

## St Mary's Academy Parent Guild Meeting Minutes

October 11<sup>h</sup>, 2016

Present: Kristi Cumming, Candace Partyka, Debbie Styles, Christa Giesbrecht, Connie Yunyk, Pam Knysh, Kelly Moon, Carmela Buccini, Elaine Mordoch, Lucia Whitney, Rosalinda Amato, Mary Fustey, Lidia Erickson, Colleen McFadden

Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm by Candace Partyka, Parents' Guild President

Motion to accept previous minutes from September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Lidia Erickson and seconded by Christa Giesbrecht

### Executive Committee Reports

Parents' Guild President – Candace Partyka:

- **Corner Store** renovation is complete. Inventory is being better managed and new merchandise is being ordered. Toques, mitts, ball caps and new zip front hoodies have been ordered and will be available for International Day. The varsity jacket has been launched, anyone interested must place on order.
- September 22<sup>th</sup> "**After School Special**", new parent event, was a success. Parents of new grade 7 -12 students were invited to a scavenger hunt followed by a cocktail reception to meet and visit with other parents. Scavenger hunt was throughout the school to give parents an inside look into "what a day in the life of a new student at SMA" somewhat resembles. Christa Giesbrecht received good feedback from new parents who attended. Approximately 90 parents in attendance.
- **December's Parent Guild Meeting/Party.** Short meeting followed by hands on demo of appetizers in the foods and nutrition lab. Mrs. Deb May will facilitate the demo of some tasty appetizers which we will enjoy along with refreshments and dessert. Sign up will be required. Meeting to be held on Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 6:00-9:00pm.
- Parent Guild to host a mini-conference/workshop for parents on Saturday January 22<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 from 9:00-12:00. Coffee and light breakfast to be served. 3 different topics to be discussed.

VP Volunteers – Christa Giesbrecht:

- Total of 120 volunteers signed up. Continue to encourage parents to sign up as more volunteers are required. Request for volunteers will appear in the Newsletter.

## Treasurer's Report – Pam Knysh

- Financial report for September was reviewed

## President's Report – Connie Yunyk:

- **Strategic Plan:** Continue to work on goal of Academic Excellence goal with some great insights from Danielle Kolton & Leanne Boyd to continue conceptualizing for the Well-Being Goal.
- **School academics and programs:** All in full swing! Anaka Sandhu voted Head Girl. Grade 7's had a very successful camp experience. Grade 9 Welcome Night helped to build community between current and new grade 9 students. Grade 12 Retreat and Reflection at Camp Assiniboia (voted best group of the summer by Camp Arnes) helped build harmony and solidarity amongst the girls. Parents joined them for evening prayer ritual.
- Volleyball, Cross-country, Golf, Prep and High School hockey are in full swing. You're A Good Man Charlie Brown tickets to go on sale Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, will run Dec 1,2 & 3.
- **Facility Upgrades and Maintenance:** Re-configuration of Corner Store, Cafeteria lighting, 112 new lockers. new countertops in Foods, Biology and Chemistry Labs, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor waxing, new floor and treads on '02 stairwell by chapel & renovation of President's kitchen.
- Advancement and Development: Inaugural Burning Bright Speaker's Series featuring Sister Leslie Sacouman "The Transformative Power of Mercy: Where Do You Stand?" on Oct 18th. "**Evening at the Academy**" on Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> is 80% sold out, all proceeds benefit the Bursary Fund. Georgine Van de Mosselaer will set up Barista for Bursary espresso bar for International Day.
- New Event – **Generations Day** – Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- New idea for 2017/2018, Father/Daughter Event "Pinot & Plaid"

## Individual Committee Reports – Kelly Moon

- Bingo  
All volunteer spots filled to end of 2016. Christa and Candace will be meeting with Gwen Lawrence, Bingo Chair, to set up Volunteer Spot for future online scheduling.
- Corner Store

Working on obtaining a couple of new apparel items. Hoping to have them in stock soon. Scheduling of shifts is ongoing. More volunteers always needed.

- International Day

Rainbow Auction: Teachers submitting their themes for baskets. ID co-chairs have been working hard to obtain donations from community businesses to add to the baskets.

Marketing: Martina Kucey's company the Duha Group is donating all the printing of posters and advertising. An e-mail blast will be sent to alumnae. Students will receive postcards prior to event inviting them to attend and give them a free drink certificate.

Volunteers: Using Volunteer Spot to organize volunteers

- International Day Lottery

750 raffle books printed and 746 distributed, 14 books returned to date unsold. Expect to deposit \$5,200. Parents will be called if books not returned by Monday, Oct 17th. Mary Fustey has been collecting books in the morning and over the lunch hour. Discuss a \$50/fee for unsold books or an additional tuition fee if opt out of selling raffle tickets for 2017/2018 school year.

- Hospitality

no report

- Tartan Shop

All Friday lunch volunteer spots have been filled. Deneen Klippenstein will be contacting newly signed up volunteers for the April and May evening uniform sales. Names of these volunteers have been sent to Lidia Eriksson at Corner Store and International Day Committee should they wish to volunteer sooner than April.

### Board Liaison Report – Colleen McFadden

Board is working on preparations for a new Strategic Plan. The Board wishes to extend deep gratitude and appreciation to everyone on the Parents' Guild for their outstanding work and dedication.

### Miscellaneous/New Business

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Next meeting Tuesday Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.