

St. Thomas Aquinas Fundraising Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Attendees: 18 Parents & 2 STA Staff in person

Call to Order @ 5:33 pm by Vicky Kuras

Review of previous minutes: Approved by Ashley L. & Seconded by Shikha Z.

Call for Special Resolution to change bylaws:

- Current bylaws state elections to be held yearly. Would like to change to every 2 years.
- This will be done at the next meeting on October 18.

Financial Report given by Ashley L.:

- Bank Balance as of September 26th is \$10,788.77
 - Incoming Funds:
 - Healthy Hunger - \$1,293 from McDonald's Hot Lunch today
 - Outgoing Funds:
 - Yearly Insurance – Approx. \$700

Current Fundraising Updates:

- ***Mabel's Labels***
 - Date has been extended until the end of the school year.
 - Order stickers for Agenda's
- ***Skip the Depot***
 - This is an ongoing fundraiser. Mention our school when you drop off your bottles or schedule pickup from your home. Our school will receive the bottle return amount.
 - Order stickers for Agenda's
- ***Panago Pizza***
 - Booked for October 9th – 15th
 - \$1 from every large pizza ordered that week will come back to our school
- ***Christmas Shop***
 - Will run from December 4th – 7th?
 - More/better communication needs to be sent out to parents describing the Christmas Shop
 - Amy & Carmen will facilitate ordering & purchasing of items to sell.
- ***WEM Waterpark***
 - Reserved Date: March 16, 2024
- ***Growing Smiles & Stawnichy Sausage***
 - These will be discussed at a future meeting.

Healthy Hunger:

- We had McDonald's Hot Lunch today. There were 8 Parent volunteers & 35 Jr. High Helpers. Thank you to everyone that helped out today.
- Upcoming Hot Lunch: Subway, Taco Bell & Panago Pizza
 - Add Booster Juice in somewhere?
- Questions about donating Hot Lunch meals to kids who don't get one?
 - Difficult to coordinate, need parent permission & possible allergy issues.
 - Offer help to parents in need? Can the Admin staff identify these families?
- Alternative Hot Lunch program available (instead of Healthy Hunger)
 - Lunch Box – need to research this program more before deciding if we want to switch.

Milk Program:

- Sarah P. has been researching the school milk program. It was part of our school prior to COVID & there are questions about bringing it back.
- It is not a fundraiser, it would be exclusively to supply milk to students on a regular basis.
- We would need to purchase a fridge for 1 week supply of milk & find a place for it in the school
- Due to our school size this is a difficult program to implement & School Administration is not in favour of it.

Questions:

- Healthy Hunger: We need to mention that it is a Fundraiser for the school and discourage parents from bringing in food from other restaurants that day.
- Communicate to parents how much we make from each of our fundraisers & what the money is going towards.
- Growing Smiles will happen around Mother's Day.
- Poinsetta's? Discuss this option for next Christmas. There is a lot going on for this year.
- Popcorn Fundraiser? Not this year, possibility to do it next school year.
- Casino? Can be difficult to get volunteers. We can apply as it takes awhile to get a date. Need to have something specific for the money to be allocated towards.

Next Meeting:

- October 18th @ 5:30 pm
- This will be the AGM & Special Resolution for the Fundraising Committee

Meeting was adjourned at: 6:14pm