

St. Thomas Aquinas Fundraising Club Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Attendees: 14 Parents – Victoria Kuras, Sarah Palmer, Adam Brown, Melissa Gibson, Janice David, Carol Caines, Rachel Siderius, Jenna Schmidt, Jayson Buck, Martha Ayuk, Amoch Yoit, Allen Matari, Sean Bowen, Uchenna Amakiri

Special Guest: Lisa Turchansky

2 STA Staff – Anna Gomez, Kathy Voth

Call to Order @ 6:03pm by Victoria Kuras

Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement

Review of previous minutes: Approved by Melissa G. & Seconded by Adam B.

Financial Update by Janice D.:

- Start of 2024-2025 School Year - \$5,144.60
- Income YTD - \$ 45,769.89
- Disbursements YTD - \$ 25,281.23
- Account Total as of April 8, 2025 - \$ 25,633.26

Fundraisers:

- Purdy's Chocolates
 - Campaign is now complete. Chocolates have been delivered & will be sorted on Thursday morning & sent home with students that day. In person pickup is on Friday, April 11th.
 - Profit of \$1,187.55 + 2.5% rebate
- Growing Smiles Flowers
 - Growing Smiles fundraiser is underway
 - Customized website has been set up. Flyers have been sent out with students. First email has been sent to families and link is posted on the Facebook page
 - Campaign ends Tuesday, April 22nd at midnight
 - Flower Delivery is Thursday May 8th, pickup to be announced.

Ideas for Upcoming Fundraisers:

- Year-End Carnival
 - Amy Bohn has been researching this. It will take as much work as the Christmas shop. Too much to be done for this June.
 - Keep this as a fundraising option for next year.
- Popcorn
 - **VOTE:** Unanimous vote to have Kernels Popcorn fundraiser in May/June.

- Victoria will start getting this set up.
- We will take both cash & Zeffy orders.
- Casino
 - AB School Council Association will assist us with getting this process started.

Healthy Hunger:

- Made \$5,299.50 for our school so far!
- Emailing parents the week prior to Hot Lunch has worked well to get volunteers. We will continue this.
- Upcoming Hot Lunches are posted on the Healthy Hunger website.
 - April 25th – McDonald's
 - May 30th – Subway/Booster Juice
 - June 13th – Panago

Evening Sports Program:

- Next sessions:
 - May 21st – Badminton
 - Planning to split the 2hr sessions: 1hr for grades 2-5 and the 2nd hour for grades 6-8.
 - Sign up for students will be sent out on May 14th.
 - Will need max 10 volunteers - 8 on the court & 1-2 at the door. Currently we have 7 for May 21st.
 - June 11th – More information to come later.
- Planning to book gym for 2025/2026 school year as soon as possible. Hoping to have these sessions once per month.
- Possibility of soccer skills night using either the gym or outside on the field
- An option brought up to school administrators:
 - AB Volleyball Association runs workshops during school hours for students to help with volleyball skills.
 - Would this be something the school is interested in? Would school council be willing to fund it?
 - Information will be sent to Mrs. Gomez & we will follow up at the next meeting.

Other Business:

- Healthy Community Grant Application – Application was submitted. We were supposed to hear about this on April 8th but due to the number of applications the date has been extended to May 9th.
- Community of School Councils (COSC) Evening – Victoria & Janice attended. It was a great evening with a lot of good information regarding what is available to school councils, assistance for casino applications, and a lot more. Highly recommended attending next year.
- Question about doing regular 50/50 draws.
 - Possible option for next year. Zeffy also supports this so it would be easy to set up.
- Principal Request:
 - New books for the Learning Commons. To be approved at our next meeting.

Next Meeting Scheduled for:

➤ Tuesday, June 3rd @ 6pm

Meeting was adjourned at: 6:34 pm

Minutes Approved by:

Date: _____

Victoria Kuras, Chair Sarah Palmer, Vice-Chair Janice David, Treasurer Melissa Gibson, Secretary