

St. Thomas Aquinas Fundraising Club Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Attendees: 7 Parents – Victoria Kuras, Sarah Palmer, Adam Brown, Janice David, Carol Caines, Rachel Siderius, Manusha Phoolbosselq

2 STA Staff – Anna Gomez, Kathy Voth

Call to Order @ 6:05pm by Victoria Kuras

Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement

Review of previous minutes: Approved by Adam B. & Seconded by Vicky K.

Financial Update by Janice D.:

- Start of 2024-2025 School Year - \$5,144.60
- Income - \$41,200.84
- Disbursements - \$22,954.79
- Account Total as of January 20, 2025 - \$23,390.65
- (Disbursements include shopping for 2024 Christmas Market as well as pre-shopping for 2025 Market)

Fundraisers:

- WEM Galaxyland
 - Cancelled due to lack of ticket sales (only 10% sold by the date we needed to pick up the tickets)
 - Zeffy has refunded all purchases
 - Vote to cancel fundraiser was done in WhatsApp chat – **Yes 11 No 0**
- 2025 Christmas Market
 - Need budget for pre-shopping
 - Total \$10,000 including already purchased items
 - **VOTED – Yes 8 No 0**

Ideas for Upcoming Fundraisers:

- Purdy's Chocolates
 - Previous done – Christmas 2021 (Profit \$3,500)
 - Easy to sort, bags provided
 - Campaign – March 10th – 31st with Delivery April 11th
 - Advertise at Demo of Learning on March 13
 - Ensure the student's name is on the order form as well as who ordered it.
 - Victoria will follow up to see how a team/class incentive works with Purdy's
 - **VOTED – Yes 8 No 0**
- Growing Smiles Flowers
 - Previously done – Mother's Day 2024 (Profit \$1,164)

- Campaign April 1st – 22nd with Delivery May 8th
- Order extras for day-of sales
- **VOTED – Yes 7 No 1**
- Year-End Carnival
 - End of June on a weeknight 5 pm- 8 pm
 - Food Trucks, Sno Cone Truck, Carnival, Balloon Animals, Face Painting, Cotton Candy, Petting Zoo, Picnic tables etc.
 - Use a ticket system for all the games & possibly food trucks
 - Junior Highs run carnival games
 - Prizes from Temu
 - Reach out to City of Edmonton for open nights for use of field
 - Port-A-Potties for Washrooms
 - Request Food Trucks, possible to get percentage of proceeds
 - Amy Bohn will research pricing, etc.
 - Look into backup locations – Beulah SW Campus Church, Chappelle Gardens Resident's Association, etc.
- Popcorn
 - This fundraiser takes a lot of work to process – 100% cash based so collection & counting takes time as well as sorting product after delivery.
- Casino
 - Organize with Tara Schneider to fill out necessary forms & get process started.
- Options for Fall 2025
 - Family Portraits
 - Multiple photographers at the same time
 - 2 digital downloads per family
 - Negotiate an hourly or one time fee for photographers
 - Use foliage on north forest as backdrop
 - Apples from Davison Orchard
 - Fundraising program offers 3 to 4 apple varieties sold during the apple harvest in September and October
 - The company provides order sheets and promotional material
 - There is an 80 box (1 skid) minimum, and orders must be placed a minimum of 2 weeks in advance.

Healthy Hunger:

- Made \$2,489.00 from Sept, Oct & Nov Hot Lunches!
- Donated \$1,183.65 to ECSD Dreams for Kids Campaign from Dec Hot Lunch.
- Upcoming Hot Lunches are posted on the Healthy Hunger website.
 - January 31st – Panago
 - February 21st – Subway/Booster Juice
 - March – waiting for confirmation of Edo
 - April 25th – McDonald's
 - May 30th – Subway/Booster Juice
 - June 13th – Panago

Evening Sports Program:

- Starts Feb 3rd
- Review Volunteers: Adam, Janice, Carol, Nate & Manusha will help for the first session. Need at least 6 volunteers
- Waiver forms needed for attendees.
- Mrs. Gomez confirmed basketball sizes & quantities
- Doors – Open @ 5:50 for volunteers
 - Feb 3rd – 6pm – 7pm
 - May 21st – 6pm – 8pm
 - June 11th – 6pm – 8pm
- Maximum 42 kids allowed to participate
- Printed name roster for attendance for kids
- Kids of Volunteers get to attend
- Ensure children only go into the gym – they are not allowed anywhere else in the school.
- Benches set up in hall for parents viewing – This is not a drop-off activity, parents need to stay on site.

Other Business:

- Principal Request: Mrs. Gomez requested additional items for Phys Ed Classes due to increase in students & home rooms. She will email a list to the school council email.
 - **\$4,300 requested for equipment – VOTED – Yes 1 No 0**

Next Meetings Scheduled for:

- Tuesday, February 18th @ 6pm
- Tuesday, March 18th @ 6pm
- Tuesday, April 29th @ 6pm
- Tuesday, June 3rd @ 6pm

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:18pm

Minutes Approved by:

Date: _____

Victoria Kuras, Chair

Sarah Palmer, Vice-Chair

Janice David, Treasurer

Melissa Gibson, Secretary