

## 2019-2020 St. Margaret Mary School PTO Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2020

**Attendees:** Kelly Fox, David Eisenberger, Veronica Harteis, Katie Driver, Amanda Barnes, Christele Hoskote, Leah Booker, Ann Foley, Jean Fennessy, Katherine Frey, Shannon Sprow, Kristin Moise, Lori Schlauderaff, Lynette Walton, and Emily Nordfors

### Principal Update – Mrs. Pronio

- Catholic Schools Week:
  - Alumni visits were a success. We had nine alumni visit and talk to our students.
  - Guest authors were a success. Mr. Stephen Kozan spoke to grades 5-8 and encouraged them to write. He actually had them break out and write a story starter idea and hand it to him on their way out after his presentation. He chose four finalists to write a book with him. Then he could not decide how to choose between the final two, so he chose two students for his book program - Anyslee Harr and Addison Barnes.
  - Bishop’s Mass and visit was successful. Bishop Gainer celebrated Mass with our students. The Pro-Life club did all the readings and Mrs. Connie Fenice and her granddaughters brought up the gifts. (Mrs. Fenice was the original founder of our club which has been active for 25 years.) Bishop visited the lower floor first, ate lunch with grades 3-5 and then visited the upper floor. He was greeted by 7<sup>th</sup> grade in Mrs. Memmi’s room with a sign language greeting and they signed the colors of the rainbow for him. He was challenged by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade to a game of “Stump the Bishop” against all the classrooms on the upper floor. He came in 4<sup>th</sup> due to lack of speed! The students had questions prepared for him and he was very thorough in his answers.
  - PTO sponsored Minute-to-Win-It games. The students had a great time Friday afternoon competing for the Spirit Stick. 8<sup>th</sup> grade was the winner.
  - Open House was very successful. We had many families interested.
- Academic
  - Our Quiz Bowl team will be competing at Lamberton Middle School on February 29.
  - Students will be moving on to compete in the regional competition for National History Day on March 7.
  - Chase Clinkscale will be competing in the Diocesan Spelling Bee on March 4.
  - Our Geography Bee winner is Francisco Naha who will compete in the Diocesan Geography Bee on March 11.
- Tuition credit \$200 for new family referral
- Looking ahead – dates:
  - Confirmation: March 21
  - 5K: March 28
  - Spartan Sprint: April 17
  - Grandparents Day: April 24
  - STMM play - Wizard of Oz -April 24-25

### General Updates – Mrs. Sprow:

- Updates since last meeting:
  - Thanks to all volunteers during CSW! It was a great week for the kids. Kids had something to look forward to every day. Thanks to Mrs. Quenzer for running the book fair, and volunteers who helped serve hot lunch.
  - Father Leo’s rosary initiative: Father Leo is requesting that STMMS students participate in a rotation of parishioners who will say the Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass; the school was

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- assigned the third weekend of the month. Mrs. Sprow will discuss this initiative with the school board meeting on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> to confirm how this will be organized.
- Pep Rally: The date for the pep rally has not been confirmed. Dates being considered are March 6 or 11, and it usually occurs after lunch at around 1:30 pm. Our varsity boys' basketball team is doing really well, so Mrs. Pronio wanted to schedule the pep rally to be closer to the state tournament and would like it to be more inclusive of other school sports, such as Track. Mrs. Quenzer will take the lead planning any activities the PTO needs to manage.
  - March events:
    - March 10: Donuts with Dads – Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Shyk are planning the event, and it will start at 7:00 am and run until school starts at 8:00 am.
    - March 13: Butter Braid fundraiser begins
    - March 29: Egg hunt and pancake breakfast
    - Skating party? – Twin Ponds was booked up in Feb, considering March.
  - PTO Volunteer Sign Up: The winter / spring PTO volunteer sign-up sheet outreach efforts were successful. Over 26 families returned their forms so far. Thanks to everyone who returned them. The event leaders will be in touch with you to coordinate your time and help.

### PTO Committee Reports

- President:
  - Shoparoo: PTO is sponsoring a Shoparoo contest for March, and the grade who wins the most Shoparoo points will win a pizza party. Shoparoo is an app where users upload receipts to earn points for their school, and Shoparoo sends an annual check to the organization annually.
  - Grandparent's Day: Options for raffles at Grandparents Day were discussed, and the decision was made to presell tickets at 1 for \$10 and 3 for \$20 with two chances to win; one for \$1,000 off tuition, and another for \$500 off tuition. All tickets will clearly note that the money has to be put toward a student who will be attending the school during the 2020-21 school year. Tickets will be marketed and sold ahead of time. Ticket sales on the day of the event will be easy for grandparents to purchase by walking around to sell them so no one has to wait in a line to buy them.
  - Mrs. Sprow is starting to think about succession planning for committee chairs for next year. Mrs. Quenzer agreed to extend her role Vice President by one term and will be continuing to serve in her role for the next two school years.
  - Spartan Sprint: Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Frey are co-chairs of this annual school fundraiser on Friday April 17. Students run laps around Little Valley on the race day, and all families are asked to provide names and addresses for race donations. Mrs. Frey explained that this is a school fundraiser, not a PTO event.
  - Spartan 5K: The race is on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Fox are co-chairs of this event, which benefits the school, not the PTO.
- Vice President:
  - KidsStuff Book Fundraiser: This fundraiser was added to January and was very successful. The school sold 139 KidsStuff books and profited \$1,735. The highest sellers sold 10 and 11 books easy. Mrs. Quenzer shared that the t-shirt and hoodie incentives helped increase sales.
- Treasurer:
  - Updated budget: The updated budget was shared with all meeting participants. All of our fundraisers have been very successful and have put us in the position to be able to offer additional student activities during the year, such as the guest authors.

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- Uniform Exchange: The next uniform exchange will be in concert with the Egg Hunt on March 29<sup>th</sup>. It will begin at dismissal on Friday and run through the end of the Egg Hunt on Sunday. Mrs. Williard asked for donation requests to be submitted through the form and asked for donations to not be placed in the same bag with forms to avoid forms being missed.
- Social: Updates will be shared if a skating party or movie day is arranged.
- Spring Festival:
  - The committee recently held their first meeting, and is arranging details for food, beverages, sponsors, and to clean out the closet from last year's event to determine what they have a need. The Sons of Italy will be attending to serve pours of beer and they will sell punch cards to sell tickets; beer will be consumed in a separate area. They are having difficulties arranging food trucks because there is a large food truck festival on the west shore. A suggestion was made to arrange a chicken barbeque. The CCW will be hosting a bake sale, the proceeds of which will benefit the PTO.
- SCRIP: Mrs. Schroeder did not have any updates.
- Outreach: Mrs. Sanders is working with Mrs. Booker to coordinate the Rosary initiative, and also on the Donuts with Dads event.

**Next meeting is a social meeting at the Peachtree – March 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:00**