa Giesbrecht:

- Developing a power point presentation to highlight all of the volunteer areas available at SMA. Hoping it will be completed in time for the Open House on January 26, 2016.
- Investigating possibility of a new on-line volunteer sign up program

Treasurer Report – Pam Knysh:

- Monthly financials were provided for all to review

President's Report – Connie Yunyk

- Strategic planning surveyed the leadership council and students at lunch as well as faculty and staff recently. Parent Guild Executive will be meeting with the strategic planning team on Tuesday December 15th. Board retreat planned for mid- February. Parent survey will be e-mailed to all parents in early January.
- Development and Advancement – Next event is Evening at the Academy on January 30th, 2016. 75% sold at present time.
- Mid-year assessments start December 10th.

- Extra- curricular activities are all doing well at SMA. Lots of success with the Volleyball teams with the Varsity, grade 7 and grade 8 teams all winning their championship games. Both hockey teams are playing very well. SMA student won the debate tournament held last week-end.

Individual Committee Reports – Candace Partyka

- Bingo: All volunteer positions filled at the moment
- Corner Store: New inventory in stock (Black pepper Roots sweats)
- Hospitality: Planning has begun for the next event which is the Open House on January 26th, 2016.
- Tartan Shop: Co-chairs are working on developing a policy and procedure manual for the new year.
- International Day Raffle: Sold 550 of the 750 books printed. \$27,000.00 revenue; after prizes and expenses there was a net profit of \$20,000.00. Look into possibility of giving an option to families to pay \$50 at beginning of year in lieu of selling raffle tickets.
- International Day: 1200 attendees which was about double the previous years' attendance. Over 200 volunteers and countless volunteer hours. 10 pavilions this year which included the addition of the Korean and Greek pavilion. 11 entertainment groups participated in the cultural show. Rainbow Auction generated \$3100.00 and the art auction brought in \$1500.00. Local businesses were very generous and donated approximately \$3500 worth of merchandise.

Board Liason Report – Colleen McFadden

- Colleen sent her regrets to the meeting but her report was read by Kelly Moon. Last Board of Director's meeting was November 10th. Many activities have taken place at SMA in the previous month which included Wednesday morning masses, movie night, Drop everything and read, Junior High Dance, Professional Development and Staff Retreat, Harvest Thursday's, Bandy trip to Sweden, Study Skills and Anxiety presentations for parents and students, Math Club and Math Contests, Report Card Distribution, International Day Celebration, Remembrance Day Assembly, and a variety of field trips.

New Business

- 1st Annual SMA Torch Talk on Saturday January 23rd, 2016 in the Sheila Chipman Atrium. This complimentary event is hosted by the Parent Guild Executive for the involvement of all parents. It will begin with a light breakfast being served at 8:30am, followed by 3 different presentations beginning at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30. Topics will include "The Teenage Brain", "Teenage Mental Health" and " Relationships Matter in the Teenage Years".

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm

Next meeting February 2, 2016 at 7:00 pm

