

St Margaret Mary PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Call to Order:

- Prayer: Shannon Byrne

Recommended Actions:

- Acceptance of Agenda: Shannon Byrne, Susan Higdon
- Acceptance of September Meeting Minutes: Whitney Thompson, Susan Higdon

New Business:

- Box Top Contest: 30 emails have come in. Beta Club was supposed to have come last Friday but may not have. Paper ones will be mailed out November 1.
- Spirit Nights: Salsarita's earned \$175. November will possibly be Blaze, we are keeping Kendra Scott in December, Champs in December, and a Valentines skate party.
- Publicity Reminders/PTO Facebook Page: All publicity should go through the chair and Cynthia not through the office. The Facebook page has been knocking it out of the park.
- Amazon Smiles Rewards: Amazon Smile earned \$213 this quarter.
- Speaker Request (Approved): Speaker Harvey is approved to come speak to parents about technology. It will be after school from 6-8. We need to see the contract to see if we can share info from it. We will be getting the date.
- 4th Grade Textbook Request (Vote): 58 additional Math books costing \$2,097.38 from Special Projects fund. Board vote is unanimous.
- Technology Proposal: Phase 1 Board voted, all in favor

Past Events:

- Mustang Mile: Went great! A little over \$85,000 was brought in, it should be around \$76,000 after everything. We still have the Salsarita's teachers party coming up and Mrs. Domsalski's 1st grade party. Because of the first few days where we had problems with the website we don't have to pay anything for the software. There have been lots of comments from everyone about the success.
- Salsarita's Night: Earned \$175.

- 1st Dine & Dash (Jr. High): Went pretty well.

Committee Updates:

- Fall Festival: It's going great! Please push the sign up genius. May have trouble with it because of timing around fall break. It will also be put outside classroom doors during conferences. Include with link in any email being sent out. Wristbands, tickets, and soccer tournament are on sale. The soccer sign ups are being extended to the 23rd. There is a back up plan in case of rain for everything. We have been looking at a way to use PayPalPro site. We are in need of swipers if they can be used for paypal. Follow up on that. The next meeting is Tuesday evening. Setup starts Thursday night. Donors and sponsors for several things. We never got an invoice from Jet's Pizza last year. We may get rid of Chick-fil-a. The students who had the State Fair winning cookies will be there selling their cookies. There will be a Ninja warrior area provided by KGA, lawn games, and several other new things.
- Grandparents Day: There will be an "In Memory Of" banner for those who have lost grandparents. There was a big response for help with that. The Hospitality room is reserved. A reminder went out last week in the newsletter. Agenda's need to be approved for Beta parents and grandparents. The agenda should get to Fr. Bill asap. Mass is first at 8:15. There is a handicap section and also a section for people who come in late. There will be a grandparent interview questions, coloring sheets, and bottles of water. We are looking at maybe selling decals. A sign up genius will go out.

Upcoming Events

- Fall Festival 10/25/19
- Halloween Parties
- Dine & Dash 2nd, 3rd & 4th
- Grandparents Day 11/15/19 & 11/22/19
- Bites & Brew (Gala Event) 2/22/20

Treasurer's Report: Katie Cummins/Ann Fore: Expenses for Mustang Mile so far have only been \$1,500.

Asst. Principal Report: Lacy Moore: We have dieing technology. IT (Joe Reed) has made a plan. He has inventoried needs. JR High is in need of updates, hopefully before January. SMART boards would go away and teachers would get TVs to work with the Chromebooks. Except Mrs. Cauly. Casting from chromebooks is a big thing. We have the money. This would be a 3 Phase process. Vote now on Phase 1. Money would come from MM. He would like to start ordering to be installed over breaks. Board unanimous vote, all in favor.

Teacher's Report: Cassie Lowe: The teachers express gratitude for the Mustang Mile. The highlighted lists were great for rewards. At the end we ran out of snacks. PJ day was well liked. Mrs. Wicke is hosting an author to visit with students November 15. There will be a presentation for students in grades 5-8. There has been a resignation from the 7th grade science. Ann Varga is not returning, Grace Vetter is the replacement. Parent tours are scheduled October 22. Volunteers are needed for the evening starting at 6pm. STREAM week is the 22-25 with the theme "Energy and Conservation". BrainPop renewal fee is \$2,500, which will come out of technology.

- **NEXT MEETING: Tuesday November 19th SMM-AB Room**