

2021-2022 St. Margaret Mary School PTO Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2022 7:00 pm

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Principal Update – Mrs. Pronio
 - a. The PTO dress down day for meeting attendees is Wed. Jan. 19.
 - b. Volunteer help with recess duty: Volunteers are needed to help with recess duty to give teachers a free period during the school day. Click [here](#) to sign up.
- III. General Updates
 - a. December initiatives
 - During the month of December, the PTO supported several student and family events including Breakfast in Bethlehem, the Christmas tree lighting ceremony, Santa Shop and Donuts with Santa.
 - b. Ways to help teachers
 - The PTO purchased snacks for teachers’ lounge and a Keurig machine and has already refilled the K cups since then. Mrs. Sanders is taking bagels in for their teacher’s meeting, and she will continue to do this once a month.
 - Wish lists of classroom supplies? Mrs. Sanders shared that a teacher suggested that they would appreciate gift cards to the teachers pay teachers website.
 - c. Catholic Schools week
 - NED Talk – Mrs. Pronio asked the PTO to schedule a character building speaker for students. There is no cost and a pay-it-forward approach is leveraged. The school will send a flyer home about the speaker and the purchase of a yo-yo to accompany the speaker. This is a virtual and interactive event on Feb. 3.
 - Book Fair – The Book Fair will be offered that week. The schedule is being arranged, but will ask for volunteers as soon as it is finalized. Teacher wish lists are being arranged for the book fair. Students and families can buy books to support our book fair, but the school earns a much bigger reward for books purchased at the in school book fair.
 - d. 8th grade shirts – They have been ordered and the PTO is paying for them as is customary.
 - e. Grandparents Day – We are hoping to offer some event to honor grandparents of our students, even if it is not the same as traditionally was offered. Volunteers willing to help with this event should contact Mrs. Sanders.
- IV. PTO Committee Reports
 - f. Vice President –
 - Teacher appreciation for Catholic Schools Week – the PTO can purchase Teachers Pay Teachers for all of our teachers.

- Zoom – revisited paying for a Zoom subscription for teachers to help ensure that they can leverage a full subscription account and don't have to reset online meetings every 40 minutes.
 - g. Treasurer: Santa Shop provided some income. We are in good financial position to support teacher and student activities as needed.
 - h. Secretary
 - Butter Braids fundraiser coming up next before Easter. Erin Rohacek is the chairperson for this fundraiser.
 - Secretary position will be open for the next school year. If anyone is interested, Mrs. Frey would be happy to let them shadow until May.
 - i. Hot Lunch – no update
 - j. Uniform Exchange – no update
 - k. Social – Mrs. Dwyer is considering a movie in the spring.
 - l. Santa Shop – Thank you to all volunteers. The event went well and students had a good time. We did make a profit this year. The format will be changing this year; the committee will investigate using a consignment shop and will begin reviewing options in late summer.
 - m. Spring Festival – We are considering if there is passion and interest for this event and if it should be offered this year. Volunteers interested in helping
 - n. Fundraising – Butter Braids are coming up in March. There aren't any additional sub sales, but there may be one for track with the Athletic Association. A question was raised about auctions. They were arranged by the Spartan Giving committee, but they have changed to the calendar format. This might be something we can do.
 - o. Outreach – The School Board is managing school outreach at this time.
 - p. SCRIP – More families are participating. Volunteers are needed to sell SCRIP cards after 5:00, 9:30 and 11:30 Mass at St. Margaret Mary
- II. Other Updates
- I. Cheerleaders are selling custom Pura Vida bracelets for \$5. Parent Questions and/or
- III. Concerns
- a. A parent shared that the school communicates in many ways, which can be confusing. Mrs. Sanders will discuss this at the School Board meeting. Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday February 8, 2022 at 7:00 pm