

Toms' Moms Meeting and Salad Supper  
Thursday, April 16, 2009  
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.

STH Alumni Director Tommy Schulte was a guest speaker and talked about reviving the Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Service Awards to be presented by the Alumni Association next October. He was joined by Alumni Board member Jack Butera in soliciting any nominations from Toms' Moms. They left nomination forms and asked members to please nominate any deserving candidates for both awards. Nominees must be alumni for the Distinguished Alumni Award but not for the Distinguished Service Award. Forms are also on line on the STH website. Tommy also said that he wanted Toms' Moms to have a representative on the committee to select the winners of the awards.

### **Reports**

#### **Secretary's**

Minutes from the January meeting are posted on the STH website on the Toms' Moms page.

#### **Treasurer's**

Sharyn Sporar gave the Treasurer's Report. Our Current Balance is \$3552.07.00. Expenses this school year have been \$154, a great reduction from last year due to using mostly Evites for our events.

#### **Principal's Report**

Father Huber was attending the National Catholic Educator's Association Conference in San Diego and so no report was given.

#### **President's Report**

Father Schwenzer was in attendance and presented the following report:

1. The Financial Aid Committee worked with a company called FAIR to determine fairly the amount of financial aid to give. We had requests fro \$1.6M. The Committee granted \$700,000 in aid to 152 boys for an average grant of about \$4,600. In addition there is \$203,000 for 55 Academic Scholarships, \$138,000 for 21 Basilian Fathers Inner City Scholarships and \$70,000 in discounts for the attending children of Faculty and Staff. This brings the total financial support for the 2009/10 School year to almost \$1.1M. (\$100,000 less than last year) The percentage of students receiving financial aid next year will be 26% plus 8%

- receiving merit scholarships.
2. Because there were so many boys who wrote the test and put us down as first choice, the cut-off point for acceptance was higher and more boys were on the waiting list. The economy had a real effect on the number of students who were accepted but their parents chose public school over STH. This will allow us to accept some of the boys who were on the waiting list.
  3. Round-Up was a huge success again this year. The boys brought in \$325,000 by the Friday before Round-Up Sunday, setting another record. The total amount grew to \$338,000. I believe the final results for the Sunday events was \$75,000 . Tom's Moms desserts raised \$680.00.
  4. Capital Campaign: Goal is \$25M. We are in the quiet phase of the campaign this calendar year. The Board of Directors, the faculty and staff, and about half of the campaign leadership has been solicited. To date we are at \$2.3M in pledges. I, along with members of the Science Department and the Athletic Department are working with the architects to refine exactly just what we want to be included in the buildings.
  5. Sports Hall of Fame Induction is April 18. The new induction class includes: Fr. Bob Lowery, CSB (who brought ice hockey to Houston in 1940), Richard Quesada '56, Robert Paine '68, Greg Hall '69 and Robert Murski '69.

Father Schwenzer thanked Toms' Moms for their prayers and support during his recent cancer operation and hospitalization. He reported that he is beginning 6 weeks of radiation and asked for continuing prayers.

Margaret said that she had reserved two tables for the Mothers' Club Style Show on April 30. Toms' Moms should indicate they want to sit at these tables when sending in their reservations.

Jano Nixon reported on the Camp for All Slumber Party in Round Top. She said all in attendance had a great time and hopes Toms' Moms will participate again next year. All proceeds from the event benefit the work of Camp for All.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alice Arbour  
Secretary