

St. Thomas Aquinas Fundraising Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Call to Order @ 6:23 pm by Vicky Kuras

Attendees: 7 Parents – Vicky Kuras, Ashley Lundstrom, Melissa Gibson, Tara Schneider, Carol Caines, Rachel Siderius, Jayson Buck

2 STA Staff – Jeff Fillion, Kathy Voth

Review of previous minutes: Approved by Ashley L. & Seconded by Tara S.

Healthy Hunger:

- Total Fundraised to date for current school year: \$9,319.26
- Mucho Burrito on Apr 30 – Not as popular as previous HH Lunches. Mixed reviews on it: Less orders, small portions, some food was cold.
- Last 2 HH Lunches are: May 28th – McDonald's & June 11th – Subway/Booster Juice

Current Fundraising Updates:

- **Growing Smiles**
 - Made about \$400. We were required to purchase extras (in case of shipping damages) that we may be able to sell on site.
 - Delivery is scheduled for Thursday, May 9th. Email was received today stating delivery may be delayed by the greenhouse. Updates will be sent to volunteers & fundraiser supporters as we know more.
 - Pickup is still scheduled for Friday, May 10th. This may have to change if delivery is delayed.
- **Stawnichy's Sausage**
 - Online order form went live yesterday. Orders need to be in by May 21st. Pick up will be scheduled for June 11th.
 - Flyers to be handed out to students to bring home this week.

Future Fundraisers:

- A survey has been sent out to parents regarding what fundraisers they want to see next year. There have been 19 respondents to date. Hopefully more people will fill it out. A full summary will be shown at the next meeting.
- Vicky will create a QR code & encourage parents to complete survey when they pick up flowers on Friday.
- Online Silent Auction was suggested as a fundraiser.

After-School Sports:

- Vicky got a quote from our insurance company. They had a recent request from another organization that would be similar (Basketball, 250 participants). \$2500 for the season + \$2-\$3/person Accident insurance.
- Volunteers would be needed to help Jayson, total number of participants would be dependent on number of volunteers.
- Available to all students
- Different sports would be highlighted – specifically basketball, volleyball & badminton which are easily done in a school gymnasium.
- Once per month to start with potential to run twice per month.
- We should book the gymnasium soon before rental spots are fully booked.
- 6pm – 7pm time slot would be best.

FINANCIAL UPDATE by Ashley L.

- \$2,674.22 currently in bank. 2 cheques to deposit & 2 expenses to pay. Total with these included is \$4,762.84
- We would like to have \$5000 float in the bank over the summer.
- \$1000 allocated for Grade 8/9 Farewell.
 - Fund Photobooth for Farewell? Need to get quotes on how much this might cost.
- 2 Fundraisers & 2 Healthy Hunger days remaining in the school year
- School Council Grant (\$500)
 - Ashley will look into full parameters for use.
 - Online vote will take place to decide where to spend the grant as this needs to be decided by the end of May.
- Ashley would like to hand over her Treasurer role & responsibilities. We will be looking for a volunteer to take over for her.

Other:

- Gravel on East lawn. This is city property, however, since it was our staff who plowed the snow onto the field, ECSD facilities will be helping clean up the area.
- School Council page on the STA website needs to be updated. We will send updated information to Ms. McKee.

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:31pm