

St Margaret Mary PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

Call to Order:

Prayer: Stephanie Miller

Recommended Actions:

- Acceptance of Agenda- Whitney Thompson, 2nd Cynthia Yates

New Business:

- Mascot – Marty the Mustang - The PTO purchased “Marty the Mustang” mascot. Student Council will fulfill the role. It can be used by anyone. Whoever uses it must have it cleaned. Coordinate with Mr. Stevenson. He was \$850.
- New Teacher Rep- Welcome Mrs. Lowe, formerly Ms. Marten, as our new teacher representative.
- PTO Open House 8/22/19 - Nametags- We have name tags for PTO, please wear them Thursday and for other events.
- Calendar- the calendar is condensed to a page for the year. Please notes dates.
- Spirit Nights- Noah Yates is Spirit Night coordinator. The dates are confirmed on the calendar. Champs Skate Party is on the calendar for September 4th. Flyers are going out this week. Reach out to Noah with any ideas.
- Spirit Wear- PTO has given up Spirit Wear to athletics. Karen Forest is taking the charge on that. It’s all going online now. Hopefully it will work well. It is through Louisville Sporting Goods. You can drive over there to see samples and try on.
- Kroger Cards- Karen Thompson couldn’t be here. Sign up a new person for Amazon Smile or Kroger community rewards and get five free dress passes for each student in the family. Can teachers mention at Open House how to sign up for that? Take a screenshot of the confirmation and email it per instructions in this weeks newsletter. Amazon Smile can now be done through the app on your phone. Boxtops for Education is transitioning over to an app where you scan your receipt. The newsletter will say what to do. Beta Club or student council can help with counting the existing box tops as well as sort out the expired ones.
- Crossing Guards- PTO pays for the morning and afternoon crossing guards. They are all quitting at the end of August. The main lady is retiring so everyone else is quitting. There is also a change in the rules of what the off duty officers can do. It is now \$400 a day. Carrie Woodruff has stepped in. The responsibility of paying for the guards falls on SMM. Shelbyville Road is a Federal Road and since there isn’t a crosswalk a guard will not be provided for us. We have been paying \$30 an hour but it may now be \$60 an hour. We need to figure out the qualifications. It will probably be a hit to our budget.
- Gaga Pit- The new Gaga Pit is a hit with students. PTO is buying some balls and signage for this. The 2nd grade class collected bottle caps and had a bench made. Will those now 3rd graders not be allowed to use the bench or will there be a time in which they

can also use the Gaga Pit? The playground areas are divided by grade and the Gaga Pit is designated for the upper grades. However, if teachers would like to use it as a reward and schedule to use it when upper grades will not be out there they are welcome to do so. About 20 students can play at a time.

- PTO Cage- There were mice in storage cages as there have been people bringing in food and drink to the storage area during uniform distribution. PTO only has one cage and one shelf. If you need to use the cage, keep it clean.
- Publicity- This year we have a Publicity Chair, which is Cynthia Yates. She has already been hard at work. People always ask where the money goes. Thursday night there will be some photos up of what was purchased. Flexible seating, computer labs, Ipads, supplies for the Gaga Pit, big things and little things. If you have things that need to go in the newsletter, all publicity will go through Cynthia. Talk up the PTO and that it buys.
- PTO Facebook Page-There is an official PTO facebook page which she has revived. She has created several events on there and people are already responding. Every event we have will have "event" on there.

Past Events:

- Orientation (Student Open House) - What do we call this? We need to streamline what this is called by PTO and the office. The event went well. Spirit wear did \$1300. We introduced Marty the Mustang. Gala got the word out. Glitches, school supply distribution was chaotic and done differently than last year. In the future, if volunteers are available, PTO volunteers may distribute supplies. Whoever does it would need to come Friday night and Saturday before Orientation on Sunday.
- Kindergarten Tissues- the Tissues event went well this year. We added bagels. When the event began there was not a Junior Kindergarten. In the future we may want to consider including those parents.
- **Committee Updates:**
- **Mustang Mile-** This year we have a new software company. They are less expensive but we will need to provide DJ and decor. Tee shirts are lined up. We have a lot of sponsors. We have both presenting and platinum sponsors back. The date is set for Friday, October 4, 2019. Pep rally is September 13.
- **Fall Festival-** Ten people signed up to help at orientation. We have all committee members. We need a couple Dads to volunteer for the lawn to help with a new event that night. Additions for food include including food truck of hotdogs, both regular and fancy. The food truck owner is a JK dad, Chris Williams. We get a % back. Susan Vlahos wants to sponsor s'mores kits. Dads would run the smores center. We would also like to involve the scouts and girl scouts.
- **Grandparents Day-** It will be held in November on two different dates.
- **Gala-** It will be at school this year. This will bring cost down and hopefully involve more families. There will be a live and silent auction. They are waiting for a meeting date to see who will be interested. 20 people expressed interest to help at orientation. It will be in both PAC and gym. We will have use of the area the Friday before until Sunday after for setup and breakdown/ cleanup.

- **Upcoming Events**

- PTO Parent Open House 8/22/19
- Mustang Mile 10/4/19
- Fall Festival 10/25/19
- Grandparents Day 11/15/19 & 11/22/19

Treasurer's Report: Katie Cummins/Ann Fore- The annual budget was distributed and discussed.

Asst. Principal Report: Lacy Moore- Express gratitude on behalf of the staff for the purchases from the wishlist. Prayer.

Teacher's Report: Cassie Lowe- Excited to be back and to work with PTO.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday September 17 SMM-AB Room