



## St. Thomas More Junior High School

### Fundraising Association Meeting Minutes

#### March 18, 2024 @ 6:30 PM (In Person and TEAMS)

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In-Person Attendees: Melissa Fraser, Lyndsay Boileau, Angie Gulevich, Latoya Cumberland, Kevin Myskiw, Domingo Barretto

Online Attendees: Kathy Borden

- 1) Call to Order (Melissa Fraser) @ 7:27 PM
- 2) Approval of Minutes from February 26, 2024 (Melissa Fraser)

**Motion to approve minutes:** Latoya Cumberland

**Seconded:** Lyndsay Boileau

**Motion passed** – minutes from February 26, 2024 were approved

- 3) Treasurer's Report (Latoya Cumberland)
  - Fundraising account
    - No changes
    - Current Balance: \$ 4,228.68
  - Casino account
    - Current Balance \$ 48,537.94
      - Next month will see more changes with cheques to reimburse school for all the purchases approved by council.
  - Received statement from Servus on interest earned – Need to determine if taxes need to be filed.
    - Angie believes that we do not meet the threshold to require to file a tax return.
      - Angie/Latoya to review if we need to file taxes.
- 4) Old Business
  - Casino Update (Melissa Fraser)
    - 36 volunteers only one no-show. The one chip runner was able to cover both spots, no issue
    - Volunteers had expressed interest in other events
    - Send group thank you. And put them on a group volunteer list for future.
    - Diverse group volunteering – so lucky to have so many people.
      - It is so easy to make so much money for the school.
    - All monies balanced at the end of shift, no issues
    - A previous shift (different group) was \$30K short – The casino has to recover the funds somehow. They have the footage and name of the person. They cannot disclose who. If they cannot hold the person accountable everyone in this quarter will feel the impact, it could be significant.
      - Recommended action from Heath (Casino Advisor): People need to write AGLC for them to pursue action against the person responsible for the loss. All non-profits need to advocate for AGLC to pursue action. Melissa to draft and send letter to AGLC CEO. Will update council on situation.
    - Tips \$145.25 to be deposited, cash provided from Melissa to Latoya.

- Feedback from parents who volunteered – see item #6 “Open questions, comments, concerns from parent community”
- Two years ago there was a role specifically for the Casino - Casino Coordinator – no one volunteered for this role this year.
  - It worked but it is recommended that someone be assigned as the coordinator for a future Casino. It was a lot to manage in addition to the other duties on the council.
  - If someone has experience it would be beneficial but not definitely not required.
    - Will create a “cheat sheet” to support the person who volunteers for this role.

#### May BBQ (Melissa Fraser)

- May 22 (Wednesday)
- Will do similar to last years bbq. Last time too many choices. May not need as many volunteers.
  - Will start to promote. Probably first week of May
- May add candy bags of some sort.

#### 5) New Business

- No new business to discuss

#### 6) Open questions, comments, concerns from parent community

- Parents were talking during their volunteer shift during the casino, and some had asked some feedback be brought back to council:
  - Concern from parent – informed that bathroom doors do not latch.
    - Kevin acknowledges there are many bathroom issues, they are working on addressing it.
  - Open House – like buying a car, there are programs that are talked about at open house, these entice students to STM, but then program is only offered in grade 8 or 9.
- Parent wanted to provide very good feedback about Kevin. Saw his son out while shopping, and Kevin mentioned his name and said hello. Parent was very impressed that he was in grade 7 and Kevin knew his name.

#### 7) Next Meeting Date:

Monday, April 22, 2024 following School Council Meeting

#### 8) Adjournment @ 7:51 PM