

MEDICINE HAT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2015

This will be my last chairman's report as my term comes to an end in January 2015 and I will not be seeking re-appointment. I have served on the foundation for the past ten years and it has been a rewarding experience.

As I look back over those years, I have seen the Foundation grow. The Foundation was able to support many leadership grants for both students and staff in the division. Initiatives like sending students to the Mustard Seed to experience firsthand what it is like to be homeless; sending students and staff to conferences; funding musicals, service programs and retreats. The directors had opportunity to hear students and staff tell of their experiences and how they would share this with others in their schools. It was amazing to hear the passion coming through the presentations which confirmed the Foundation support was well worth it.

A few of my highlights over the past 10 years:

- ◆ The foundation was a driving force behind getting the youth ministry program going as we worked with the school board and parishes in the district. The program ran for 3 years until it was no longer financially viable.
- ◆ Partnering with the division in the 100 Year Anniversary celebrations.
- ◆ Planning and participating in the annual fundraising golf tournament.

In closing, it has been a pleasure and an honor to work with everyone on the Foundation, the school board Trustees, and staff at the board office. Their willingness to help and their friendliness made being a Foundation director extremely rewarding.

*Bernie Lyczewski, Chair, on behalf of -
Rob Stroh, Vice Chair
Regina Durst, Trustee Representative
Greg MacPherson, Secretary Treasurer
Herb Durda, Director
Byron Martin, Director
Gordon Rice, Director*



NEW SCHOOL PROJECT ENHANCEMENT GRANT

The Foundation has established a School Project Enhancement Grant to provide Medicine Hat Catholic Schools with the opportunity to apply for funding for their own unique priorities.

Objectives:

- Each year the Foundation may award a grant to a division school up to a max of \$5,000
- All projects and programs must be compatible with the objectives of the Foundation
- The objective of the School Project Enhancement Grant is to enhance school programs/projects/initiatives that are not funded by Alberta Education

Priority will be given to:

- Projects that demonstrate innovative practices, initiative and sustainability
- Projects that incorporate community partnerships (other schools, parent organizations, local parishes and community groups)
- Projects that can demonstrate direct impact on students
- Projects which assist students, teachers and staff achieve a new level of excellence

For more information visit Foundation website—www.mhcbe.ab.ca (Foundation tab)

OUR PURPOSE

"To enhance and fund Catholic Christian leadership initiatives as well as opportunities to enhance educational activities within the schools of the Medicine Hat Catholic Board of Education."

The Foundation is a registered non profit organization and registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Scholarships can be established to support students as they venture out into post secondary education. Criteria can be specified to target particular areas of interest or in memory of a loved one. Tax receipts issued for donations.

Archie MacPhail Memorial Scholarship (\$500) - available to Grade 10-12 students to promote spiritual growth, Christian lifestyle, and development of religious leadership skills.

Education Foundation Servant Leadership Scholarship (\$500) - available to all grades at all schools to a student who demonstrates a servant heart and is active in making a positive difference in the world.

James Michael (Mickey) Lynch Memorial Scholarship (\$200)

- available to a Grade 12 student who was also a graduate of St. Louis School. Chosen based on demonstrated skills in English grammar and must be registered in post-secondary education program.

Joe Stroh Memorial Scholarship (\$500) - available to a Grade 12 student selected by McCoy staff for outstanding citizenship and service within the school and church community.

Mook Giesinger Awards - Diligence awards given to students at St. Louis School who work hard, show improvement, and exhibit an excellent attitude and effort. \$25/each

Pat Cullen Memorial Scholarship - Math awards available to St. Mary's students. \$200 each to Gr. 7,8,9 highest achievement; \$100 each Gr. 7,8,9 second highest achievement.

Sister Joan Burns Memorial Scholarship - Religious Studies Awards available to St. Mary's students. \$200 each Gr. 7,8,9 highest achievement; \$100 each Gr. 7,8,9 second highest achievement.

Stan Gill Memorial Scholarship (\$500) - available to Grade 12 student with highest mark in Biology 20 & 30 combined.

Tom Anderson Memorial Scholarship (\$500) - available to a Grade 12 student who is planning to pursue a career in Business and is registered in business related post-secondary program.

Winter Games Legacy Scholarship (2 x \$500) - Available to a Grade 12 student. Candidate must have displayed leadership in their chosen sport and be enrolled in a post-secondary program.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

New Director GORDON RICE



Gord joined the Foundation board this year, bringing fresh ideas and energy.

Gord has been married 47 years to wife Elaine and has 2 sons and 7 grandchildren. He moved to Medicine Hat from Saskatchewan in 1978 and spent 35 years in the financial industry. Most recently he worked 13 years as manager at a local dental clinic, where he retired in March. Gord is an active member at Holy Family Parish, enjoys golf, swimming and visiting. Say hello if you see him at any local coffee establishments.

New Trustee Rep REGINA DURST



I have been a resident of Medicine Hat since 1972 and a 1981 Monsignor McCoy graduate. For the past 33 years I have been employed in the dental field, primarily in office administration, where I have had the pleasure of serving many people in the community. My family is my greatest source of joy. I have been married to my husband Dean for 29 years. We have been blessed with five daughters and now have 2 son-in-laws and 2 grandchildren. I am a faithful member of Holy Family Parish and am glad to have been called to serve as a Medicine Hat school board trustee since 2013.

PAYROLL 50/50 DRAW

This past year **over \$5,000 was invested in the Foundation** to support Foundation initiatives. The following employees were pleased to have their name drawn to win!

Winners in 2014:

January - Michelle Lukacs (Ecole St. Thomas) - \$450.00

February - Terry Kennedy (St. Thomas) - \$447.50

March - Rhonda Gregus (St. Michael's BI) - \$447.50

April - Tammy Rozdeba (St. Mary's) - \$442.50

May - Josephine Nelson (St. Michael's BI) - \$440.00

June - Wanda Simmons (Monsignor McCoy) - \$437.50

July - Karen Webster (Monsignor McCoy) - \$412.50

August - Glen Barth (Monsignor McCoy) - \$405.00

September - Lore Luca (Monsignor McCoy) - \$397.50

October - Kym Porter (Central Office) - \$410.00

November - Jacquie Clarkson (St. Patrick's) - \$407.50

December - Sandra Lerner (St. Francis) - \$407.50



Monsignor McCoy High School - Modernization

The Medicine Hat Catholic Schools' Education Foundation is pleased to be a partner and support the modernization project. The Foundation will issue tax receipts for eligible donations.

For more information or to invest online go to www.mccoymodernization.ca



GRANTS AWARDED IN 2014

Grade 6 Retreat—École St. Thomas - \$500

Funds used to transport students to Camp McCoy to participate in activities to develop their leadership skills and learn more about their faith.

WE Day (Monsignor McCoy & Notre Dame Academy) - \$647.50 each

Funds to transport students to Calgary to attend day of celebration and inspiration with a focus on young people leading local and global change.

SPICE Conference - \$3,000—‘Shared Purpose in Catholic Education’ Conference—bringing together Catholic school communities to collaborate and explore current issues in education. Funds used to cover cost of registration.

Science Program Enhancements & Basketball Hoop Maintenance—St. Michael’s BI—\$1350

Division Spring Sing (Elementary Schools) - \$400 Choral workshop and concert. Funds used to cover the cost of facility rental and transportation of students.

Little Mermaid Musical (St. Mary’s) - \$1000 Grant used to support the musical production by covering cost of printing and transportation to and from event location.

Worldstrides Heritage Festival (St. Mary’s) - \$3,000 Cost of transporting students to Vancouver for competition and workshops.

Breakfast Program (St. Louis) - \$100

Service Projects (St. Mary’s) - \$500 Transportation to various locations in the city. Senior’s home—visiting with seniors and deliver crafts and baking; SPCA—feed and play with and clean pens for animals; Prairie Gleaners—prepare vegetables for shipment to third world countries; Parish—present gifts at Gift Sharing Sunday.

Leadership Service Project (St. Mary’s) - \$500 Purchase shovels, brooms and ice picks, as well as hot chocolate. Leadership class will build community by shoveling walks in the neighborhood when it storms.

FUNDRAISING EVENT 12th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



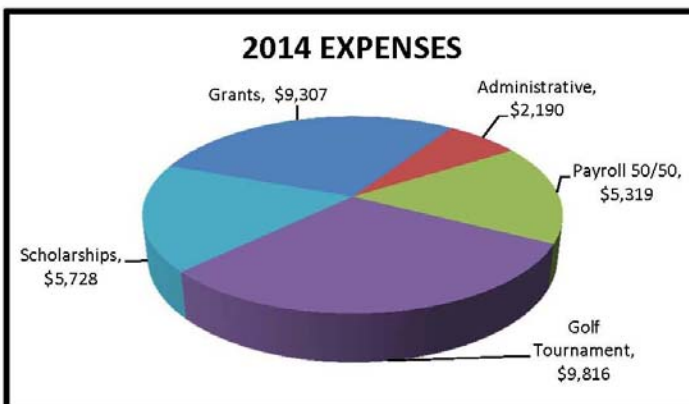
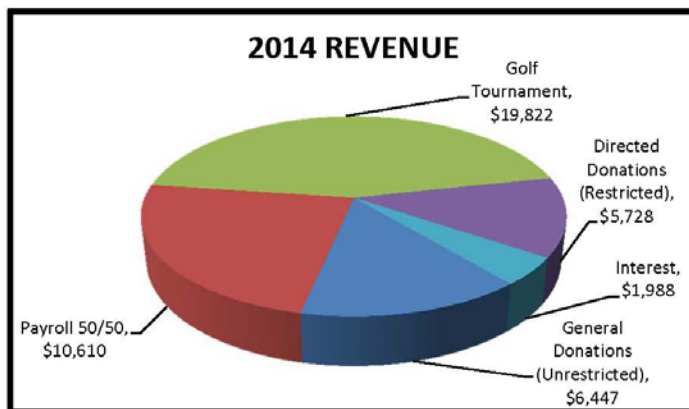
The 12th Annual Golf Tournament was held on Friday, June 13th at Cottonwood Coulee Golf Course in Medicine Hat. Despite the cold and rainy weather, golfers had a good time joking with each other and trying to stay warm. Stories circulated about golf clubs flying further than golf balls as wet hands were unable to grip the club! The ‘hand wedge’ came in very handy this year!

The Foundation is deeply grateful for the support of all who participated, from the faithful volunteers huddling in tents to ward off the chilly weather, to our loyal sponsors and many community golfers. The generosity of all has helped to ensure the ongoing support necessary for Christian leadership initiatives, scholarships, and support of unfunded school projects.

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Mark your calendar for next year!
13th Annual Golf Tournament
Friday, June 12, 2015

FINANCIAL REPORT Year ending August 31, 2014



More detailed information available on the Foundation website:
www.mhcbe.ab.ca (Education Foundation tab)

DONORS

THANK YOU!

Thank You to all individuals and community businesses who supported financially and donated personal time to further the work of the foundation.

In the
Spotlight

“I give because when I was a student so many people gave to me ... their time, support, wisdom, and at times financially. Sister Joan and Pat Cullen definitely gave me a lot and my long term scholarship funding is a way to say thank you and continue their legacy of helping those in need. Perhaps down the road some of the students who received the scholarship funding will give back as a way of saying thank you. That is how legacies are created. It all started many years ago by two very kind teachers at St. Mary’s School who chose to give. This continues to impact people today!”

Jason Katchmer
Calgary, AB