

St. Mary's Academy Parents' Guild Meeting Minutes

Date: March 12, 2024

Hosted in Durocher Library by Michelle Klus

1. Call to order- 7:03

2. Land Acknowledgment and Commitment to Reconciliation- Michelle Saltel

3. Opening Prayer – Michelle Klus

4. Approval of Agenda:

1st: Michelle S

2nd: Christi S

5. Approval of Previous PG minutes:

1st: Irene M.D

2nd: Lisa Sigurdson

6. SMA President's Report – Michelle Kus

- school has started purchasing wish list items- modular furniture for the atrium

-other items on list: aprons sunshades/canopy for track meets

-Grade 12 travel group leaving for Europe next week, Wed. March 20, 2024

-Group leaving for Peru in July

-Next year trip: literary England tour

7. PG Executive Committee Reports:

President: Michelle Saltel

-Succession planning: 4 positions to be filled: Pres, vice chair, chair, secretary. Secretary has been filed by Lisa Robathum

-Nominating committee required : 2 parents and Michelle Klus. Jen melo has offered to be on committee

Committe chairs needed:

-International day: Jen Melo may or may not stay on as chair, needs co-chair

-Mix and mingle chair needed: Irene to start the year, Nelia to take over

-Torch Talks chair: Rosalinda Amato

-Corner store deposits person needed

-Lottery chair: Janette Headly

Vice President: Jennifer Thiessen

-Corner store has been low on volunteers. If there's no volunteers signed up for that day, the store wont be open that day.

- Any ideas for sign up system? Current sign up system not great. Team linked?

Presentation of financial report: Rachel Hall

-financial records presented

-Jan 50/50 lottery did very well. Will use different platform next year

-we will advance money to pay for wish list items using the net monies we have already knowing that more money will be coming in with upcoming events.

Committee Updates – Christi Soni

Corner Store:

- e-sales successful made over \$1000
- Currently selling candy, chips, ice cream, healthy option: fruit and nut granola bars- no buyers
- Plans to meet with Carbury to have more accurate inventory purchased
- Thanks to Nicole for washing used uniform items- they look like new!
- Idea to display chips better in the corner store so kids know they are there for sale

International Day:

- Discussion around 'purposefulness' of ID.
- The community building aspect is becoming more diluted
- Volunteers are difficult to get.
- Modernize the way we have money transactions for tickets, raffles etc. Sign up for volunteers. Eventbrite, or ticket leap

Parents' Guild Cash Lottery:

- new lottery platform to be used next year. Look into target sliding scale option

Hospitality: taking over-Lisa Robothum

Staff Appreciation Lunch:

- Catered from saucers, desserts purchased from superstore.
- =Came in just under budget

Parents Mix and Mingle:

- Going back to 'classic' model with scavenger hunt, interactive, no formal agenda, wine and cheese. I
- Idea proposed- could a few be held throughout the year and feature a few cultural groups in lieu of ID?
- Have committee chairs present at this event to recruit parents.

Torch Talks: new chair- Rosalinda Amato

Golf Tournament:

- Walk through at Southwood happened last month
- Participants can expect an elevated event/golf experience
- Gift cards to be raffled at ID
- Call for sponsorship, donors and golfers-key in the tournaments success
- Trying to target organizations that align to SMA female leader mission

PG Miscellaneous/ review of reports if necessary:

- If table for 100 returns, Jen Melo would be willing to chair

Adjournment: 8:57pm