



ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL
BASILIAN FATHERS – 1900

St. Thomas High School
Mothers' Club General Meeting
August 18, 2020
Minutes

I. WELCOME/OPENING PRAYER

The August 2020 General Meeting of the Mothers' Club was held via Zoom Conference on August 18, 2020 at 11:30am and 4:30pm (minutes recorded during the 11:30am meeting) Holly Schlosser, President, called the meeting to order at 11:34am. Father Murphy led us in Prayer.

Quorum - Yes
Minutes Approved - n/a

II. OFFICER REPORTS

a. President – Holly Schlosser

i. Mothers' Club is both a social and a service organization.

1. We help with over 30 events throughout the school year
2. We also coordinate the BIG THREE
 - a. Auction/Gala - November
 - b. Round Up - March
 - c. Style Show – April

ii. Mothers' Club Theme this year

1. Embrace and Enjoy the Little Things
 - a. Our world is much different this school year with our virtual classes and meetings. So during these precious times at home with our children, lets take the time to Embrace and Enjoy the Little Things. Anything from making them lunch, attending virtual Mass online before class, just hearing them move around the house... Embrace and Enjoy.
 - b. As Mother Teresa said "Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love". This is truly what the Mothers' Club is about.

iii. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30am, via Zoom for the time being. We will move to in-person as soon as we can.

1. Great way to keep up to date on the inner workings of St. Thomas
2. Starting in September, we will have Father Murphy with a Presidents Report, Dr. Dominguez with a Principals Report and a Guest Speaker from the Faculty or Staff.
3. All dates pertaining to the Mothers' Club can be found on the school website under Parent Section
4. You will also get notification through the Mothers' Club Newsletter every other Tuesday.
 - a. If you are not receiving the Newsletter, let us know and we will add you to the distribution list.

iv. If you have any questions during the meeting, please use the Chat function on Zoom

v. Officer Introductions

1. President - Holly Schlosser
2. Vice President - Mary Yokubaitis
3. Treasurer - Lizette Romohr
4. Communication Secretary - Alicia De Alva
5. Recording Secretary - Gwen McKeegan
6. Past President - Meryl Gregory

vi. Big Three Introductions

1. Round Up – Amber Caver, Jodi Diamond, Barbara Villafranca
2. Style Show – Meryl Gregory, Gwen McKeegan
3. Auction Gala – Christine Cummins, Julie Perry, Catherine Rentz

- III. Round Up Report – Amber Caver
 - a. March 2021 on Campus
 - b. Fund raiser for Student Financial Aid
 - c. Carnival games, booths, food, shopping and FUN!

- IV. Style Show Report – Meryl Gregory, Gwen McKeehan
 - a. April 2021 at River Oaks Country Club
 - b. Senior Boys and their mothers put on a style show
 - c. All class level moms and families are welcome
 - d. 50th Anniversary!

- V. Auction/Gala Report – Catherine Rentz, Christine Cummins and Catherine Chandler
 - a. November 7 at 7:30pm - Virtual
 - b. Theme - The 20's Roar Again
 - c. The Gatsby Gazette Newsletter will be emailed regularly with all the fun and exciting news and updates about the Gala. First issue will be sent out Monday, August 24.
 - i. Links on how to purchase Watch Parties
 - 1. 2 levels for party of 10 – fully catered at your home
 - 2. 2 levels for party of 10 – meal delivered to your home
 - 3. 2 levels for party of 2 – meal delivered to your home
 - ii. Links to class registries for Silent Auction Baskets
 - iii. Instructions for Bid Pal
 - d. Underwriting letters will be both mailed and emailed to you listing several opportunities to support the Auction/Gala
 - e. Live event at 7:30pm with special and surprise guests!!
 - f. Dress Code – PJ's to Festive 20's inspired outfits.
 - g. Silent Auction will be available up to 2 weeks prior to November 7
 - i. Each class has built different baskets based on class level theme
 - ii. Items are placed in an online registry for parents to purchase/donate. The items will be delivered directly to St. Thomas and assembled into exciting baskets to bid on!
 - iii. All links will be in the Gatsby Gazette
 - h. Dessert Auction will be done prior to November 7 so that desserts can be delivered for that evening
 - i. Volunteering
 - i. Most positions have been filled
 - ii. Two opportunities available
 - 1. Purchase a Watch Party
 - 2. Bid, Bid, Bid!
 - j. There will still be a LIVE auction – details to come
 - k. Specs Event – October 6
 - i. Limited spaces available –First come First served for reservation
 - ii. No cost, but highly encouraged to buy item/items for the Wine/Whisky Pull
 - l. Vineyard Vines Event – September 10, 11:00am – 1:00pm
 - i. Discount on purchases
 - ii. Vineyard Vines will donate a portion of profits to STH
 - iii. They also donate a basket to the auction

- VI. STANDING COMMITTEES
 - a. Eagle Treats – Anita Bryant
 - i. Main function is to show love and support to St. Thomas families in time of need.
 - 1. Spiritual, financial, meals, transportation, and more...
 - 2. Illness in the family, death in the family, unexpected medical situations, financial or job struggles, a little bit of everything
 - 3. Confidential
 - 4. If you would like assistance, or know someone who might need support please reach out to Anita Bryant, Holly Schlosser or the Dean of Students Office
 - 5. Sign-Up Genius can be found in the Mothers' Club Newsletter

- b. Cookie Chair – Christy Villareal
 - i. Distributes cookies once a month to the boys
 - ii. Mothers volunteer (via sign up genius) to bake the cookies and also to come to the school to help distribute
 - 1. This year when we return to campus with the hybrid schedule, we will have 2 distribution days.
 - iii. Two types of cookies – Chocolate Chip and Sugar
 - 1. Uniform size of 4 inches in diameter to insure boys get similar size cookies
 - 2. Each volunteer makes 4 dozen
 - 3. Can be homemade or purchased from a bakery (no grocery store or box store)
 - 4. Cookies recipes have been posted to the Mothers' Club Newsletter
- c. Eagle Treats
 - i. Committee chairs are Paula Marsh and Dawn Griffiths
 - ii. Committee that provides fun treats monthly for the Faculty and Staff
 - iii. First Eagle treat day is September 17
 - iv. Fun Monthly Themes
 - v. Information can be found in the Mothers' Club Newsletter
 - vi. Donations
 - 1. Volunteer to bake or purchase goods
 - 2. Donate financially towards events via the school store on the portal
- d. Mothers in Prayer
 - i. Headed by Raquel Miller
 - ii. Every Tuesday morning via Zoom at 8:00am
 - iii. Focus – Who God is for our boys, our families and our school
 - iv. Safe place to bring your burdens and your victories
 - v. Check it out in the Newsletter and come join us in prayer

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Mentor Moms – Mary Grace Carter and Christine Cummins
 - i. Groups of new families placed with Mentor Moms who live within a specified area to help navigate joining the St. Thomas community.
 - 1. Typically they would have socials during the summer to welcome new families and the boys.
 - 2. This summer there were several virtual gatherings
- b. Welcome Tea
 - i. Typically a Mass with a light lunch held the Sunday before school starts – cancelled due to COVID
 - ii. This year, the Mothers' Club Executive Board and Big Three Chairs welcomed parents with a drive by wave and STH tumbler as they dropped off their freshman and transfer students for new student orientation on August 10.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Please Volunteer
 - i. Great way to meet new friends and become involved with the school
 - ii. Volunteer opportunities range from big to small... you won't regret jumping in where you can!
 - iii. Get involved and create connections with others in our community
 - iv. Sign up opportunities will be posted in the Newsletter that comes out every two weeks and also on the STH website

IX. UPCOMING EVENTS

August 20	First All School Mass – Virtual
August 26	Back to School Night – Virtual
September 7	Labor Day – No School
September 8	Mothers' Club Meeting @11:30 – via Zoom
September 23	NHS Induction

- X. Meeting adjourned 12:26pm