



# ST. THOMAS MOTHERS' CLUB

General Meeting Minutes—March 21, 2024

Attendance: In Person--25

Via Zoom—6

Quorum: Yes

Meeting Called to Order by Paige Dominey at 12:00 p.m.

- I. Welcome/Opening Prayer Andrew Quittenton, Campus Ministry
- II. President's Report Father Jim Murphy, CSB
  - o Father Murphy's mom is going to be at the Style Show. Everyone come!
  - o Gave a thumbs up for his report. Life is good at St. Thomas.
- III. Guest Speaker Andrew Quittenton, Director of Campus Ministry
  - o Coach Q has been at STH for 10 years. Originally from Toronto. Went to St. Michaels College School.
  - o The purpose of Campus Ministry--keep students' and faculty's eyes focused on heavenly things. Carve out time to ask the important questions like "Why are you here? What does God want for you? What is your purpose in life?"
  - o Joe O'Brien heads up the Service Program. Veronica Looper assists him.
  - o Danny Hernandez, St. Thomas alum, is director of all the Retreats. He also organizes the Los Angeles mission trip available to students in his Catholic Social Teachings/Social Justice class.
  - o Casey Johnson, St. Thomas alum, is in charge of faith formation program; day-to-day Chapel, Adoration, Mass.
  - o Weekly opportunities for faith formation—
    - o Monday night @7:13 p.m.--YoungLife
    - o Tues/Thurs--Daily Mass in the Chapel
    - o Wed--Adoration
    - o Friday--clubs meet--Athletes for Christ, Eagles for Life
  - o Organize the All School Masses.
  - o Bishop Barron's Zoom call with the guys was packed. Boys submitted tough questions about Christianity and Bishop answered them.
  - o Retreats—
    - o Freshmen--Camp Aquinas at Camp Cho-yeh to introduce them to the STH brotherhood. Learn what it means to be a man of St. Thomas. Mentored by Senior leaders and teachers.
    - o The Sophomore Retreat--How do we make sense of evil and suffering in the world. Consider the crucifixion of Christ. (Next year this retreat will be in January.)
    - o Junior Father/Son Retreat, one of the most impactful retreats. Time with Dad and fun activities. Talk to Dads about struggles and challenges.
    - o Junior Retreat/Leadership Conference—next year's Senior leaders are trained for leadership roles.
    - o Senior Retreat--The Great Commission. Boys will be given encouraging letters of love and support from family members.
  - o Encourage your son to log their service on Mobile Serve. 6 service experiences required.
  - o Campus Ministry also provides Novenas and a retreat for the staff.
- IV. Principal's Report Dr. Aaron Dominguez '96
  - o No report.
- V. Advancement Office Mark deTranaltas
  - o No report.
- VI. Officer Reports
  - A. President Paige Dominey

- a. Old Business
    - Round Up was a HUGE success! Thank you for live streaming the big reveal! And thank you for everyone who volunteered.
    - Black History Month Celebration, Feb. 22 was a great day. Thank you to mothers who organized this.
  - b. New Business
    - New Eagle Welcome, March 22--New acceptances come for a look around campus.
    - Spring Musical - CHICAGO!!!--QR code for tickets. Ben says there are lots of lights!
    - MC Social, Bingo @ The SPJST Lodge, April 18--Link going out to sign up/reserve a spot. Invite new incoming moms.
    - Registration Night Class of 2028, April 3
    - Academic Awards Ceremony, April 17
    - Mentor Moms Social, May 2<sup>nd</sup>--Jila needs someone to assist her.
- B. Vice President Judy Wittman
- Mothers' Club By-Laws were revised and updated. Proposed changes can be viewed. We will vote on changes at the April meeting.
- C. Treasurer Kris Peters
- Budget is going well. Everything is on track. Kris will process receipts if you send them to her. Sales tax is not reimbursable.
- D. Communications Secretary Amy Price
- Supplementing the newsletter with class emails.
- E. Recording Secretary Davalyn Bone
- One correction to the Feb. minutes about the MAP scores to take off the minutes.
  - Motion to approve February minutes—Stephanie Y., Seconded by Killian G. Minutes approved.
- F. Past President Emily Guyre
- a. Nominations for 2024-2025 Executive Board
    - We have received self-nomination forms. Committee is meeting in the next couple of weeks. Announcement at the April General meeting for next year's Board.
- VII. Big Three Updates
- A. Auction/Gala Maru Pruneda, Maria Morfin, Liz Brown, Cheryl Dzurec
- Last basket was picked up!
- B. Round Up Tiffany Davila, Megan Long, Carmen Trevino, Jennifer Langin
- Wrap Up
  - Thank you to all the Booth Chairs and everyone's help. Thank you Sergio's team and Advancement team!
- 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](mailto:EaglesStyleShow@gmail.com) - Looking for volunteers!!!
    - Jewelry piece, Ticket/Table sales, Mystery Bags, BINGO
    - Individual sales and tables are open on Bidpal. Contact Gretchen or use the QR code or use the link in the Big Red News.
    - Gretchen needs to know names of people who are sitting at your tables.
    - Rose pendant \$53, sterling silver from Zadok.
    - Shopping Event yesterday at Vineyard Vines.

- Donations for Mystery Bags are needed. \$50 item at least or more. Can use the Amazon Registry for items. Use the QR code or link in the Big Red News. Alcohol is also acceptable. Donation forms and solicitation letters are available. Ask Gretchen.
- Boys need a nice baseball hat for the college they will be attending for the end of the Style Show. Have updated wardrobe including shoes.
- Timeline email will be updated.
- Volunteers are needed. Use the QR code.

VIII. Standing Committees & Special Events

- A. Cookie Break (3/26, 4/17, 5/15) Nichola Carr-Welch
- Take a picture of yourself baking and send it in for a Social Media post. Email to Gretchen, Katie, or Paige. Thank you for baking and distributing.
  - If you sign up to distribute, then you are automatically signed up to bake and you don't need to also sign up to bake because it skews the numbers if you do.
- B. Booster Club (4/10 - Rooftop event) Paige Dominey
- Rooftop event for class of 2028. If you are a team parent, you will get an email about this to be a representative.
- C. Eagle Treats (3/26, 4/16) Fatima Maniar, Janna Moore, Crystal Cruz
- Coffee truck coming with coffee and treats; donate to Eagle Treats.
- D. New Eagle Welcome, March 22/Registration Night April 3 Stephanie Yankowsky
- First time for the new students to come on campus and we will welcome them. We have enough volunteers. Location—Grove, 6-8 p.m. They can see the Musical afterwards.
  - Some volunteers needed for Registration Night, April 3.
  - Looking for a replacement for her position for next year. Someone who has some connections to prospective students coming in.
- E. Jr/Sr Prom, April 5 Irma Rodriguez
- Tickets are available through the Eagle Store. Deadline to purchase is noon April 5.
  - Only 9 of 25 slots for chaperones are filled. Need more!
  - Need at least 75 more gift cards too. Bring them to the front office with Irma's name or Attn. Prom. Every Senior will get to go home with a gift card. Any amount.
  - Share the dress code with boy's date.
- F. Mentor Moms Jila Bakker
- Email Paige if you'd like to help with this.
- G. Spring Luncheon, May 10 Cristen Petershagen
- H. Moms in Prayer Kris Peters
- Join us anytime. Pray for the school and our boys.
- I. Young Life Heights on the Bayou Young Life
- Follow the Heights on the Bayou Instagram page.

IX. Closing Comments/Meeting Adjourned 1:16 p.m.

- Adina Akin reported about wood cut out nutcrackers—tallest option is 7 ft by 2 ft.--\$240. Made by Elizabeth Cardner of Houston Yard Art, 713-542-6844.
- Share good things about the school on Social Media so prospective families will see.

**Thursday, April 11** --Next Mothers' Club Mass @ 11:30 a.m. & General Meeting @ 12 noon. Guest Speaker will be Daniel Bryant, Assistant Principal, Academics.

## Upcoming Dates

### March

21 @ 11:30a Mass & Mothers' Club General Meeting; Guest Speaker—Andrew Quittenton, Theology  
22, 23 Spring Musical Production, Chicago  
22 @ 6-8p New Eagle Welcome

### April

3 @ 530-730p - Registration Night Class of 2028  
4 @ 8:30a MC Exec Board Meeting  
5 @ 8-11p Prom - Minute Maid Park  
10 @ 6-8p Booster Club Rooftop Event for Class of 2028  
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  
25 @ 10a Graduation with Baccalaureate Mass – Class of 2024

Cookie Break



Eagle Treats  
Donation



Prom!!! Tix & Chaperones



CHICAGO!!!



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

