

**2022-2023 St. Margaret Mary School PTO
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, March 14, 2023
7:00 pm – 7:50 pm**

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Principal Update (Mrs. Pronio)
 - A. Dress down date = Thursday, March 16
 - B. Penbrook Police were here in the morning of March 14 to speak with staff. Mrs. Pronio was also in contact with them during the day. There were no incidents at school and the police stated that they determined there was no immediate threat to our students. All the families involved have been contacted and we are continuing our investigation at school.
- III. PTO Committee Reports
 - A. President (Colleen Sanders)
 - 1. Restaurant Nights – In January, at Bellia’s \$150 was raised for the school and in February, at Tuskers \$350 was raised for the school. In March we may be switching from a restaurant night to a Get Air fundraiser which is tentatively scheduled for the upcoming ½ day of school on Wednesday, March 29. The event will be from 12:30 to 2:30 pm. The PTO will send out information via email once the date and time has been confirmed. If this event is well attended, we may look to do Get Air fundraisers during the next school year.
 - 2. Dudes and Daughters Dance – was well attended, everyone had a great time, and Jaws on Fire generously donated basket for the raffles. Thank you, Dana Dwyer and Megan Harvey.
 - 3. Mother/Son Dance – there has been mixed reviews from parents on whether to hold this event. As such we are thinking of perhaps having some kind of mother/son activity or game night instead of a dance. Since we are running out of time this school year, we are looking to next school year to first hold such an event.
 - 4. Donuts with Grown-up – date TBD but looking at late spring; donut in morning with grown-up.
 - 5. Grandparents Day – Thursday, April 20 in person; lunch and recess interaction; Erin Morrison and Katie Driver are organizing it but we will need volunteers day of and will send out a sign up genius in the coming weeks. We haven’t heard back from Mrs. Pronio about a potential tuition raffle for this event so we are looking at alternative such as raffles for in-school activities such as ice cream party, PJ Day, dress down, extra recess, etc.
 - 6. Talent Show – in school activity, tentatively schedules for May 9th with Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Solomon, Mrs. Butts having volunteered to help. Tryouts will be on one day with a quick practice run through before actual show day. More information to follow.
 - 7. Spring Festival – April 29th. Currently there is no flexibility with the date of this event as the pavilion is booked all Saturdays in the spring. If we proceed, we will need to have the festival on the other side of the church, will not offer bingo,

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and would need volunteers to run the games. Given the time and location constraints, it was suggested we replace the festival with a movie night with hamburgers and hot dogs and easy games that don't require volunteers. Parents on the call were in support of movie night instead of a festival this year given the constraints. PTO is still looking for a spring festival chair to help organize the event in the future.

8. Field trips – Jen Haste set up a google document for teachers to sign up for buses and field trip costs. PTO is planning on partially, if not fully paying for field trips again this year. PTO has already received the kindergarten's field trip submission/request.
 9. Mrs. Pronio has requested that the pavement in parking lot painted and with map of USA on it and games. If anyone knows anyone that can do this please let the PTO know. Parents suggested trying both Susquehanna and CD art departments. PTO will check with school board to make sure they aren't going to repave parking lot in the near future.
 10. Follow-up on safety issues at drop-off and pick-up – Mrs. Pronio has asked buses to pull around/up more, which has lessened the backup onto Herr Street. The school board is not interested in car line because the alley is a public street. PTO suggested, that if parents were interested, we could come up with a proposal over the summer and present it to the new principal at the beginning of the next school year. Interested parties were asked to contact the PTO.
 11. Follow-up on getting volunteer information on school website – Mrs. Pronio is looking into doing this.
 12. Follow-up on Spring Musical – Mrs. Pronio met with the company that will be running the play. It will not be like past plays and will be faster paced. Date TBD, likely in late spring. Additional details will be coming in the near future from the school.
 13. PTO made a donation of Flat Stanley books to library and restocked teacher's lounge with snacks and drinks.
 14. Middle States accreditation/evaluation – PTO is providing snacks for evaluators that will be there and the PTO president and vice president will attend a dinner with the evaluators on March 25 to answer questions.
 15. PTO open positions – Vice-president, treasurer, fundraiser chair, and spring festival chair. PTO will send out nomination form to group, and if interested the form due by the April PTO meeting.
- B. Vice President (Shannon Sprow) – open position next year; Shannon will continue running golf tournament.
- C. Treasurer (Leah Booker) – open position next year.

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- D. Secretary (Tracey Mumma) – March meeting minutes are on the PTO website, <http://stmmparishschool.org/PTO>
 - E. Hot Lunch (Ms. Shonda) – Volunteers needed, please sign up using the following link: <https://signup.com/go/PfNoHnF>
 - F. Uniform Exchange (Amanda Barnes and Caroline Krall) - if you have any needs, please fill out form at <https://forms.gle/rCpaYdg3fUupZVCw9>;
 - G. Social (Dana Dwyer) – Egg Hunt and Easter Bunny April 8th, 10 am – 12 pm at church pavilion. Sign up genius will be used for RSVPs, candy donations, and volunteers.
 - H. Spring Festival – Open position looking for spring festival committee chair. See president’s report above for additional details on this year’s event scheduled for Saturday, April 29.
 - I. Fundraising (open) – Butter braids order forms went out March 3rd and are due March 24th; delivery is on Tuesday, April 4th. Open position looking for fundraising committee chair.
 - J. Outreach (Megan Harvey) – no updates.
 - K. SCRIP (Kristin Moise, Mary Fox, Emily Nordfors) – information on Scrip can found at <http://stmmparishschool.org/Scrip>
- IV. Other Updates
- A. Website link for how to getting clearance to volunteer is: <http://www.stmmparishschool.org/e-files>.
 - B. Recess Duty – volunteers can sign up using the link below; note - recess is held in gym on days weather isn’t good: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044AA8A729A5FA7-recess>
 - C. Athletic association – check PTO athletic association page on Facebook; track started yesterday with just under 100 kids signed up. Spirit store is open until the end of April.
 - D. STMMS 5K – Saturday, May 6th and registration is currently open, go to the following link: <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Harrisburg/StMargaretMarySchool5k>.
 - E. Walking Around Raffle information was distributed in school this week.
 - F. McDevitt Cheerleaders are doing an Easter Eggs Fundraiser (hiding eggs in your yard) – PTO will the post flyer on the PTO Facebook page.
 - G. Next meeting is Thursday, April 13th at 7 pm on Zoom.
- V. Parent Questions and/or Concerns
- A. Is musical restricted to grade 5 and up as it was in the past? Colleen will follow up with Mrs. Pronio.
- I. Closing Prayer