



**ST. THOMAS HIGH SCHOOL**  
**BASILIAN FATHERS – 1900**

St. Thomas High School  
Mothers' Club General Meeting  
January 12, 2021  
Minutes

**I. WELCOME/OPENING PRAYER**

The January 2021 General Meeting of the Mothers' Club was held via Zoom Conference on January 12, 2021 at 12:00pm. Holly Schlosser, President, called the meeting to order at 12:04pm and Father Murphy led us in Prayer.

Quorum - Yes  
Minutes Approved - Yes

**II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Father Jim Murphy, CSB**

- a. January 23 – Reopening our Hall of Honor. Inducting five illustrious alumni to the highest honor that St. Thomas can give to an alum. Each one of these men come from incredible families, which is what I believe ties these men together. Two business leaders, a civic leader, a church leader, a military leader – incredible men that we put forward to our boys as incredible examples of Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge.
  - i. Raymond Bourgeois '70
  - ii. Albert William Clay '61
  - iii. Lt. Colonel Timothy DeWayne Gatlin '95
  - iv. William Ferdinand Joplin '54
  - v. Most Reverend George Arthur Sheltz '63
- b. I want to thank all of you who helped decorate our Chapel for Advent and Christmas. Our Christmas Eve Mass which is normally one of our greatest events for alumni and current families, we live streamed with both Facebook and YouTube feed. We probably reached between 6,000 to 10,000 people. I'm grateful to all who helped make the Chapel so beautiful.
- c. I would like to thank Coach Q. To complement our Aquinas week which is held the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, we decided to try something new by adding Basil week the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester. The feast of St. Basil is January 2, so it seemed fitting to start our 2<sup>nd</sup> semester on some of the teachings of St. Basil. Last week during lunch time we had a series of presentations on homilies on Social Justice that St. Basil wrote 1600 years ago.

**III. GUEST SPEAKER – Andrew Quittenton, Dean of Campus Ministry**

- a. Reorganization of the Campus Ministry Department
  - i. Director of Campus Ministries – Andrew Quittenton
  - ii. Retreats – Grover Green
  - iii. Service – Joe O'Brien
  - iv. Ministries – Casey Johnson
  - v. Administrative Assistant – Veronica Looper
- b. Our goal and our mission is to make Jesus Christ known to the young men we encounter on a daily basis.
  - i. Faith Formation
    1. Monday – Mass
    2. Tuesday – Tuesdays with St. Thomas
    3. Wednesday – Rosary
    4. Thursday – Liturgy of Hours
    5. Friday – Mass and Daily Examen
  - ii. Retreat Programs – new curricular so that they align with what is being taught in the classroom
    1. Freshman – Aquinas
    2. Sophomore – Pascal Mystery
    3. Junior – Life in Christ
    4. Senior – Preparing kids to enter into College
  - iii. Service
- c. Programs for this school year – most based on service. A way to earn community service safely. Each student needs 25 hours a year and they must be linked to Catholic Social Teaching.

- i. Lend A Little Hope – Care packages for the homeless in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter
- ii. Toy Drive for Depelchin Children’s Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter
- iii. Honduras – Filled two 18 wheelers with clothing, food, water and other essential items
- iv. Basil Week – 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter to help with Faith Formation
- v. Matt Fradd - Parenting the Internet Generation
  - 1. February 7,8,9
    - a. Sunday parents can sign up about parenting a son in the internet generation
    - b. Monday – Freshman and Sophomore will get a talk about the dangers of pornography
    - c. Tuesday – Juniors and Seniors about what it means to be a man of God – how to take your faith to College
- vi. 30 Hour Fast – 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter challenge. Starting Ash Wednesday. Participants can earn 30 hours of service. There will be several guidelines to follow. Each boy will give a small monetary donation (\$1-\$5). Half will go to Basilian Missions, the other half will go to Loaves and Fishes
- vii. Major Masses
  - 1. Mother-Son Mass – March 25. Morning Mass in the morning at the football stadium weather permitting
- d. Survey to all the students about our Catholic Identity
  - i. The school takes seriously its Catholic identity – 89% agreed
  - ii. To what extent has your personal faith and your relationship with God changed since you began to attend St. Thomas?
    - 1. 56% Faith has Increased
    - 2. 35% Faith has remained the same
      - a. Goal would be to tap into this 35% to help grow their faith
  - iii. If you were the campus minister or principal, what would you do to enhance the Catholic Identity at St. Thomas?
    - 1. More retreats
    - 2. More opportunities to pray in class
    - 3. Supportive of Camp Aquinas
    - 4. Increase House system activities and competitions
    - 5. Better relationships between students and teachers
- e. Create Advisory Committees
  - i. Meet once a week with their house
  - ii. Pray together
  - iii. Seniors assigned to classrooms to help mentor throughout the school year.
  - iv. Checking in with each other
- f. How you can help Campus Ministry
  - i. Pray with your son!
  - ii. Continue to check in on your son
  - iii. Encourage them to participate in the Campus Ministry Challenges
  - iv. Encourage families to sign up for the Matt Fradd talk in February

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

- a. Kids returned in person today – very excited to welcome them back
- b. Being out and visible to see if we need to make any adjustments
- c. Email will be sent out later today with any adjustments made
  - i. Example – Athletes – we have 80+ guys trying out for baseball who tried to drop off their gear and enter through the gym. They will need to be dropped off in front at one of the 3 entry points and then walk their equipment to the gym.
- d. Covid Screening – Students must do it on their phone or laptop to show at entry point
- e. Ms. Criaco will send out one final notice to seniors to order graduation announcements
- f. Course Selection Process for 2021/2022 is beginning
  - i. Students will view a video in Study Hall created by our counselling team about Course Selection process. Parents will also be sent the video. Please discuss with your student. Once courses are set, parents will have the opportunity to discuss in the Spring. There will be a deadline at which point changes cannot be made.

#### V. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. President – Holly Schlosser
  - i. No Report

- b. Vice President – Mary Yokubaitis
  - i. No Report
- c. Treasurer – Lizette Rumohr
  - i. No Report
- d. Communication Secretary – Alicia De Alva
  - i. No Report
- e. Recording Secretary – Gwen McKeehan
  - i. Call for November Minutes to be approved
    - 1. Motion – Meryl Gregory
    - 2. Second – Angela Platas
- f. Past President – Meryl Gregory
  - i. Executive Board Self Nominations for 2021/2022
    - 1. Self-Nomination Form on the STH website. Go to Parents, Mothers' Club, Executive Board Nomination Form
    - 2. You must Self Nominate to show that you are committed
    - 3. Priority goes to Junior mom, but Freshman and Sophomore moms are welcome to self-nominate

## VI. BIG THREE

- a. Auction/Gala – Catherine Rentz, Christine Cummins, Julie Perry and Catherine Chandler
  - i. No Report
- b. Round Up – Amber Caver, Jodi Diamond and Barbara Villafranca
  - i. Kick off Meeting – January 28
    - 1. Zoom Link will be sent out
    - 2. Volunteer opportunities will be emailed
  - ii. Looking for a volunteer to help take over sign-up genius duties
  - iii. Auction Baskets
  - iv. Big Red Market – if you know any vendors who would like to participate
- c. Style Show – Meryl Gregory, Gwen McKeehan
  - i. Senior moms should have received an email to register to model or participate in the Style Show. Your sons have also received this email.
  - ii. 3<sup>rd</sup> email going out that will have a date for the first meeting for the Senior Moms only
  - iii. Jewelry and note cards still available for sale on the school store.

## VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

- a. Eagles Elves
  - i. Fantastic!! Generosity of the St. Thomas community is amazing. We had parents, past parents, grandparents, Tom's Moms... people from all walks of life that are part of our community gave so generously.
- b. Social Events – Heather Curran Kelly & Stephanie Bourg
  - i. February 20, Saturday, 9:00am-11:00am
    - 1. Yoga and Mimosas – Co-host with the Annual Fund
    - 2. Please RSVP to Heather by February 17
  - ii. March – TBD
    - 1. Shopping Event Night to showcase the art studio of one of our current mothers
    - 2. If you know another mom who would like to pair her business with the art let us know
    - 3. Wine and Cheese
- c. Annual Fund – Kelly from the Advancement Office
  - i. Annual fund started to help fill gaps for students who couldn't afford to attend St. Thomas. 1 in 3 boys are sponsored to come to St. Thomas through our fundraising effort
  - ii. Due to the generosity of our community it is also used to help every aspect of the school from teachers continuing education maintenance around the campus to other financial needs of our community.
- d. Cookie Committee
  - i. January 29 – First Cookie day of the school year with all the boys on campus!
    - 1. Sign up genius in the Mothers' Club Newsletter

- e. Eagle Treats
  - i. January 14 – Fit and Fabulous
    - 1. Sign up genius in the Newsletter or you can donate financially through the school store
  - ii. February 11 – We're Nuts about You!

#### VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Mothers' Club Christmas Luncheon was a great success!
  - i. Great response to the baby drive for Depelchin
- b. Christmas Gift Fund
  - i. Raised more funds than the previous year! What a great way to thank all our faculty and staff for all they do for our boys year round.

#### IX. UPCOMING EVENTS

January 15 – Round Up Ticket Distribution  
January 18 – School Holiday  
January 28 – All School Mass – Feast Day of St. Thomas Aquinas  
February 1 – Independent Study Day  
February 9 – Mothers' Club General Meeting  
February 15 – Faculty In-Service

- X. Meeting adjourned 1:02pm