

**2022-2023 St. Margaret Mary School PTO**  
**Meeting Agenda – Tuesday, November 8, 2022**  
**7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Principal Update – Mrs. Pronio
  - A. Dress down date – Monday, November 14
  - B. Thanks for being great ambassadors for the school – open house Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30 pm
  - C. Facebook posting advertising STMMS – share if you are comfortable
- III. General Updates - President
  - A. Restaurant Night
    - 1. October - Tuskers \$400 raised
    - 2. November 15 - P.J. Whelihans (3882 Union Deposit Road) will give 15% of STMMS sales back to school; good all day long but must show flyer
  - B. Fundraiser/Pledgestar brought in just under \$24,000 = \$12,000 to PTO and \$12,000 to school; ice cream truck came last week for students since they met the goal
  - C. Playground
    - 1. Received quotes, estimates around \$60,000.
    - 2. Little Valley is to be redone starting this spring at a cost of ~\$75,000 which including cameras due to vandalism.
    - 3. Teachers still feel the need for STMMS to have our own playground.
    - 4. Parent question - what will new little valley playground look like? It is supposed to be similar to Edgemont; Colleen to ask Township what it will look like.
    - 5. Colleen to also send out picture of possible playgrounds options for STMMS.
  - D. Recess duty assistance – thank you to those of you who have; volunteers are still needed; sign up using the following link:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044AA8A729A5FA7-recess>
  - E. Teacher’s lounge ice machine – purchased and in lounge.
- IV. PTO Committee Reports
  - A. President – see above general updates above.
  - B. Vice President – Golf tournament was a great success with 18 foursomes. Thank you to all volunteers. Next year the tournament will be held on October 13, 2023. We raised almost \$4,700 this year.
  - C. Treasurer – R&K sub sale brought in a little over \$1,100; we are sitting in a good financial spot; send in receipt to Leah to get reimbursed.
  - D. Secretary – October meeting minutes have been posted on the PTO website.
  - E. Hot Lunch – no update
  - F. Uniform Exchange - lots of uniforms; link to form to fill out if you have need is <https://forms.gle/rCpaYdg3fUupZVCw9>.
  - G. Social – no update
  - H. Santa Shop – Is a store for kids to Christmas shop for family members. We will be using an outside store to create a process that is easier to manage. We used to make a few thousand dollars but now we will only make a few hundred. The Santa Shop will be during the week of December 6 – 9. We need volunteers to set up on Sunday

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- Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, volunteers to run the shop – there will be morning and afternoon session, and the last day to help put supplies away. Gina will get sign up to teachers so volunteer (clearances needed to volunteer) will know when their kids will be shopping. Volunteer sign up will be set up in the coming weeks.
- I. Fall Festival – A total of 17 decorated trunks and lots of happy kids. Thank you to all who volunteered and participated.
  - J. Spring Festival – no update
  - K. Fundraising – R&K subs sale delivery on Christmas pageant night December 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - L. Breakfast with Santa – beginning of Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> after 9:30 am.
  - M. Outreach – if there are events that we can provide outreach for please let Megan know.
  - N. SCRIP – could use volunteers to sell SCRIP after 9:30 am, 11 am, and 5 pm masses to sell; <http://stmmparishschool.org/Scrip>
- V. Other Updates
- A. Cheerleading and Lil Spartans registration due Friday, November 11.
  - B. Veterans day mass on 11/11 must RSVP to attend.
  - C. Spirtwear has been extended until November 30 link is [Home | St. Margaret Mary \(goaionline.com\)](http://goaionline.com).
  - D. Website link for how to getting clearance to volunteer is: <http://www.stmmparishschool.org/e-files>.
  - E. Next meeting is Thursday, December 1 at 7 pm on Zoom.
- I. Parent Questions and/or Concerns
- A. Can we use the playground money for school lunch? We have not year fundraised for the playground so there is no money to potentially move to fund school lunches. Likewise, school board is not in favor of funding employees to serve lunch at this time as they still have teaching vacancies which are a priority.
  - B. Pick-up line jumpers -safety concern; parents have concern: There are many people who wait in line as the school has us doing. However, there are many people that when the door opens walks up and shouts a student's name when many parents are waiting in line as directed. Most of the time with no name paper that was provided by the school or they have a student's name written on plain paper. The point of the name paper provided by the school is for a safety measure, but if you can just write a name down and it's not questioned is that a safety concern? Colleen will bring this up with school board at next meeting.
  - C. Buses are backing up onto Herr Street – cars coming into exit because Herr Street is blocked off; why aren't buses picking up from back of lot. Colleen will bring this up with school board at next meeting.
  - D. Does anyone know if they are thinking of streaming the pageant or recording and allowing it to be streamed? Family members like being able to see the pageant even the past few years. Colleen will bring this up with school board at next meeting.
  - E. Grades 6 has assigned seats at lunch but 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade can sit anywhere? Colleen will bring this up with school board at next meeting.

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- F. There was some question of whether there was a dress down day, if you brought in a dollar and when it was to occur. After a brief discussion, the group learned that if you bring in a \$1 with a butterfly for grief awareness week, then you can dress down on November 17.
- II. Closing Prayer