



ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL
BASILIAN FATHERS – 1900
St. Thomas High School
Mothers' Club General Meeting
September 8, 2020
Minutes

I. WELCOME/OPENING PRAYER

The September 2020 General Meeting of the Mothers' Club was held via Zoom Conference on September 8, 2020 at 12:00pm. Holly Schlosser, President, called the meeting to order at 12:05pm and led us in Prayer.

Quorum - Yes
Minutes Approved - Yes

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Father Murphy, CSB

a. Every year there are new challenges that arise and we wonder how we are going to get through this, and every, year we do. This year is no different. We will figure it out.

b. Key things from my office

i. Joplin Campus

1. The small gym has been resurfaced and is almost ready to be used.
2. Waiting on weight lifting equipment
3. Doc's training room has the vast majority of its equipment in and set up. Including 3 cold tubs and a taping station. Looks great.
4. Waiting on occupancy tags for some of our buildings
5. We have to wait for approval from the city before we can start filling the planters with flowers at the entry off Shepherd. Sergio already has a plan on how he is going to beautify that area.

ii. Accreditation through the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops

1. Last year the school went through accreditation and received a very positive report. One area praised, but also an area that they wanted us to continue to focus on was Faith Formation. Especially for adults with our faculty and staff. We worked on this a great deal over the summer.

a. Created a Prayer Handbook that will be available for the entire student body, faculty and staff.

- i. Collection of prayer
- ii. Collection of information about the school
- iii. Collection of information about our patron Saints
- iv. Collection of information about the Basilian Fathers

b. Tuesdays with Thomas

- i. Video reflection on EBN on the upcoming Sunday gospel. To prepare for the coming Sunday.

c. Daily Mass

- i. Beginning and ending of each school week as well as every Sunday

iii. Hall of Honor – Began in 1970 to Honor St. Thomas Alumni who have best exemplified the Basilian model of teach me goodness, discipline and knowledge.

1. Father Murphy and a committee are currently vetting nominations. Honorees to be announced in October
2. Hope to have induction ceremony in January
3. Last induction was in 2014

iv. Golf tournament organizers Weldon Granger and John Lodge presented a check for \$38,000 for the Golf Team

v. Annual Fund is being kicked off.

1. Finalizing how we ended our two capital campaigns (4500 Forever and Finish Strong campaigns). Making sure pledges are being received so that we can move forward with projects we committed to at the beginning of those campaigns. One of the primary projects is the new Father Wilson Baseball Field.

III. GUEST SPEAKER – Mary Criaco, Assistant Principal

a. Hybrid Model begins Monday, September 14 – Overview is on the website

b. Teachers will be teaching one of two ways.

- i. Synchronously – Teaching both the group on campus and the group at home at the same time

- ii. Asynchronously – Providing instruction for on campus students, while the students at home work on a specified project/lesson
 - iii. This will be communicated through the LAP
- c. Hybrid Model is two days on campus and two days at home on a rotation. Groups are divided equally. Changing groups is not an option due to the balance and numbers in each classroom. Goal is to have 10 students in the classroom for optimal social distancing.
 - i. Aquinas Group
 - ii. Basil Group
- d. Attendance will be taken for both groups daily
- e. Dress code will be in effect for both groups
 - i. Virtual – Collared shirt
 - ii. On Campus – Collared shirt, khaki pants, leather shoes and a belt
- f. Students have the option to stay online through the end of the 1st Quarter or to come to campus. September 9 is the deadline for filling out the request to stay 100% virtual. If you choose to go virtual, you will do so until October 9. You can not go back and forth between the two options.
- g. Back to School Night – Thursday, September 10, 6:00pm – 7:55pm
 - i. Virtual – through Zoom
 - ii. Links are posted on the portal – you will follow your son’s daily schedule.
- h. Mass on Monday, September 14
 - i. Both groups will be virtual
 - ii. Mass uniform is not required
- i. Please remember that all water fountains are closed – so boys should bring water when they come to campus.

IV. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT – Dr. Dominguez ‘96

- a. Hybrid Model – Health and Safety Aspect
- b. We feel very good about this policy at this time. We have a Medical Council to guide our decisions. They will consult with the council on Thursday to confirm that this is still a safe plan at this time.
- c. The main purpose to having the hybrid model is to take a baby step towards getting everyone back on campus.
 - i. Social Distancing
 - 1. Roughly 50% of students on campus on any given day
 - a. Makes it safer for students, faculty and staff
 - b. 10-12 students in each classroom so students can be spaced out
 - c. Hallways are all one-way
 - d. Passing periods have been extended to give ample time to change classes following one-way halls and social distancing
 - e. Common places will be closed or limited and will be monitored by faculty and staff.
 - f. Cafeteria – Lunch
 - i. There will be two lunches – so no more than 150 students going to lunch at one time.
 - ii. There will be two separate lines in the cafeteria serving the exact same pre-packaged options
 - iii. Cashless – you must have your account updated with funds
 - iv. Students may eat in the cafeteria, courtyard, student center or Cemo
 - 1. Student center will be closed except as a dining option
 - 2. Additional food items will be available in Cemo along with utensils/condiments
 - g. No Lockers will be assigned at this time
 - ii. MASKS – Must be worn from CAR to CAR.
 - a. Only exception is while you are eating.
 - b. This is a hard and fast rule – Dean of Students will NOT be lenient on this policy. Any student found to continually not follow protocol will be told to resume all virtual classes.
- iii. Magnus Waiver
 - a. If you plan to return to campus, you must fill out the waiver on Magnus by September 9.
- iv. Luminare Quick Screen
 - a. All student, faculty and staff must complete the questionnaire every morning prior to entering the campus
 - b. All visitors to campus must also fill out questionnaire

- c. You must have a green screen to enter A period
- d. If you don't have a green screen, you must call the Dean of Students office
- v. Cleaning
 - a. Deep Disinfecting by company MicroX1
 - i. They clean all high touch surfaces and add a protective film on all high touch surfaces making it easier to clean
 - ii. Daily spraying with 1% Hydrogen peroxide solution
 - iii. Hand sanitizing stations and wipes
 - iv. All water fountains have been turned off
 - v. Ensured all no touch faucets and soap dispensers work properly
 - vi. Signage throughout the buildings about hygiene and where to go
 - vii. Educational campaign with Senior Leaders on EBN.
 - 1. Funny and entertaining, but get to the seriousness of why all these policies are in place.
 - 2. They will also be going into study halls to remind/educate the students.
 - vi. There will be information coming out soon to address what the plan is for positive cases.
 - a. We will notify the whole school community, then we will work with that individual to narrow down who they may have come into contact with.
 - b. Notify those who may have been exposed and direct them to our policy to take the appropriate action.
- vii. Sports
 - a. Fall sports practice has officially begun
 - i. Exceptional job – zero positive cases related to workouts
 - b. Fall Football schedule has been posted to the website
 - i. Parents of players will be able to attend – Senior parents have priority
 - ii. Minimal students may be allowed
 - iii. Looking into online ticketless ticket sales
 - iv. Games will be live streamed
 - v. Band will be there
 - c. Winter Sports
 - i. Swimming
 - 1. We have been struggling to find pool availability
 - ii. Wanting to have success with our fall sports before expanding out to the winter sports
- d. Admissions
 - i. Mothers' Club is one of the greatest admissions forces out in the field.
 - ii. Please share your experiences and success stories with middle school parents, with an emphasis on academic excellence

V. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. President – Holly Schlosser
 - i. No Report
- b. Acting Vice President – Meryl Gregory
 - i. No Report
- c. Treasurer – Lizette Rumohr
 - i. Please notify me via email of any expenses for reimbursements
- d. Communication Secretary – Alicia De Alva
 - i. Thank you for reading the Newsletter
- e. Recording Secretary – Gwen McKeehan
 - i. Call for August Minutes to be approved
 - 1. Motion – Meryl Gregory
 - 2. Second – Christine Cummins
- f. Past President – Meryl Gregory
 - i. No Report

VI. BIG TRHEE

- a. Round Up
 - i. No Report
- b. Style Show
 - i. No Report
- c. Auction/Gala – Catherine Rentz, Christine Cummins, Julie Perry and Catherine Chandler
 - i. November 7 at 7:30pm - Virtual

- ii. Theme - The 20's Roar Again
- iii. The Gatsby Gazette Newsletter will be emailed every Monday with all the fun and exciting news and updates about the Gala. Came out this morning with a fun celebrity cameo!
 - 1. There will also be information in the Mothers' Club Newsletter and the Big Red News
- iv. 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
 - 4. All watch parties come with a YouTube link for the event
- d. Live event at 7:30pm with special and surprise guests!!
- e. Dress Code – PJ's to Festive 20's inspired outfits.
- f. Silent Auction will be available to bid on mid-October
 - 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. If you have anything you would like to donate – please contact one of us
 - 1. We are always looking for homes for a vacation get away. So if you have a second home that you would be willing to donate, that would be greatly appreciated
 - iv. If you have something you would like to donate that is not being shipped directly to the school, You may contact Catherine Chandler to coordinate a drop off
- g. Wine Pull
 - i. Still working on fun ways to collect donations
- h. Vineyard Vines Event – September 10, 11:00am – 1:00pm
 - i. Discount on purchases
 - ii. Vineyard Vines will donate a portion of profits to STH

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Admissions – Paola Ballesca
 - i. Admissions Director Max Holmes has asked for help from the Mothers' Club.
 - 1. Asking for one family per middle school to reach out to 8th grade families
 - a. Looking to host very small socially distanced events at St. Thomas with Dr. Dominguez, Father Murphy, Mary Criaco, and others.
 - b. If you are close friends with any current 8th grade boys, please share their contact with Mr. Holmes
 - c. Please send an email to Mr. Holmes if you can help
- b. Cookie Chair – Christy Villareal
 - i. Planning to have Cookie committee on campus at the end of September.
 - 1. There will be 2 days – one for Aquinas and one for Basil
 - 2. Contact Christy if you would like to volunteer
- c. Eagle Angels – Anita Bryant
 - 1. A need for School Supplies. If you are an Eagle Angel please check your email
- d. Eagle Treats
 - i. Committee chairs are Paula Marsh and Dawn Griffiths
 - ii. First Eagle treat day is September 17 – Welcome Back Tea
 - iii. Looking for monetary Donations
 - 1. Donate financially towards events via the school store on the portal
- e. Social Events – Heather Curran Kelly and Stephanie Bourg
 - i. Busy looking for Socially distanced events
 - 1. First event September 20, 4:00pm-6:00pm
 - a. Betsy's – 4400 Bellaire Blvd
 - b. Order at the counter, bring food to outdoor picnic area
 - c. Please bring your own chair so that we can spread out to visit
 - 2. Goal is to have an event every month
 - 3. Will post to Facebook and through Room Parents

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- i. Please continue to volunteer – no matter how big or small
- ii. Sign up opportunities will be posted in the Newsletter that comes out every two weeks and also on the STH website

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Young Life – Meryl Gregory
 - i. Young Life on the Bayou!

- ii. Open to all St. Thomas, Duchesne, and IWA Students
- iii. Officially starts in person on STH campus Monday, October 5 – Outside at 7:13pm and will last approximately one hour
- iv. Fun, Fellowship and Friends!
- v. Led by Liz Gonzales who has a family connection to all three schools
 - 1. Her father graduated from STH.
 - 2. She graduated from Duchesne and her sister graduated this past May.
 - 3. She has many relatives who have attended IWA
- vi. Be looking for more information soon!!

X. UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10	Vineyard Vines Event – 11:00am-1:00pm
September 10	6:00pm via Zoom
September 14	Hybrid Model begins
September 23	SAT for Seniors at STH
September 23	NHS Induction
September 25	First Football Scrimmage against El Campo at STH
October 6	ACT for Seniors at STH

XI. Meeting adjourned 1:16pm