

St Mary's Academy Parents' Guild AGM Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 12, 2017
Durocher Library

In attendance: Kelly Moon, Christa Giesbrecht, Ramona Thomson, Pam Knysh, Joanie Smalley, Connie Yunyk, Tammy Zach, Stephanie Gordon, Deneen Klippenstein, Mary Fusty, Barbara Adamkowicz, Nicole Guttormson, Mirtha Villacres, Kristi Cumming, Colleen McFadden

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm
2. Opening Prayer: Connie Yunyk
Introductions around the table
3. Approval of Previous AGM minutes – September 12, 2016: Kelly Moon
Motion to accept by Christa Giesbrecht and seconded by Pam Knysh
4. Parents' Guild President's Report: Kelly Moon

Last year the Parents' Guild worked tirelessly on a variety of projects and fundraising events. Everyone who has a daughter at SMA is part of the Parents' Guild and we value each and every one of you.

We require a significant number of volunteers in order to achieve our goals. We hope that each and every one of you who were able to assist us in any way; no matter how big or small, came away with a positive experience!

I would like to thank Candace Partyka for her dedication to the Parents' Guild last year as our President! She worked extremely hard to foster a sense of community amongst all of our parents and volunteers.

The Parents' Guild raised just over \$73,000 during the 2016/2017 school year.

- These funds were used for a variety of annual commitments which included a \$3,000 donation to the SMA Foundation Bursary and two \$1,200 scholarships awarded at convocation:
 - SMA Parents' Guild School Citizenship award: Jessie O'Leary
 - SMA Parents' Guild Scholarship: Linnea Cox
- As well each graduate was gifted an angel at Convocation and the Guild sponsored each graduating students' ticket to the Graduation Brunch.
- We also supported the Evening at the Academy and the Marian Awards by purchasing a sponsorship table for each event.
- In addition to the annual commitments, the Guild assisted the school in purchasing a number of special projects which included:
 - A new SMA podium
 - A High jump pit
 - A volleyball training system
 - Completion of the Corner Store renovations

Our biggest fundraising event of the year is International Day where we raised just over \$31,000. I would like to thank our International Day co-chairs Ramona Thomson and Heidi Chuback who worked tremendously hard at organizing this amazing event.

In addition, the International day lottery raised just over \$27,000. A huge thank you to Mary Fustey and Eileen Eng who co-chaired the raffle and spent many hours organizing the ticket sales and the collection of books and funds.

The Parents' Guild also hosted 2 special events for parents this year. The first was the After School Special for Parents of new students chaired by Kristi Cumming and Stephanie Gordon. The second special event was Torch Talks which took place in January and was entitled "Raising Kids with Social Conscience – Leading by Love". This inspiring event which featured 3 amazing speakers was chaired by Kristi Cumming and Charmaine Cancilla. As Kristi passes the torch to both of her co-chairs I would like to thank her for her time and dedication she provided to both of these events over the last 2 years!

The Guild Hospitality Committee was co-chaired by Cathryn Eckdahl and Richere O'Shea and I would like to thank them for hosting and serving refreshments at the following events: SMA Open House, Staff Appreciation luncheon, New Student Uniform Sale, and Convocation. There was a Parents' Guild Christmas Party that was planned in conjunction with Mrs. May but unfortunately due to a snow storm the event had to be cancelled.

Deneen Klippenstein and Cindy Hasselman continue to manage the Tartan Shop. They work hard at maintaining inventory, scheduling volunteers and organizing a variety of evening sales throughout the school year.

Thank you to Lidia Erickson for all of her time and dedication to managing the Corner Store last year. We appreciate all of the work you have provided to the Parents' Guild over many years.

A huge thank you to Gwen Lawrence who was the chair of Bingo. Unfortunately the province discontinued this program at the beginning of 2017. We are still waiting to hear from the province to see if an alternative fundraising opportunity will replace the Bingo program.

And last but certainly not least, I would like to thank Mrs. Connie Yunyk for her endless support of the Parents' Guild! Her dedication to the Guild, the school and all of our daughters is simply amazing.

As you can see, the Parents' Guild was extremely busy and productive this past year! I would like to extend my thanks to all Guild volunteers who came together to help one another, assist the school and ultimately enrich the experience of our daughters at St. Mary's Academy.

5. Treasurer's Report: Pam Knysh

Pam Knysh presented the financials from the period ending June 2017.

Financial statements are now with the auditors for review.

6. Report of Results of Election of Officers:

Kelly Moon introduced the new Parents' Guild Executive.

Parents' Guild Executive for 2017/2018:

President: Kelly Moon

1st Vice President: Christa Giesbrecht

2nd Vice President: Ramona Thomson

Treasurer: Pam Knysh

Secretary: Joanie Smalley

St Mary's Academy President/Advisor to Parents' Guild Executive: Connie Yunyk

7. Miscellaneous/New Business

Update Constitution and By-Laws:

- Add the following to Parents' Guild President's duties:
 - Review and submit updates to the Director of Communications.
 - Update documents to use the standard wording "Tartan Shop" (not Uniform Shop).

Motion to approve changes to Constitution and By-Laws by Kelly Moon and seconded by Christa Giesbrecht

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm