

2022-2023 St. Margaret Mary School PTO
Meeting Minutes – Thursday, December 1, 2022
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Principal Update
 - A. Dress down date – Monday, December 5
 - B. Upcoming events - Sub sale 12/14 is cancelled; looking for volunteer for future sub sales; Jen H. volunteered to run future sub sales.
- III. General Updates
 - A. Restaurant Night - November night at P.J. Whelians raised \$140; No restaurant night in December; information will be distributed regarding January restaurant night when available.
 - B. Recess Duty – thank you to those of you who have volunteered; volunteers are still needed; sign up using the following link:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044AA8A729A5FA7-recess>
 - C. Follow-up Items from Nov. PTO meeting that Colleen brought up at the School Board Meeting and the response provided:
 - 1. Car ride pick-up line safety issues: Mrs. Grill has shared the same concerns; Mrs. Pronio requested in her pre-Thanksgiving call for parents to bring signs and stand in line.
 - 2. Buses on Herr Street blocking entrance: Mrs. Pronio said that the kids riding the Susquehanna bus used to walk across the parking lot to get their bus but there are more kids riding that bus and due to the number of kids riding the bus there are safety issues with them crossing the parking lot, so they now get on the bus at door 6. This is why the buses have backed up onto Herr Street. Mrs. Pronio is working on getting the issue resolved by having the kids ready earlier to board the bus.
 - 3. Lunch – some grades have assigned seats other do not, why: Mrs. Pronio stated that all grades have assigned seats but that some have been testing this rule.
 - D. Ideas for incentives to get more parents to get school clearance? Bring back mystery reader program in kindergarten – parent would have to get clearance to do so resulting in more parents to get clearances; will bring up at Board meeting
- IV. PTO Committee Reports
 - A. President – no updates
 - B. Vice President – the school directory is finished and we will be publishing it on Rediker so parent portal access will be needed to access it; it will be at no cost to parents.
 - C. Treasurer – no updates
 - D. Secretary – November PTO meeting minutes posted to school website.
 - E. Hot Lunch – Breakfast in Bethlehem coming up on December 21; PTO funds this event.
 - F. Uniform Exchange - link to form to fill out if you have need is
<https://forms.gle/rCpaYdg3fUupZVCw9>

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- G. Social – no updates
- H. Santa Shop – letters are coming home with kids on Friday 12/2 with their shopping date and time; still looking for more volunteers; clearances needed to volunteer Mon-Wed but clearances are not for Sunday set up. Shopping dates and times for each grade are:
 - 1. Monday – K, PreK, 1-2, and 4th
 - 2. Tuesday – 8th, 1-2, 2nd, and 7th
 - 3. Wednesday – 5th, 6th, and 3rd
- I. Fall Festival – no updates
- J. Spring Festival – no updates
- K. Fundraising – no updates
- L. Breakfast with Santa – Cookies with Santa on Sunday, December 4th after 9:30 am mass; Megan to create notice on Facebook
- M. Outreach – no updates
- N. SCRIP- Special bonuses (Dazzle Days) through December 9th;
<http://stmmparishschool.org/Scrip>
- V. Other Updates
- VI. Parent Questions and/or Concerns
 - A. Opening weekend for basketball Saturday 12/3 and Sunday 12/4 at STMMS
 - B. Friday, 12/2 STMMS pep rally – basketball players can where jerseys over uniforms for pep rally
 - C. Service hours available - contact athletic association
 - D. Website link for how to getting clearance to volunteer is:
<http://www.stmmparishschool.org/e-files>.
 - E. Next meeting is Tuesday, January 10 at 7 pm on Zoom.
- I. Closing Prayer