



ST. THOMAS MOTHERS' CLUB

General Meeting Minutes—January 18, 2024

Attendance: In Person-- 26 , via Zoom—23

Quorum: Yes

Meeting Called to Order: by Paige Dominey at 12:11 p.m.

- I. Welcome/Opening Prayer Father Jim Murphy, CSB
- II. President's Report Father Jim Murphy, CSB
 - Each Spring Father Murphy begins by telling Senior moms that we do not need to break up with St. Thomas. A diploma for our boys doesn't mean that we can't come back, volunteer and be involved.
 - Receiving emails of gratitude from all over Houston. One example--a Duchesne student commented that STH boys are the first to respond with help and participation.
 - Father Murphy's mother and a sister are coming to town for the Style Show.
 - Season for the new baseball field is opening with an Alumni game.
 - Prospective Student Athlete Night is tomorrow night.
 - Casino Night is tonight.
 - We hosted the Washington Huskies Band to practice before the game. They left with a great impression of our campus.
 - Ronnie George has joined our team as the new Head of the Business Office.
- III. Guest Speaker Joe O'Brien, Director of Student Life
 - Phone-a-thon for Round Up kicked off last night. Joe coordinates the Phone-a-thon and letter writing campaign. For the guys who may not have connections, this is a good way to participate. They sign up and come one evening during the week. They can also check with him at 3:00 daily to see if any phones are available for use. There are benefits to selling 5 quotas so this is a good way to participate.
 - Stay dialed in to the spirit of RU; this is not a competition.
 - Calling all next week until names run out. Alumni are called and then Tom's Moms.
 - Letters go to contacts we cannot contact by phone.
 - Prom is going to be at Minute Maid Park in the big ballroom and atrium that overlooks the field. Friday, April 5, 8-11 p.m. (8:30-10:30 Lock-in) Cost is about \$140-\$150/couple. Hosting with Duchesne.
 - Now using Mobile Serve for service hours. Easier for the boys to document what they've done. Can simply send a picture to verify their participation. To document or see past year's service, make sure to pull down and get the year.
 - The boys are seeing the difference between having contact with people vs. putting food in a box.
 - Two categories for service--Community related experiences and experiences working directly with the poor and needy.
 - Thank you Ms. Morfin and Ms. Rodriguez.
- IV. Principal's Report Dr. Aaron Dominguez '96
 - RU Season—Round Up is a 100% student led, collected, executed fundraiser. All the proceeds go to financial assistance and scholarships to students at STH. We give approximately 2.8 million dollars of scholarship money/year.
 - Loss of Mr. Melchor may hit people at different times and different ways. Supports are in place for the boys--Wellness Counselor, Marisa Gonzales and also Father Murphy. Thank you to the community for reaching out to the family with food and gift cards, support, and prayers.

- We are in the business of providing a service to the community. We have 2 new teachers starting this Spring. Martin Sanchez for Math; Sally Flores for Spanish.
- Survey was sent for us to rank how likely we are to recommend St. Thomas to a colleague or friend. Data will be shared in the Spring. (450 responses. 80% were promoters with wonderful comments.) Appreciate those who left their name on the positive side. May have some focus groups in the Spring to see how we can multiply the positive.
- Admissions season is upon us.
- Prospective Athlete Night tomorrow. House points to boys who come to the basketball game.
- Admissions numbers are slightly ahead of this time last year.
- First and foremost an academic institution. (230 observations of our teachers, students logged 2600 visits to specialists, 260 referrals submitted for students from faculty to get needs met)
- For the Fall semester this year--all grade levels and courses--51% A's, 38% B's, 7% C's, 3.5% D-F. Testifies to teachers and achievement of students, and supportive parents.

Annual Fund/Advancement Mark deTranaltos '83

- Don't buy your son's first quota. Use networking. Good skills can be learned--using a phone, meeting someone in person, introducing themselves, explaining what RU is and what it supports and then asking. A tool that they will take with them far beyond RU. Trying to teach the boys how to conduct themselves in a businesslike manner.
- First ticket turn-in this morning. Off to a good start.
- Annual Fund off to a great start. Will start a push to the people who haven't given yet.
- Advancement Office has moved over to the Joplin Campus.
- Father Murphy and Business Team have moved over to the Main Campus of Joplin.

V. Officer Reports

A. President

Paige Dominey

a. Old Business

- Christmas Luncheon--Thank you to the team Angie Clinton and Raeanne Walker. New location was good. 165 people registered.
- Mother/Son Mass--Thank you Melisa Santana, Terrah Vann, Kamille Prochaska.
- Christmas Decorations--Thank you Judy Wittman and teams of people who helped. Very efficiently carried out. Paige mentioned that Sergio wants a white tree because he loves white trees and a big tree for the courtyard. (Holly Veech said she has a white tree to donate for next year.) Any red ornaments are good to donate too.
- Eagle Elves--Thank you Alejandra Creixell, Wendy Coy and Meryl Gregory. Raised over \$3200 to help 7 families in need. Also, 7 families who have lost a parent were given gifts and cards.
- Christmas Fund--Thank you for your donations. The staff received a very generous gift for Christmas.
- ISEE testing—another opportunity to help next year to have on your radar.

b. New Business

- Prom—Prom 101 info coming. Chaperones are needed. Sign up Genius coming.
- Round Up--Set a reminder for Wed night to ask your son about RU tickets to turn in on Thursday. Incentives to turn in on certain dates. You can print a sticker to put on the tickets to make it easier. Boys can make videos to post on Social Media.
- New Eagle Welcome--March 22--greet families who are considering coming, some might still be deciding.
- Registration Night—April 3
- Google has stopped allowing religious institutions to have Google reviews.
- MC Social - Lunch at Mia's Table (3131 Argonne) January 26 @ 11:30 a.m.
- Melchor Family Support—Use the QR Code for meals, educational fund for donations.

- B. Vice President Judy Wittman
- Add to the Wish List for the Rotunda--Sergio would like 2 trees, 9 feet each and extra-large nutcrackers.
 - If you help chair an event, remember to return the binder with the report so that we have something to pass along to next year's Chairs.
- C. Treasurer Kris Peters
- Finances are doing well.
 - Luncheon people knocked it out of the park with the revenues matching expenses.
 - Eagle Treat fundraising is coming along but we can use more.
 - Remember if you are paying anything on behalf of the MC, you can find the tax-exempt form on the website.
 - Can check out a credit card if you use it at the school and avoid the reimbursement process.
- D. Communications Secretary Amy Price
- Send anything you'd like in the Wed. newsletter to Amy by Sunday night 6:00 p.m.
 - Supplement the newsletter with class emails and social media.
 - Freshman parents received more info about RU in the email including links to videos that the boys saw to motivate them and the Power Point that was used for how to sell tickets.
- E. Recording Secretary Davalyn Bone
- Motion to approve the Nov. mtg minutes by Emily Guyer. Motion seconded by Tammy Davis. Minutes approved.
- F. Past President Emily Guyre
- Nominations for 2024-2025 Executive Board—Launching the nomination form for next year's Mother's Club Board. Junior moms are looked at to serve so we have Senior moms serving on the Board. 11 people sit on the selection committee—4 administrators from the school, the 6 officers plus one additional Senior mom representative.
 - Applications are online. Can use the QR code on the back of the Agenda, go to the website, or click the link in the newsletter.
 - March 6 is deadline.
 - Write a little bio about yourself.
 - 2 letters of recommendation. Include a photo.
 - MC Bylaws contain descriptions for each position. Bylaws can be found on the website.
 - Tom's Moms Galentines Event Feb. 8 at Dee Dee Garcia's house. 3 different cocktails will be presented with a mixologist. Will need a ticket to attend.

VI. Big Three Updates

- A. Auction/Gala Maru Pruneda, Maria Morfin, Liz Brown, Cheryl Dzurec
- Recap of Hopelessly Devoted to STH
 - 2 Socials have openings. Lei Low and Car Clinic (really good for soon to be drivers) Links in the newsletter to sign up.
- B. Round Up Tiffany Davila, Megan Long, Carmen Trevino, Jennifer Langin
- Save the Date—Sunday, March 3
 - email:: stheaglesroundup@gmail.com
 - Jenn is looking for a few more vendors. About 10 booths remain out of 45. Also looking for a Freshman mom who might like to shadow her and learn how to chair the Big Red Market.
 - March 2, 5-8 p.m. Preview Night for Big Red Market.
 - Food Court will be in Cemo (13-15 amazing food booths)
 - Tiffany Davila and Irma Rodriguez are chairing the Food Court. Boys can work at a booth and parents can chair/volunteer at a booth.

- Sign Up Genius will fill the staffing for the booths.
- Games outside. Maida Field is providing more space now. Carmen Trevino is chairing the Games.
- Gym has Eagle's Court, Big Red Market, raffles for baskets, and games.
- Upcoming RU meetings 1/24, 2/7 in Joplin Library, 2/29 in Cemo. Will try to have remote access.
- Encourage boys to sell tickets and also volunteer for one shift, have fun March 3, and show off the amazing school culture. Volunteering can count towards the boys' volunteer experiences.

C. Style Show Haley Finkelman, Killian Gilbert-Smith, Kathleen Brickley

- Save the Date—Friday, April 26
- email: EaglesStyleShow@gmail.com
 - Senior moms should have received the email about participation. The deadline for this has passed. Boys have until Jan. 22 to get their form in.
 - January 31--Mandatory meeting for the moms who are participating. Revealing the theme at this meeting and also seats can be purchased. Underwriting tables for Senior moms will also be available.
 - Signature jewelry piece will be revealed Jan. 31. Anyone can purchase the piece, not just Senior moms.

VII. Standing Committees & Special Events

A. Cookie Break (2/13, 3/26, 4/17, 5/15) Nichola Carr-Welch

- Use QR code or link on the newsletter to sign up.

B. Booster Club Paige Dominey

- Eagle Store open Friday at Prospective Athlete Night and Roof top event April 10.

C. Eagle Treats Fatima Maniar, Janna Moore, Crystal Cruz

- Buy Valentines candy in preparation for Feb. 13. Good sized heart-shaped boxes.

D. Moms in Prayer Kris Peters

- Most of the time via Zoom. We pray weekly on Wed. at 8:00 a.m. for the community and our boys.

VIII. Closing Comments

- If you bought a Class of 2024 photo at the Gala, they are available to pick up in Gretchen's office in Joplin.
- Still need Chairs for the Baccalaureate Bash. Great, easy event to chair with a well-organized binder from previous years.
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace was mentioned as a good volunteer organization.

Thursday, February 8--Next Mothers' Club Mass @ 11:30 a.m. & General Meeting @ 12 noon. Guest Speaker will be Chelette Stephenson, Director of Counseling

Meeting Adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Upcoming Dates

February

1 @ 8:30a MC Exec Board Meeting

7@ 6P Round Up Meeting #2 - Joplin Library

8 @ 11:30a Mass & Mothers' Club General Meeting; Guest Speaker—Chelette Stephenson, Counseling Office

29 @ 6P - Round Up Meeting #3

March

- 2 @ 5-8P– Big Red Market @ Round Up Preview Night
- 3 @ 12p-6p Round Up
- 3 @ 11a-530p Big Red Market in Reckling Gym
- 6 - Self Nomination Forms Due for Mothers' Club
- 7 @ 8:30a MC Exec Board Meeting
- 21 @ 11:30a Mass & Mothers' Club General Meeting; Guest Speaker—Andrew Quittenton, Theology
- 22 @ 6-8p New Eagle Welcome

April

- 3 @ 530-730p - Registration Night Class of 2028
- 4 @ 8:30a MC Exec Board Meeting
- 5 @ 8-11P Prom - Minute Maid Park
- 11 @ 11:30a Mass & Mothers' Club General Meeting, Guest Speaker—Daniel Bryant, Assistant Principal, Academics
- 26 @ 11a Style Show

May

- 2 @ 8:30a MC Exec Board Meeting
- 2 @ 6-8p Mentor Mom Social
- 10 @ 12p-2p Mothers' Club Spring Luncheon @ JLH
- 24 @ TBD Junior Ring Ceremony
- 24 @ TBD Baccalaureate Bash
- 25 @ 10a Graduation with Baccalaureate Mass – Class of 2024

Cookie Break



Eagle Treats Donation



Round Up



Self Nomination Form



Melchor Family Support

