

St. Margaret Mary PTO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday September 17, 2019

Call to Order:

Prayer: Whitney Thompson

Recommended Actions:

Acceptance of Agenda: Cynthia, Susan

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New Business:

- Crossing Guards: We have new crossing guards. They are from a company called Traffic Gurus. They have ties with 7th grade teacher, Ms. Exner. The cost has gone up an additional \$20 per shift. Special Projects will fund the difference in cost from what was budgeted. It isn't likely that we will get help with that cost from anywhere else.
- Dine and Dash: The first Dine and Dash is next week, Wednesday September 25. It is all under control.
- Used Uniforms: We are purging a lot of stuff. We discussed what needs to be kept and purged. They will be set up at Fall Festival. We considered selling online but decided it would present challenges. Many items don't have sizes on them, etc. Coverage for working that area will be part of the SignUP Genius.
- PTO Cages: Rats were found in the storage cages. The rats caused some damage to many items including the burlap table runners which are used for Fall Festival. Affected items were trashed. A lot had to be purged. New storage tubs have been purchased. Everyone needs to try their best to keep items off the floor and organized.
- Spoofing Update: Spoofing hackers have gotten our email addresses from the website, therefore the email addresses have been removed. Disregard any emails requesting money or urgent phone calls.
- PTO Facebook Page: The page is up and very active. We live streamed last week and had a great response. We are receiving messages. Most families have hooked on to it. There have been 72 new likes since the start of school. There are 2300 people total.
- Kroger Cards: We make a lot on that so we need to keep that going.
- Box Tops: Box Tops is transitioning to an app where instead of clipping, you scan your receipt. We need to figure out a way to incentivize this. We still have many Box Tops to count and turn in. We are hoping Beta Club can help with sorting and counting.

Past Events:

- Spirit Night: \$750 was made from the Champs skate night. It was a hit and we plan to do one or two more. PTO gets the proceeds. Salsaritas is next Tuesday. A portion of your purchase will go to Mustang Mile. We are looking into other restaurants and venues.
- Open House: Went fine.
- Mustang Mile Kickoff Pep Rally: Mr. Stephenson was Marty the Mustang and he was awesome! We are considering having him do it all the time for any PTO thing. It could possibly be a stipend thing.

Committee Updates:

- Grandparents Day: The dates are set for November 15 and 22.
- Mustang Mile: It's going really well. There was one day that was really bad and the whole website was down. Overall though we are ahead. We have currently raised \$37,900. We've never been to this point yet, so that's really good. Several kids have many different donors. 571 students are registered. 100% have turned in permission slips. On the first round, 375 had a minimum of \$5 in donations. 275 have qualified for tomorrow's. The website is useful. Some do send checks but they are easy to deal with. T-shirt assembly is next Wednesday at 6pm in the hospitality room. Mailbox papers were done last week. We are doing our own decor. Amanda Berrier is making the finish line arch and train. Fitness 19 is giving out fruit and water bottles. We have volunteers for all things at the finish line. If we reach the \$50,000 goal Lacey Moore and 3 teachers are doing the messy slip and slide. There will be several other surprises. Fr. Bill and Wendy will also be engaged. 2 students and Marty will be in a Ford Mustang convertible. We have already hit the incentive for free dress through the end of December.
- Fall Festival: Planning is going well. There will be some new things this year. Kentucky Gymnastics Academy will provide a Ninja Warriors experience. The demonstration and fun will be indoors. The 3 on 3 soccer tournament does have a rain plan. Almost everything has a rain plan. New this year will be a S'mores kit and roasting area provided Susan Vlahos's husband. There is also a SMM family that owns and operates a food truck which will be there. Megan Dominy is in charge of the food committee and she has a good number of volunteers. Again this year we have donations from Goose Creek Diner. We will be selling Chick-fil-a food boxes this year. There are a lot of new volunteers. Classroom creations is in pretty good shape.

Upcoming Events:

- Salsarita's Spirit Night for Mustang Mile 9/24/19 (Both locations)

- Mustang Mile: 10/4/19
- Fall Festival 10/25/19
- Grandparents Day 11/15/19 and 11/22/19

Treasurer's Report: No report, there will be an update next month.

Principals'/Teachers' Report: Melanie Hagan wanted to say how much she loves her new desk. Teachers are thankful for wish list items. We are buying Spirit Wear shirts for new teachers. They may pick out one item. Mrs. Sims asked if the cyber bullying class could be done for parents of teens. We are waiting to see the price of it.

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 15th SMM-AB Room

In Attendance: Stephanie Miller, Whitney Thompson, Mara Legere, Brittany Clayton, Cynthia Yates, Susan Higdon, Michelle Dohrman, Shannon Byrne, Cassie Lowe, Beth Kitchen, Katie Cummins