



ST. MARY MOTHERS' GUILD MEETING

November 8, 2011

7:00 PM at Sarah's Vineyard

Meeting was called to order at 7:12pm.

- 1) A list of attendees is attached
- 2) 7:13pm – Heather Watts began the evening with an opening prayer.
- 3) 7:15pm – Introductions and Ice Breaker Activity
- 4) 7:20pm - Committee Reports
 - a.) 7:20 pm - New families – Dolores Grissom reported that a new e-mail app for all St. Mary parents is coming soon. It will make it easier to correspond by e-mail and sign up for volunteer opportunities. She also reported that we have a new family, the Keatings, whose son is in fifth grade.
 - b.) 7:30pm - Nancy Robinson, MG Finances – reported that the Walk-a-Thon grossed \$70,694. Our expenses are \$12,639 (not including the upcoming spa party that was a prize in the \$150 category). Nancy reviewed the entire budget for the Mothers' Guild. After all of our event and school expenses, we have a balance of \$13,618.
 - c.) 7:37 p.m. – Walk-a-Thon – Nancy reported that the Walk-a-Thon next year will be moved to April, which means it will be held April 2013, since we already had our Walk-a-Thon this school year. Nancy reported that we don't know what the gala will look like in 2013. The Walk-a-Thon 2013 won't be a fundraiser for science camp, because they will already have gone. We didn't know that before this Walk-a-Thon. Nancy said we will likely need to have a fundraiser for science camp. The membership discussed a way to fundraise for the current fifth graders for next year's science camp. Lara Orradre suggested that we tie the fundraising to the Spaghetti Dinner. Heather made a motion that we ask the Men's Club to have the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for the science camp. Lara Orradre seconded. **There is an update on the science camp at the end of the minutes.
 - d.) Nancy reported that our current budget will cover all Mothers' Guild events for next year and we will be able to pay for something extra for the school. Alisa Fernald asked if the Mothers' Guild can donate one of the sports carts to Student Council for pizza lunch. Dolores Grissom made a motion to donate two carts to the school. Lara Orradre seconded. We have four carts remaining. Gina Anderson will ask if Christopher High School is interested in buying one.
 - e.) 7:50 pm – School Lunch – Heather Watts reported that we could use some more orders. Some moms reported that some menu items and the way the food is prepared have changed. Heather asked if Taste Nutrition could give us posters that we could display in the hallway. Emily White-Keating asked whether we could provide samples of menu items to the students at lunch time. Dolores Grissom asked whether we could survey the students asking them their favorite menu items. Heather Watts asked that parents please send any feedback to Amy Tripoli. Amy said she will find out what the top menu items are.



- f.) 7:58 pm – SAC – Heather reported that there wasn't a SAC meeting last month so there is no report. The next SAC meeting is Nov. 17th. Cathy Broch reported that she asked at the last SAC meeting the possibility of having a resource teacher on staff who would work with students on basic skills. Heather said that the point of interest forms to submit to SAC are on the school Web site.
 - g.) 8:14 pm – Volunteer Opportunities – Tammi Blundo said there is nothing new to report.
- 5) New Business
- a) 8:15 – Christmas Social – Tammi Blundo reported that an evite will go out for the Christmas Social and everyone can sign up to bring a beverage, appetizer or dessert. It will be held at the Common Room in the St. Francis Center again.
 - b) 8:20 pm - 140th anniversary – Ann Fiorio reported that the auction commitment has been cut in half. It is now \$12,500. She said the intent is to include as many people as possible. The theme is classic Hollywood, silver screen. Invitations will be mailed to everyone involved in the parish or school from the past 25 years. There will be 25 live auction items and 20 silent auction items. There will be classroom projects for kinder, second, seventh and eighth grades. The first auction meeting will be on November 14th at 7 p.m. in the eighth grade classroom. The meeting will be posted on the marquee. Instead of procuring a lot of smaller items, the auction committee is looking for specific items to package. Amy Tripoli said that help is needed for the Friday family night, the focus of which is the open house. It is free of charge. In each classroom will be the classroom baskets, which will be raffled. The theme of the baskets is various movies. Dessert, coffee, and drinks will be served. Attendees will be invited to bring a picnic dinner. The event will be held from 5-9 p.m. A classroom baskets chairperson is still needed. Cathy Broch suggested that class art/science projects be displayed at the open house.
 - c) 8:35 pm – MG Logowear – Heather Watts displayed the Mothers' Guild logo wear, which is navy with gray writing. Order forms will be in a future Wednesday newsletter and orders must be turned in by November 21st. Alisa Fernald reported that parents can still order athletic sweatshirts for the fifth through eighth graders, which they can wear on game days. The deadline to order is November 16th. Order forms are online.
 - d) 8:43 pm – Mothers' Guild Calendar – Heather Watts highlighted the Mothers' Guild Holiday Social, which will be at the St. Francis Common Center. January's meeting will be on January 10th at Luxury Day Spa.
 - i) Heather thanked Sarah's Vineyard for donating their facility.
 - ii) Nancy suggested changing the Mother/Son Bingo night to a different event. Heather will talk to administration about the possibility of changing it. In the February meeting, the topic will be brought up again. ** There is an update about the Mother/Son Bingo at the end of the minutes.
 - iii) Heather adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Refreshments this evening were provided by Sarah's Vineyard



List of Attendees:

Dolores Grissom	Nancy Robinson
Kelly Barbazette	Yuko Pierson
Kelly Leal	Lisa Ladd
Laura Mendez	Lara Orradre
Christina Dimas	Gina Anderson
Yvonne Vargas	Cathy Broch
Emily White-Keating	Mary Kay Carter
Trish King	Ann Fiorio
Heather Watts	Amy Tripoli
Tammi Blundo	Tanya Reese
Heidi Luna	Alisa Fernald

Summary of action items since the November 8th Mothers' Guild meeting:

Heather Watts has reported that she has discussed the following items with the administration.

- Mother/Son Bingo – Because of the accreditation process and the school's 140th anniversary, Heather reports that the administration thought it was best to minimize any changes to the approved school calendar. Heather reports that the administration thinks it's OK to talk about doing something different next year, and the Mothers' Guild can still make it a topic of discussion at the February meeting. Heather reports that the Mother/Son Bingo will remain the same for the 2011-2012 school year. She adds that if the Mother/Son event is changed it needs to be somewhat in-line or "equal" to what the Dads and daughters do. The event will have to include 4th – 8th grade, and will need to be in the gym, etc.
- Sixth grade science camp – Heather reports that the administration requested that the Mothers' Guild bring this up in our SAC report, rather than take it to the Men's Club. It is a school activity, and a school fundraiser. Heather reports that although the administration appreciates the Mothers' Guild consolidating the fundraising for the science camp with the Walk-a-Thon, the MG is not ultimately responsible for fundraising for that event. The school will handle it, and it will probably be another cookie sale or a similar type of fundraiser.