

St. Thomas Aquinas Fundraising Committee

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Attendees: 9 Parents & 1 STA Staff in person

Call to Order @ 5:40 pm by Vicky Kuras

Review of previous minutes: Approved by Tiana F-R. & Seconded by Jenna S.

Financial Report given by Vicky K.:

- Total Fundraising for 2022/2023 School year was \$23,625.93
- Bank Balance as of October 18th is \$10,094.87
 - Incoming Funds:
 - Healthy Hunger - \$1,320.71 from Subway Hot Lunch

Fundraising Club Election

- As Per Bylaws, an election needs to be held yearly for the STA Fundraising Club
- Bylaws will be changed by the Fundraising Club & voted on at a meeting in early 2024.
- Adam B. called start to election
 - Chair/President – Vicky Kuras was re-elected
 - Vice Chair – Tiana Field-Ridley was re-elected
 - Treasurer – Ashley Lundstrom was re-elected
 - Secretary – Melissa Gibson was re-elected
 - Directors at Large – Carmen Signoretti, Jenna Schmidt, Adam Brown & Tara

School Initiatives

- Leadership team has 38 Students this year
 - They help with Spirit Days, Healthy Hunger, Social Justice Projects, possible school dance and more.
 - Last year we gave each student movie tickets as a thank you. However, there are more than double the number of students this year. What would a good thank you gift be?
- An STA teacher suggested that Mental Health Ambassadors from each grade be considered. Administration will connect with the teacher to discuss.

Current Fundraising Updates:

- **Panago Pizza**
 - Waiting to hear total \$\$ raised
- **Christmas Shop**
 - Will run from December 4th – 8th
 - Carmen gave an update on their progress to date:

- Approx 2100 item purchased and \$2750 spent so far
- \$5 – \$10 average price range
- They will have Gender/Age Neutral items, specific items for mom/dad/cousin/grandparents.
- They are grouping some items to create Gift packs
- Looking to order poly bags for wrapping – 2 sizes
- Suggested teacher gifts as an option
- Marketing materials have been created. Minimal changes to be done before sending to printers.
- Need to order Agenda Stickers for students
- Get Admin staff to create class schedule for shopping at the market
- Give teachers clear directions as to what the shop is & process for the students
- **Growing Smiles**
 - Will discuss this at January meeting.
 - Hope to run this fundraiser for Mother's Day
- **Stawnichy Sausage**
 - Will discuss this at January meeting.
 - Delivery for Father's Day or May Long Weekend
 - Could we run both Growing Smiles & Stawnichy's at the same time?

Next Meeting:

- Possibly Nov 6th prior to school capacity presentation? Will check with Mr. Fillion if necessary

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:07pm