

The Tom's Moms Club
St. Thomas High School
4500 Memorial Drive
Houston, Texas 77007

Spring Salad Supper

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 26, 2007
Meeting Location: Mass at St. Thomas Chapel, 4:30 p.m. (Father Belisch), Supper and Meeting to follow at Mary Moody Northern

Minutes:

Mary Seiter, Tom's Moms President, opened meeting by welcoming all and opening the following items:

- Minutes from previous meeting in January were printed out and placed in back of the room for all to review.
- A donation from the Tom's Moms in January was used to help purchase the Blessed Virgin Statue w/Toddler in the back of the chapel.
- A scrapbook of Tom's Moms events was completed to date and is in the back of the room for all to review.
- Sharon Sporar, Tom's Moms treasurer, discussed the finances of the Tom's Moms and the new balance of \$2,414.
- Thanks to all who contributed to the Tom's Moms dessert booth. Total profit was \$950.00. A special thanks to Sophomore Moms for their contribution of baked goods and St. Basils who donated the coffee
- Membership list is being combined, trimmed and changed to email invitations where applicable. This will save a tremendous amount on postage.
- Tom's Moms website has been updated and Tom's Moms mission statement has been revised and posted to website.
- Father Huber, the principal, was introduced. He went over enrollment figures, discussed the seven Basilian Father's Scholarships for inner city schools which amounted to \$7,000 each for four years. Father Huber discussed an initiative which will allow St. Thomas to cooperate with Catholic feeder schools. A new Catholic high school is planned for the Woodlands and Mt. Carmel is moving it's location to Beltway 8. Father Gaelens is retiring.
- Betty Fisher presented an historical account of the Tom's Moms from their inception. It was noted that we are now celebrating 20 years of the Tom's Moms organization this year. It was started in 1987. It evolved from a group of moms from the St. Thomas Mother's Club organization that wanted to continue to support St. Thomas High School after their sons graduated. They met in the gym and Mrs. Butler was the first president. Two parties a year were planned and the dues were \$10.00. One of the earliest menus from a meeting included Bloody Marys, coffee, cheese sticks, sausage balls and flower and napkins. Their spirit theme was "if asked, always say yes to help". Interestingly enough, the priest moderator was to appoint officers – we're much more autonomous and democratic now it seems. One of the goals noted was to be careful about the St. Thomas Mother's Club feelings. Betty also noted her efforts as a historian and the difficulty in making sure no one throws anything of historical value out. She is still working on Father Hanna.
- Mary let everyone know she has a son serving in Iraq. She provided an email with calendar for those who could email her son while he was there. Linda Piper was putting together a care package and will coordinate with others and then send to Mary's son.
- Mary Anne Harmer told everyone about the Galveston Historical Home Tours and coming events at the Museum of Fine Arts and the Natural Science Museum. Anyone interested in attending any of these events with some Tom's Moms can call Mary Anne at 281-444-7880.
- Door prizes were awarded by Father Belish

Respectively submitted,

Nancy Daniel
Secretary