

**2020-2021 St. Margaret Mary School PTO Meeting Agenda**  
***Tuesday January 12, 2021 via Zoom***

Attendees: Amanda Barnes, Annamarie Fazzolari, Ann Foley, Cheryl Shuja, Christele Hoskote, colleen sanders, Dana Dwyer, David Csurics, Dina Duffy, Erin Morrison, Erin Raub, Erin Rohacek, Gina Crawford, Lisa Gould, Heidi Daugherty, Jarrod Graham, Jen Morris, Jennifer Haste, Jenny Shyk, Jodi Schell, Katherine Frey, Kelly Fox, Kelly Hill, Kristin Daniels, Leah Booker , Liz Emery-Tupper, Lori Schlauderauff, Maria Farina, Mary Fox, Mrs. Mary Jo Pronio, Meghan Harvey, Niki Alicea, Sarah Hancock , Shannon Sprow, Shannon Williard, Sherri Clinkscale, Tracey Librandi Mumma , Vanessa Paskaitis, Yvonne Aguayo

I. Principal Update – Mrs. Mary Jo Pronio

- We are back in school after the Christmas break. Families are doing a great job not taking risks, and students are able to follow virtual guidelines very well.
- New laptops were purchased for all teachers so that they all have the same technology to use both in school and on virtual days when they need to work from home.
- Catholic Schools Week: Week of January 31 – February 5
  - Mrs. Pronio will be thinking out of the box and trying to be more creative. There were a lot of alumni who came to speak last year.
  - Mrs. Sprow asked if there are any student events the PTO can sponsor, such as ice staking or snow tubing. Mrs. Pronio said PTO can do something, but it would have to be outside and everyone has to wear masks.
  - The PTO will be sponsoring another virtual Scholastic book fair during Catholic Schools Week.
  - Ms. Shanda is looking into options for a bagged student appreciation lunch, which would be sponsored by the PTO.
- This Friday is National Hat Day! All kids can wear hats of any kind. [Hat Day moved to Friday January 22 after the PTO meeting concluded.]
- The Pro-life Club is hosting a baby shower for Morning Star. Morning Star is most in need of newborn baby items. More information will be shared with families.
- Thanks to Mrs. Rinehart for the virtual Christmas pageant. The students had a good time doing it, even though it was a lot of percussion.
- Lucy Bujdos is our new 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA teacher. She graduated from St. Vincent University.

II. General Updates – Mrs. Shannon Sprow

- a. Upcoming events
- Catholic Schools Week

- Virtual field trips for students: The PTO is looking for volunteers for each grade to help do more research to narrow the list of age-appropriate options. Attendees volunteered to assist with Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- b. Fundraising: The PTO would like to get a fundraising chair in place to help with the fundraisers. Mrs. Sprow asked for a vote to determine if parents would be interested in the PTO sponsoring a Kids Stuff book fundraiser again this year. The majority of attendees voted “no.” The PTO will not offer Kids Stuff books this year. Butter braids are next fundraiser and will run from Friday March 5 – Friday March 19. Orders will be distributed at school Tuesday March 30.

### III. PTO Committee Reports

- a. President:
- Golf Tournament: Mrs. Sprow gave the parish their one-half of the proceeds of the golf tournament before Christmas.
  - Would like to focus on identifying some virtual field trips or programs in lieu of field trips. Thank you to Kristin who had sent me some ideas, perhaps we could get volunteers to look for programs by grade? Dina sent me one already for 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Mrs. Emery-Tupper sent a thank you note to the PTO for the rosary we gave to her on her last day at St. Margaret Mary School.
- b. Vice President: No updates.
- c. Treasurer: The December R&K sub sale profited \$434 and Santa Shop profited \$418. The PTO sponsored Breakfast in Bethlehem in December.
- d. Secretary: Please send a message to [stmmpto@gmail.com](mailto:stmmpto@gmail.com) to be added to the PTO Email Distribution List if you’d like to receive our updates.
- e. Scrip: Mrs. Moise suggested that school families who are local business owners offer the sale of gift cards to their business along with all of the other SCRIP gift cards. The school and families will not receive a rebate on these gift cards, but this will provide additional support to those businesses.
- f. Hot Lunch: Hot lunch not offered in January. The plan is to resume offering hot lunch in February.
- g. Uniform Exchange: There are a lot of uniforms available. Please complete the Google form [here](#) if anyone needs anything.
- h. Social: Considering options for student activity during Catholic Schools Week. The Christmas tree lighting went well in December, and we are looking forward to this event again this year.
- i. Santa Shop: Thank you to Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Duffy, and Mrs. Barnes for a very successful Santa Shop. The “elves” did a nice job adapting this annual tradition to allow our students to safely participate.

- j. Spring Festival: The committee is starting to plan and hoping for the best. Please let Spring Festival Committee know if you're interested in helping this year. Send note by this Friday. Need help supporting
- k. Fundraising: The PTO is on track for a good year but will need to do just as well next year if field trips happen next year. The Fundraising Chair position has remained open, and volunteers are needed! The committee can be one person or a group of people.
- l. Outreach: Sanders is helping Deacon Francis and Mr. Scott Sanders create social media ads for the school. Mrs. Sanders thinks that it might be helpful to set up a new mailbox for admissions inquiries to relieve some volume from Mrs. Pronio. She would be happy to set it up and manage it. Mrs. Sanders is also working to create an outreach flyer to advertise our school. The first edition will be online and will not include fundraising donors.

IV. Parent Questions & Concerns

- a. School Directory: The directory was submitted to the vendor to be printed, but they have not responded. The PTO will consider options to distribute the directory electronically as a PDF file to school families.

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Virtual Field Trips: Help is needed to research age appropriate virtual field trips for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
2. Fundraising Chair: The PTO needs a volunteer or volunteers to lead the PTO fundraising activities.
3. Spring Festival: Volunteers are needed to be on the committee planning this event.

Please contact [stmmspto@gmail.com](mailto:stmmspto@gmail.com) if you'd like to help or if you have any questions about any of these opportunities.

Next meeting:

Tuesday February 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm ET on Zoom