

Toms' Moms Meeting and Salad Supper  
Wednesday, April 21, 2010  
Minutes

Father Bob Glass, our moderator, gave the blessing before our salad supper. President Margaret Labbe called the meeting to order at 5: 15 p.m.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer's**

Sharyn Sporar gave the Treasurer's Report. Our Current Balance is \$2,900.54. Deposits this year to date have been \$940. Our expenses since the last meeting were the contributions and gift voted on at the last meeting. Those were \$1,000 to the Father Carl Belisch Scholarship Fund, \$500 to the Capital Campaign and \$500 to Catholic Relief Services for Haitian earthquake victims. A Gift was also presented to Brandy Miller in appreciation of her work with our Evites, etc.

**Principal's Report**

Father John Huber, C.S.B., presented the following report to the membership:

We have 186 8<sup>th</sup> graders registered for the freshman class next year, and are expecting a few more. The class should be between 190-200 young men; enrollment will be around 700 students.

School elections: Grayson Dowlearn and Esteban Saldaña were elected president and vice-president of the Student body for next year. Grayson succeeds his brother, Thomas, who served as president this year.

NCEA: This year four people from STH attended the annual NCEA Convention, this year held in Minneapolis: Fr. Huber, Mrs. Gensheimer, Mr. Nash and Mr. Netzel.

**Drama:**

Over 1300 people attended our superb renditions of *Hello Dolly* a couple of weeks ago. We have excellent and talented actors, and the ladies from our sister schools are equally talented. Thanks to all who attended!

**TAPPS:**

Despite the fact that we had many conflicts that prevented some of our brightest students from participating in TAPPS academic awards:

**REGIONAL RESULTS:**

- On March 6<sup>th</sup>, the **Eagles RULED** at the TAPPS District 3-5A Academic Competition held at Duchesne. A team of 24 Eagles went

against larger teams from St. Pius, St. Agnes, Duchesne, Incarnate Word, and Monsignor Kelly and finished with 134 points, 14 points higher than the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team, picking up **nine 1<sup>st</sup> place awards** along the way.

**STATEWIDE RESULTS:**

TAPPS 5A State Academic Meet 4/10/10

**STH placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the 22 competing schools.**

Ready Writing – David Markus 2<sup>nd</sup>

Science – DJ Hoffman 2<sup>nd</sup>, top score in Physics

Number Sense – Tim Lee 3<sup>rd</sup>

Advanced Math – Alex Rusciano 3<sup>rd</sup> and DJ Hoffman 6<sup>th</sup>

Literary Criticism – David Markus 6<sup>th</sup>

Social Studies – Mat DiGregorio 6<sup>th</sup>

Mathematics – Tim Lee 1<sup>st</sup>

Computer Science – DJ Hoffman 1<sup>st</sup>, David Sherron 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Patrick Thompson 3<sup>rd</sup>

Yearbook 6<sup>th</sup>; Newspaper 3<sup>rd</sup>

**ART HISTORY:**

District: 1<sup>st</sup>, Jackson Wiederhoeft 4<sup>th</sup>, Nick Witkowski

State: 1<sup>st</sup>, Nick Witkowski 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jackson Wiederhoeft

**MUSIC AWARDS this year:**

**This past weekend: TPSMEA (Texas Private School Music Educators Association)**

Concert and Sight-reading Contest

	<u>On Stage</u>	<u>Sight-reading</u>
Band	II	I
String Ensemble	I	II
Jazz Lab	I	
Jazz Combo	I	

The scoring means: I is a Superior Performance (receive a trophy) and an II is an Excellent Performance.

TPSMEA All State (January 29)

Orchestra Alex Rusciano violin – All State Orchestra

**National Merit:**

11 juniors have qualified to apply to become semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Corp; this year we had a record 8 FINALISTS.

### **New Basilian Appointments:**

Basilian associate Casey Johnson, '05, has been appointed to live in community with the Basilians and will continue to teach theology and work in campus ministry and student activities next year.

Fr. Huber has been appointed principal of Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi, Michigan, a Basilian high school of 1060 young men.

Fr. Patrick Fulton, who is currently at St. Michael's College School in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, has been appointed principal as of July 1.

### **Construction:**

We hope to begin construction of a new parking garage this summer where the dirt parking lot now stands;

This summer the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classrooms in the social studies wing, above the cafeteria, will be remodeled and windows will be put into the walls.

Father Huber will be greatly missed but Tom's Moms wishes him well and welcomes the new Principal, Father Fulton.

### **President's Report**

Father Ronald Schwenzer, C.S.B., gave the following report:

1. The School works with a company called FAIR to determine the amount of financial aid to give or not give to the people who apply. The requests far exceed the amount we are able to give. We have increased financial aid by \$100,000 to a total of \$1M. In addition we are awarding \$200,000 in merit-based scholarships. About 35% of the student body receives either a needs-based or merit-based scholarship.
2. Round-Up was a huge success again this year. The boys brought in \$350,000 by the Friday before Round-Up Sunday, setting another record. The total amount grew to \$357,400. I believe the final results for the Sunday events was \$62,000. Tom's Moms desserts raised \$747.00.
3. Capital Campaign: We continue in the quiet phase of the campaign for the remainder of this calendar year. Last year at this time I reported we were at \$2.3M in pledges. Today we are at \$9M in pledges, but still have a long way to go. We are planning on building the parking garage for 428 cars beginning sometime this summer.

4. Hall of Honor Induction is April 22. This is the highest honor that St. Thomas High School gives to an alumnus. The new induction class includes: John Bradshaw '52, (psychologist and prolific author) Richard Huckaby '54 (Brigadier General USMC), Milton Beardon '58 (retired CIA agent and author, directed last years of the CIA covert war in Afghanistan).

### **New Business:**

Karen Maraldo gave a report on the Mothers' Club Style Show. It was Karen's third trip down the Style Show runway. She said it was a wonderful event and all mothers involved really enjoyed themselves.

### **Old Business:**

#### **Distinguished Alumni Volunteer**

Margaret asked for a Tom's Moms volunteer to serve on the committee to select this year's Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Service Award winners. Alice Arbour will serve on the committee again this year. Members were asked to submit nominees for both awards which will be given out next fall.

### **New Officers:**

The slate of new officers for 2010-2012 was unanimously selected. New officers are:

President—Paula Porter

Vice President—Karen Cuccia

Secretary—Ann-Carroll Morin

Treasurer—Michael Ann Totton

Congratulations to all the new Officers and thanks to everyone from the 2008-2010 Board. And the tradition continues...

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alice Arbour  
Secretary