

St. Thomas Aquinas Fundraising Club Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 17, 2025

Attendees: 17 Parents – Janice David, Victoria Kuras, Courtney Unrah, Adam Brown, Sarah Palmer, Rachel Siderius, Melissa Gibson, Chelsey Howat, Danielle O'Neill, Anna Mah, Crispin Wina, Tina Mtshiya, Carol Caines, Modupe Amanokhai, Martilda Wandji & 2 more parents

2 STA Staff – Anna Gomez, Nicole Stang

Call to Order @ 6:27pm by Victoria Kuras

Review of previous minutes: Approved by Sarah P. & Seconded by Janice D.

Reminder: Information about the School Council & Fundraising club can be found on our website: www.staparentsconnect.com

Financial Update by Janice D.:

- 2025/2026 School Year
 - Balance as of Sept 30, 2025 - \$27,801.55
 - Balance as of Oct 31, 2025 - \$27,946.78
 - Income: Scoop & Bake - \$652; Hot Lunch \$844
 - Expenses: Christmas Market to date - \$8,841.07
 - CURRENT BALANCE (Nov 17, 2025): \$21,428.81

Healthy Hunger:

- November 26th HH is Subway/Booster Juice. As of today (Nov 17) our profit is \$757, this will be updated with final total at our next meeting.
- December HH – Possibility of doing a pancake breakfast for the students paid for by the fundraising club. This will be held on December 11th (Grades 1 – 8) & 12th (Kindergarten).
 - Tina is looking into restaurants that can provide pancakes, including a gluten-free option for students. McDonalds will but they don't have gluten-free. Cora's has a gluten-free option of crepes, maybe get a fruit cup instead?
 - Options suggested are find a catering company or check with the Lunch Lady.
 - **VOTE:** To pay for breakfast & set a \$3000 maximum. → APPROVED unanimously.
- Healthy Hunger dates for the new year will be finalized in the next couple of weeks & posted in December.

Fundraisers:

- See staparentsconnect.com for full details of our fundraisers.
- Current
 - Scoop & Bake Cookie Dough Fundraiser
 - This is now completed. Total raised: \$652
 - 2 unclaimed cookie dough pkgs will be baked & served to volunteers at the Christmas Market. 2 Pkgs of Doggie Dough will be baked & sold as pet gifts at the Christmas Market.

- Christmas Market
 - Market will happen December 1st – 5th.
 - \$5000 budget voted on at a meeting last year. Another \$5000 was voted on and approved on an online vote – 7 Yes 0 No. Another budget increase needs to be approved – for volunteer food & miscellaneous items.
 - **VOTE:** increase budget to \$14,000 → Approved unanimously
 - The print order has been submitted for flyers, envelopes & agenda stickers.
 - Location: suggestions are the front foyer, ½ the staff room?
 - We need room dividers – Mrs. Gomez & Melissa G. both have contacts & will see what we can find.
 - Volunteers: we will need 12 people per day. Victoria K. has set up a google form sign up. Melissa G. will coordinate & send out an email asking for volunteers.
 - Courtney U. will send out communication about getting donations for volunteer lunches & new items to sell.
 - Courtney's daughter created a logo with our mascot Timber with a santa hat to make into temporary tattoos & stickers to hand out to all students. This makes everyone feel included in the market, even if they don't purchase anything.
 - **VOTE:** to approve \$500 budget for the stickers & tattoos → APPROVED unanimously.
 - Victoria & Mrs. Gomez will arrange the market class schedule. Jr. High will be on Thursday with their home room class.
 - Angel fund kids will receive coupons, not cash in their envelope
- Future
 - WEM Waterpark
 - Apr/May, Saturday evening booking preferred. Question: Do we have enough money in the account to pay deposit → Yes.
 - **VOTE:** 13 votes yes, 0 no → Approved
 - Purdy's Chocolate
 - Campaign before Easter/Spring Break
 - **VOTE:** 8 votes yes, 0 no → Approved
 - Gowing Smiles
 - No for this year. Had issues with delivery & lower quality plants in Spring 2025.
 - Other ideas will be discussed at January's meeting.
 - Krispy Kreme
 - Weekly/Monthly 50/50 → need lottery license for this
 - Popcorn or Corn Nuts – new supplier, Heritage Popcorn, was suggested.
 - Wilhawk Jerky

Other Business:

- Sarah P. & Courtney U. motion for AGLC (Alberta Gaming & Liquor Commission) license to be obtained. → Motion Approved.
- Casino "membership list" has 14/20 signatures. More received during tonight's meeting.
- Our Angel fund has \$125 currently. We have recently had some donations for this. These funds help provide select kids in our school the opportunity to participate in Hot Lunch & the Christmas Market.

Next Meetings Scheduled for:

- Monday, January 12th @ 6pm
- Monday, February 9th @ 6pm
- Monday, March 9th @ 6pm
- Monday, April 13th @ 6pm
- Monday, May 25th @ 6pm

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:41pm

Minutes Approved by:

Date: _____

Victoria Kuras, Chair

Sarah Palmer, Vice-Chair

Janice David, Treasurer

Melissa Gibson, Secretary