

St. Thomas Aquinas Fundraising Club Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Attendees: **12 Parents** – Victoria Kuras, Sarah Palmer, Melissa Gibson, Janice David, Carol Caines, Rachel Siderius, Tina Mtshiya, Chelsey Howat, Danielle O'Neill, Vivienne Torpey, Jayson Buck

4 STA Staff – Anna Gomez, Christine McKee, Ferdinand Filiplic, Nicole Stang

Call to Order @ 6:50pm by Victoria Kuras

Introductions of Current Fundraising Club Committee:

Victoria Kuras – President

Sarah Palmer – Vice President

Janice David – Treasurer

Melissa Gibson – Secretary

Hot Lunch Directors – Courtney Unrah, Carol Caines

Multiple Directors at Large

Review of previous minutes: Approved by Sarah P. & Seconded by Vivien T.

Financial Update by Janice D.:

- 2024/2025 School Year
 - Opening Balance as of Sept 1, 2024 - \$5,144.60
 - Income - \$35,363.46
 - Closing Balance as of August 31, 2025 - \$28,390.86
- 2025/2026 School Year
 - Opening Balance as of Sept 1, 2025 - \$28,390.86

Fundraisers:

- See starentsconnect.com for full details of our fundraisers.
- Year Round
 - Skip the Depot
 - Select STA Fudraising Club to have the funds from your donated bottles go directly to our school.
 - We will create agenda stickers for the students & easy access for parents.
- Current
 - Scoop & Bake Cookie Dough Fundraiser
 - Order Deadline is September 27th. \$400 is ordered to date.
 - Volunteers are needed to help with pickup on October 6th. More information will be available closer to the date.
 - Christmas Market

- Purchasing has been happening all year. \$1900 spent so far. Update to come at the next meeting.
- Market will happen December 1st – 5th.
- We will need to decide location & set up at next meeting

➤ Future

- Future fundraisers to be determined at next meeting.
- Ideas are: Purdy's, WEM in April, Growing Smiles, popcorn/corn nuts, Krispy Kreme Donuts, 50/50, etc.
- Casino: Ms. Gomez was contacted today regarding a casino for our school. There is a checklist of things to do for it. A Casino Coordinator will be elected during the vote this evening.

Healthy Hunger:

- We made \$10,193.15 from Hot Lunches during the 2024/2025 school year!
- 1st hot lunch of this school year is McDonald's on Friday, Sept 26th. We made \$844. Volunteers are needed to help distribute the food.
- Due to increased classes we are no longer able to use the Learning Commons as our set up area for hot lunch. It was suggested that we set up in front of the small gym. We will try that for this week & see how it works.

Election for Fundraising Club Committee:

As per our bylaws an election need to be called yearly at our annual general meeting. Election results:

- President
 - Victoria Kuras – Nominated & Approved
- Co-President
 - Sarah Palmer – Nominated & Approved
- Secretary
 - Melissa Gibson – Nominated & Approved
- Treasurer
 - Janice David – Nominated & Approved
- Hot Lunch Coordinator
 - Tina Mtshiya – Nominated & Approved
- Casino Coordinator
 - Carol Caines & Tracy Willow – Nominated & Approved
- Directors at Large
 - Danielle O'Neill, Chelsey Howat

Other Business:

- Bylaw Amendments: Some changes need to be made to qualify for casino. We will work on that this fall & call a special resolution for approval of new bylaws in a future meeting.
- Demo of Learning scheduled for November 27th
- Christmas Concert for Grades 5 – 8 will be on December 11th @ St. Teresa's Parish

Next Meetings Scheduled for:

- Monday, October 27th @ 6pm
- Monday, November 24th @ 6pm

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:39pm

Minutes Approved by:

Date: _____

Victoria Kuras, Chair

Sarah Palmer, Vice-Chair

Janice David, Treasurer

Melissa Gibson, Secretary