

**2023-2024 St. Margaret Mary School PTO
Meeting Agenda – October 17, 2023
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

- I. Opening Prayer

- II. Principal Update – Mr. Read
 - a. Dress down day – Tuesday, October 24
 - b. Attorney General Presentation - DDD card will be distributed to those who attended; next Cyber Security Presentation will be in Spring 2024
 - c. No mass on Friday, October 27 due to Halloween celebrations

- III. PTO Committee Reports
 - a. President (Colleen Sanders):
 - Issues from last PTO Meeting
 - Why assigned lunch seating? Mr. Read said teachers are currently working on it.
 - Status of Little Valley Playground – Renovations will likely not be completed until the beginning of next school year.
 - Status of EITC program – currently using the company Redefine and they are reaching out to families personally. At school board meeting they were told not many school families participated.
 - Teachers requested toaster for teacher’s lounge and the PTO will be purchasing one for them.
 - FUNraiser – Oct. 10-20; \$22,000 goal (220 x \$100/kid). To date we are little behind what we had received at this time last year as we are currently at \$14,000. Whatever is raised is split 50/50 between the PTO and the school. If we don’t meet our goal, then field trips might not be able to be completely covered by the PTO. FUNraiser ends on Friday, October 20 with a dance party. Note: Thursday is picture day so wear your jersey to school day has been moved to Monday, October 23.
 - Hot lunch – Wednesdays and Fridays
 - Sign up at <http://ezschoolapps.com/>
 - Volunteers are needed to service lunch; shift is 11:00am to 1:30 pm. Please use this link to sign up to volunteer:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044AA8A729A5FA7-lunch>
 - Brunch in Bethlehem and Thanksgiving – Since we have no Hot Lunch Coordinator, PTO is looking for ideas on how to keep both these special lunches. The following parents volunteered to be on a committee for this and/or to help day of: Lycka D’Souza, Shannon Burke, Cheryl Shuja, Carly Simpson, Dana Dwyer, Randell Weber, Amy McMullen, Christina Ring, Erin Morrison, and Tracey Mumma. Some ideas proposed were Simply Turkey,

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using Costco rotisserie chickens, Fried Chicken, asking if CCW would want to help cook, and at the least providing some kind of dessert that day if an entire meal cannot be provided).

- School Directory – only 30 information sheets were turned in after back-to-school night; further discussions will occur on this to determine a path forward.
 - Book fair – occurred Sept. 11-15. School earned ~\$1,300 in scholastic dollars, with us know have a total of ~\$6,000 in scholastic dollars for school use.
 - Trivia Night – occurred Sept. 29 and went well with all money going to the school.
- b. Vice President (Tina Ring):
- No update
- c. Treasurer (Emily Nordfors):
- Deposited ~\$4,500 from golf tournament
- d. Secretary (Tracey Mumma):
- Please make sure your name is showing up in the participants list on zoom – either your first and last or your kid(s) so we can make sure your family is on the list for the dress down day
 - Meeting minutes will be posted on the PTO page of the STMMS website and will include any relevant links (PTO page on STMMS webpage, volunteer clearance information, etc.)
- e. Hot Lunch (committee chair open): see above under president’s report.
- f. Uniform Exchange (Caroline Krall and Amanda Barnes): drop off any unneeded uniforms at school. If you have any uniform needs, please fill out the request form at <https://forms.gle/rCpaYdg3fUupZVCw9>.
- g. Social (Dana Dwyer): Fall festival is Saturday, October 28 at the church. A form has been emailed and hard copy will follow late this week/early next. Trunk-or-Treat starts at 6:30 pm.
- h. Santa Shop (Heather Rutherford and Grace Corbally): dates will be Dec. 4-8.
- i. Fundraising (Lycka D’Souza):
- RTK subs sale – orders due Friday, October 20
 - Will send out email with other possible fundraising ideas soon
 - Checks are preferred over PayPal as there are now fees associated with PayPal
- j. Outreach (Megan Harvey): No update
- k. SCRIP (Mary Fox, Emily Nordfors, Kristin Moise): information on Scrip can found at <http://stmmparishschool.org/Scrip>; a percent of each gift card bought goes half to the school and half towards your kid’s tuition; you buying gift cards at face value; plans are to have a SCRIP flyer available at back to school night

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- I. Golf Tournament (Shannon Sprow):
 - Occurred Friday, October 13th at Manada Hill Golf Course, was well attended and received lots of positive feedback on event.
 - Made~ \$4,500 which is split between church and school
 - Next year tournament is scheduled for October 25, 2024
 - m. Spring Festival (Erin Morrison): will start planning after Christmas. Currently looking into food truck options. Parent commented that we'll need to make sure doesn't conflict with 1st Holy Communion weekend.
 - n. Breakfast with Santa (Kelly Fox, Jen Morris, Nikki Aliceia): Date TBD – aiming for 1st week in December but waiting on basketball schedule. It may be held in the church pavilion or school cafeteria.
- IV. Parent Questions and/or Concerns
- a. Recess duty sign up? Colleen will set up volunteer sign up this week.
 - b. School Board Questions:
 - Ask question as why sweatpants in April and October when temperature is hot? Can there be some exceptions when it's hot like it was the 1st week in October this fall?
 - Is there interest in Junior Achievement at STMMS (financial literacy)? Would need volunteers to teach premade lessons (Vanessa Paskaitis, and Gracy Corbally volunteered to help).
 - Status of new school website – if not going live soon, can we get the current one updated?
 - c. Volunteer Clearances: Website link for how to getting clearance to volunteer is: <http://www.stmmparishschool.org/e-files>.
 - d. PTO email address is stmmspto@gmail.com
 - e. PTO page of STMMS website is <http://stmmparishschool.org/PTO>
 - f. STMMS PTO has a Facebook page is named: St Margaret Mary School PTO
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- V. Closing Prayer
- VI. Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm via Zoom