

St. Margaret Mary School PTO Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday November 19, 2019 6:30 p.m.

Present: Shannon Sprow, Ann Quenzer, Katherine Frey, Emily Nordfors, Jen Delp, Jennifer Stephan, Ron & Maureen Heberer, Gregory Harr, David Eisenberger, Tom & Britta Schroeder, Kristin Moise, Colleen Sanders, Shannon Williard, Jen Turner, Dina Duffy, Jenny Shyk, Kelly Fox, Gina Crawford, Jennifer Hask, Dana & Chris Dwyer, Lynette Walton, Katie Driver, Jodi Schell, Jen Morris, Mrs. Pronio and Father Leo Goodman

Opening Prayer: Father Leo Goodman

Principal Update – Mrs. Pronio

- Science fair: The Science Fair was very successful. Students from Messiah College judged our fair. The judges were very impressed with design of the projects and how they were put together. Thanks to Mr. Swope for leading the projects so well!
- Robotics: Our school and 12 other schools recently competed in a Robotics Tournament. Our girls team came in 9th place and our boys team came in 11th place. All of the other schools who competed were all high schools. Mr. Calla has been mentoring the teams since last year, initially as a club and now as an after-school program.
- Thanksgiving lunch: Ms. Shanda's annual Thanksgiving lunch is scheduled for next Monday, November 25th.

General Updates – Mrs. Sprow:

- October sub sale: The sub sale was a success! We budgeted our profit to be \$750, and made \$1,600! The top sellers were folks who can't always come to meetings and we are grateful for their support. Mrs. Foley did all of the legwork for this fundraiser. R&K did a great job organizing and delivering the subs.
- Brunch in Bethlehem: Ms. Shanda needs two volunteers for prep on Thursday Dec. 19 starting at 9:00 am, and six servers starting at 11:00 am. There will be a flyer to sign up posted in eEnvelope after Thanksgiving. Click here to sign up: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/3088932/false#/invitation> . Volunteer clearances are needed.
- PayPal: The PTO is considering using PayPal for future fundraising. Mrs. Sprow will review options for using PayPal accounts for non-profit fundraising, fees associated with these services, and also will review other tools such as Venmo. Using PayPal for future fundraising:
- Next PTO meeting: There will not be a meeting in December. There are a lot of school and PTO events coming up in January for Catholic Schools Week. The next meeting will be rescheduled to occur earlier in January and will be on Thursday January 9 at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

PTO Committee Reports

- President: No updates for today.
- Vice President: No updates for today.
- Treasurer: The budget is in great shape. We had early successes with Fall Mums and Subs fundraisers that have put us in a good position. The PTO paid for two field trip buses, and also made money on family directories and the fall festival.
- Hot Lunch: Ms. Shanda reports that hot lunch is going well, and thanks all the volunteers who support the program. Thanksgiving lunch is next week, and all of the volunteer signups for pie donations are already full.

- Uniform Exchange: The new uniform exchange flyer was posted and everything is going well.
- Social: The Fall Festival went very well! The next event is the PTO ice skating party, which will be held at Twin Ponds East in late January at the end of Catholic Schools Week. Mrs. Shyk is considering hosting another STMMS PTO movie at Regal Cinemas, where we would rent out the theater for one movie. Everyone would pay the matinee price. Mrs. Shyk is always interested in ideas for new social events for the kids, so please let her know if anyone has any new ideas.
- Santa Shop: Santa Shop will begin Monday December 9 and continue through Wednesday December 11. The PTO is looking for hand crafted items that can be donated to the Santa Shop. Please see the flyer on eEnvelope for more information. Please click here if you can sign up to help students shop and gift wrap their gifts: <https://signup.com/go/WVCfMmn>. Volunteer clearances are needed.
- Spring Festival: The date of the 2020 Spring Festival will be Saturday June 6th. The committee hasn't met yet, but will meet after the holidays.
- SCRIP: Mrs. Schroeder reminded Reminder that there is no SCRIP delivery during the week of Thanksgiving. Thanks-SCRIPING day is November 21st. SCRIP offering extra bonuses every day until Christmas. Keep an eye on your email for special bonuses.
- Outreach: Mrs. Sanders is coordinating videotaping 1st grade students reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to be broadcast on ABC27. Permission slips were sent home with students and most were sent back. She is hoping to record it this week and will ask for a copy of the video to post on STMMS social media.

Parent questions / concerns:

- Someone asked about using a Cricut to make vinyl lettering for gym uniforms. Is it possible for us to explore doing that as a cost saving option instead of Flynn O'Hara?
- Donuts with Dads and Muffins with Mom: A parent asked if these events can be offered again at STMMS. Mrs. Dwyer works at Giant Foods and shared that Giant will donate the donuts and muffins for this event, and she offered to assist. Someone also suggested doing Donuts with Dad's on March 19th, which is St. Joseph's feast day, and doing Muffins with Mom on the feast day of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque on October 16th. Members agreed that we could start this March with Donuts with Dads and begin Muffins with Mom in October of next school year. Mrs. Walton and Mrs. Sanders volunteered to coordinate these events.
- Fundraising discounts: Five Below will give us a discount. Consider offering discounts. Consider other meal nights as discounts. Is a very passive fundraiser! Can easily make money without a lot of advertising.

Summary of volunteer opportunities (update)

- Library volunteers needed: <https://signup.com/login/entry/857028218626464093>
- Hot lunch volunteer servers: <https://signup.com/go/rvbhpk>
- SCRIP volunteers needed: Contact Mrs. Schroeder at brittalisette@gmail.com
- Santa Shop volunteers needed 12/9-12/11: <https://signup.com/go/WVCfMmn>.
- Breakfast in Bethlehem volunteers needed on 12/19: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/3088932/false#/invitation>

Next Meeting:

Thursday January 9th at 7:00 p.m. School Cafeteria