



ST. THOMAS MOTHERS' CLUB

General Meeting Minutes—April 11, 2024

Attendance: In Person: 25 , via Zoom—10

Quorum: Yes

Meeting Called to Order: by Paige Dominey at 12:05 p.m.

- I. Welcome/Opening Prayer Father Jim Murphy, CSB

- II. President's Report Father Jim Murphy, CSB
 - Thank you for all your help this year.
 - Important time to be gentle to Seniors and Senior parents. Keep caring for one another during this busy time of year.
 - Senior Retreat was a success. Reconciliation of relationships was a major theme. The confession time was meaningful. Grateful to all the adults who made it happen.
 - Father Murphy's mother and his sister Peggy are coming to the Style Show.
 - Basilian network is striving to ensure that who we are as a school entity remains, regardless of numbers. The Basilian Network for Education in the New Evangelization System (BNENE) will be having discussions this summer. Basilians own and operate 3 high schools—Houston, Detroit, and Toronto. Working to build better communication between schools. What are our key components? What does it mean to be a Basilian school? Ideals of Basilian Fathers are vital--teach me goodness, discipline, knowledge.

- III. Guest Speakers Daniel Bryant, Assistant Principal, Academics
Caroline McRoberts, LEC Director
 - LEC--**
 - LEC oversees support for learning differences. We make sure boys get their accommodations; collaborate with the teachers, administration, and counselors. Also have a team of specialists for academic support for content areas. We also have specialists to help with executive functioning. Encourage students to come in and see these specialists. If the boys come during Study Hall, they need to obtain a hall pass in advance.
 - Librarian assists with research.
 - Quiet study space 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 - Aim program—Honors students work with struggling Freshmen.
 - Academics--**
 - Academic Awards night next week Wed., April 17, 6:30 p.m. Invitations went out.
 - Placement testing for incoming Freshmen.
 - TAPPs Academic and Speech State competition April 22-24
 - For self-reporting, we are at 92% college acceptances and 8 million for scholarships for the Class of 2024. This number will be going up.
 - Email teacher first if you have any concerns about a class. The next level would be the Dean of the Department, then Mr. Bryant.

- Direct any questions regarding G.P.A., colleges, course selections to the Academic Counselors.
 - Marissa Gonzales is the contact for social/emotional wellness.
- IV. Principal's Report Dr. Aaron Dominguez '96
- Ideals to lead with—mutual respect, joy, excellence, enthusiasm.
 - Thank you to the outgoing Mothers' Club Board for leading this way.
- V. Advancement Office Kenny Martin
- No report
 - 100% of the teachers donated to the Annual Fund.
- VI. Officer Reports
- A. President Paige Dominey
- a. Old Business
- New Eagle Welcome and Registration Night, Class of 2028--Special night when whole families came. Almost 200 Freshmen.
 - Class of 2028 Facebook page for people to join. Spread the word.
 - Spring Musical - CHICAGO!!!--Amazing production.
 - Junior/Senior Prom--successful event. Check in worked like a machine. Had s'mores stations, dancing, poker tables; rotating camera for pictures; good turn out with gift cards. Email Mr. O'Brien or Ms. Looper if your Senior did not receive his gift card. Thank you to Irma Rodriguez. Irma thanks everyone who helped.
 - Booster Club Rooftop Event for Class of 2028--Chance to meet team parents and find out how the team's seasons work.
- b. New Business
- MC Social, Bingo @ The SPJST Lodge, April 18--Doors open at 5:30. Be there by 6:30 p.m. Snacks will be served. Games start at 7:00 p.m. Invite new moms.
 - Academic Awards Ceremony, April 17--Marna Dickinson is chairing.
 - Mentor Moms Social, May 2nd--Gila is looking for mentor moms. Consider being a mentor mom, connecting with moms in your zip code.
 - Graduation/Baccalaureate Bash—Friday, May 24 at the school; Remaining gift cards will be distributed.
 - Spring Luncheon at Junior League of Houston, May 10. Next year's board will be inducted. Class of 2028 and transfer moms are invited. Tickets are on sale at the Eagle Store.
 - Alumni Golf Tournament – May 13--Kenny Martin is looking for volunteers to help check in, etc.
- B. Vice President Judy Wittman
- By-laws were revised and updated. Motion to approve Liz Brown, Seconded by Tracey Reeves.
 - All in favor. By-laws approved.
- C. Treasurer Kris Peters
- Budget is going great.

- Please turn in expenses so we can wrap things up this year in a timely manner.
 - D. Communications Secretary Amy Price
 - No report.
 - E. Recording Secretary Davalyn Bone
 - Motion to approve March minutes by Emily G., Seconded by Maru P. All in favor. Minutes approved.
 - F. Past President Emily Guyre
 - 2024-2025 Executive Board Announcement--
 - President—Stephanie Yankowsky
 - Vice President—Jackie Wisnoski
 - Communications Secretary—Jennifer Haas
 - Treasurer—Tarah Vann
 - Recording Secretary—Karrie Ambrose
 - Past President—Paige Dominey
- VII. Big Three Updates
- A. Auction/Gala Maru Pruneda, Maria Morfin, Liz Brown, Cheryl Dzurec
 - Thank you again for all your work!
 - B. Round Up Tiffany Davila, Megan Long, Carmen Trevino, Jennifer Langin
 - Holly Veech stepping in for Jennifer Langin; Megan and Tiffany are coming back next year; looking for someone to replace Carmen.
 - Let Mark or Gretchen know if you are interested in helping next year.
 - C. Style Show Haley Finkelman, Killian Gilbert-Smith, Kathleen Brickley
 - Save the Date—Friday, April 26, Theme—Run for the Roses
 - email: EaglesStyleShow@gmail.com - Looking for volunteers!!!
 - Ticket/Table sales—use Bidpal.
 - Sterling silver rose pendants are for sale. \$53 in honor of our 53rd Style Show. Father Murphy blessed them. Use Bidpal to purchase.
 - Collecting items for Mystery Bags. Need some smaller items to add to bags. Smaller gift cards \$10-25; Amazon Wish List is a good source too. Thank you for your donations.
 - Volunteers are still needed. Can use the QR code on the Agenda or in the Newsletter. Options available - Dillard's helpers, Clothing Check in, Decorations, Mystery bags. Volunteers needed to arrive early and help set up.
 - Can bring an item for Mystery Bags to the BINGO night.

VIII. Standing Committees & Special Events

- A. Cookie Break (4/17, 5/15) Nichola Carr-Welch
 - Need more cookie bakers for April.
 - Thank you for all the successful past cookie breaks.
 - Remember to label the baggie if you have nuts in the cookies. "Nuts"
 - If you sign up to distribute cookies, you don't need to sign up to bake (automatically baking if you distribute) unless you want to bake an additional 48 cookies.
- B. Booster Club Paige Dominey
 - Lululemon collaboration going on for a few more days. Use the QR code or newsletter to shop.
- C. Eagle Treats (4/16) Fatima Maniar, Janna Moore, Crystal Cruz

- Early May to boost the teachers, not April 16.
- D. Mentor Moms (5/2) Jila Baker
- E. Spring Luncheon (5/10) Cristen Petershagen & Tarah Vann
- F. Moms in Prayer Kris Peters
 - Please join us. It is very encouraging and we love praying for the boys.
- G. Young Life Heights on the Bayou Young Life
 - Communicating a lot through their Instagram.
- VIII. Closing Comments/Meeting Adjourned at 1:07 p.m.
 - Gretchen wanted to thank everyone for grace and patience during her first year.

Friday, May 10—Spring Luncheon @ Junior League of Houston. Tickets for sale online at the Eagle store by this Friday! \$55

Upcoming Dates

April

- 11 @ 11:30a Mass & Mothers' Club General Meeting, Guest Speaker—Daniel Bryant, Assistant Principal, Academics
- 17 @ 6:30p Academic Awards Ceremony
- 18 MC Social, Bingo at the Lodge in the Heights
- 26 @ 11a Style Show

May

- 2 @ 8:30a MC Exec Board Meeting
- 2 @ 6-8p Mentor Mom Social
- 4 @ 7p STH/IWA Pop Show Concert @ IWA
- 10 @ 12p-2p Mothers' Club Spring Luncheon @ JLH
- 10 7p Spring Music Concert
- 24 @ TBD Junior Ring Ceremony
- 24 @ TBD Baccalaureate Bash @ STH
- 25 @ 10a Graduation with Baccalaureate Mass – Class of 2024 @ Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart



STYLE SHOW Wish List, Volunteer Form, Rose Pendant, and more...

