

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

Winter Gathering

Meeting Date: Saturday, January 19, 2008
Meeting Location: Mass at St. Thomas Chapel, 10:00 a.m. (Father Belisch), Brunch 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:

- Membership list (all who have paid dues) available at sign in table.
- Invitations only sent to members now...we want to email if possible.
- Thanks to those who assisted with Mother-Son Mass.
- Sharyn Sporar gave Treasurer's Report.
- Father Huber not able to be here so Father Belisch gave Principal's Report:
- 667 students as of January 1
- Accreditation just completed, official visit January 15 and 16...team of educators from UST, St. Agnes, Duchene and Incarnate Word met with students, parents, faculty and staff...we have been reaccredited for 5 years, received highest rating in all of the 7 areas addressed by SACS/AdvanED.
- New mission statement of STH: "Teaching Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge is the tradition of the Basilian Fathers and the sacred mission of St. Thomas, a Catholic college preparatory high school". New plaques with this statement will be distributed throughout the school.
- Transitional Curriculum Workshop – Attended by teachers in order to better relate academic needs for incoming freshmen in areas of math, history, English and science.
- February 25 – "Conversations that Count" for sophomores and parents...similar program for freshmen very successful.
- Students Assistance/Peer Mentoring
- Round Up Kick Off this Friday, 30% of students receive some financial aid
- Open House for January 27
- Mary Ann Harmer – What's going on in Houston!
- Melody Brown introduced guest, Estelle Love, and they talked about Camp for All, a facility in Burton, Texas, for chronically ill and disabled adults and children. Camp for All is near Round Top and the facility is available to groups during the Round Top Antiques Festival. Overnight accommodations (in cabins), dinner and breakfast provided \$120.00 per person. Melody suggested we get a cabin (or 2) for Tom's Moms. The date is April 3 – can arrive at 4:00 p.m. – spend night, have breakfast then shop at Round Top April 4. Mary Anne Harmer will take checks and coordinate.
- Round-Up March 2, sign up for booth and to bake
- Style Show in April, let Mary know if you want to sit at Tom's Moms table
- Next meeting is April 17, 4:30 Mass, 5:00 p.m. meeting, Spring Salad Supper
- New officers will be elected, let Mary know if you are interested!

Respectively submitted,

Nancy Daniel
Secretary