



ORGANIZATION: St. Mary Hyde Park UNIT: St. Mary PTO			
CONTACT DATE: October 4, 2019			REPORT DATE: Oct. 12, 2019
PARTICIPANTS: PTO Board Meeting			CC:
NEXT MEETING: October 4, 2019			REPORT BY: Melissa Frantz
SUBJECT/ MATTER	ACTION	WHO	WHEN
President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved August 2019 Board Minutes from both the August 20th meeting as well as the General Assembly Meeting Circulated Thank You Notes Advancement Meeting – Gretchen and Rachael attended <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Church sending out a request for parish members to increase their weekly offerings The other update was for buildings and grounds. (update will be circulating) 	Gretchen Hooker	
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Mentoring - Gretchen Hooker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindergarten play dates took place in August and went well Buddy families were offered to all new SMS families 8th grade buddies – meet with Kindergarten students and are sitting with them in church Room Parents - Laure Murray <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled all spots – new families have gotten involved this year Playground Monitors - Laure Murray <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All spots now filled Wants to be sure that people feel appreciated for helping out 3 year commitment by coordinators up at the end of this year so replacements need to be found 	Gretchen Hooker, Laure Murray	
Open Discussion / Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cafeteria Tables (Gretchen) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggestion to purchase new tables Round – more inclusive – 8-10 seats per table Individual seats allow for each person to have their own seat \$1,200-\$1,300 per table, total cost would be about \$30,000 for 25 tables For PTO budget, need to keep around \$10,000 in our budget 	Gretchen, Rachael, Brigitte, Kelly Bollinger, Laure	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any expenses over \$2,500, we need a vote from the rest of members • Discussed the possibly sharing in the cost of tables so that some of the reserve funds could also be allocated toward education based projects / items (possibly the STEM program). • Follow-up for November meeting: Need Marianne to bring a proposal for the # of tables needed and the exact cost • Back To School Brunch / Event Marketing (Gretchen) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had to cancel because there were not enough people signed up • Marketing feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – People are not reading the Wed. emails? – Volunteers frustrated because they are working to get events going and people aren't attending – Some events are getting flyers, while others are not – Only flyers going out are from 3rd parties (nothing connected to school or PTO is getting a flyer) – Can events get one flyer to promote? – Some believe that people are not feeling connected – There are a lot of competing events going on and may be limited as to what they can attend – There was a motion to keep everything electronic via the e-news – unanimous vote to keep electronic communications except for one Christmas fund flyer – Rachael and Melissa to follow up with Kim Geoppinger on parties for festival next year to freshen them up • Wellness Committee (Gretchen) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marianne talking to Kaldi's catering to make our menu healthier to mirror Mercy's lunch menu • Tower Garden – juice, supplements, veggies grown with minerals – not pursuing at this time • Is there a potential for an elective with middle school to help with an indoor greenhouse? • School Supplies Kits (Rachael) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrowed down to two companies: one is more customizable than the other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – One is Bright School Kitz that use individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to pack the kits – out of Indiana, packed in Cincinnati – less customizable 		
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	<p>– School Tool Box – out of Illinois – more customizable – uses college students to pack boxes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are expecting a gradual adoption rate by school families • Ship to home • PTO responsibility to make sure lists are updated, teachers approve • Need to go through options and make sure things align to what teachers need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some things are not available such as liquid cleansers (ex. 409) and the exact first grade pencil box (alternate options are available and will be shared with the teachers to review) • Jen Reker-Murphy will send email to teachers to let them know that this is coming and to look over and update your school list – teachers to have lists updated by February 14, 2020 • We can promote the service with parents and let them know the other schools that participate • COCA Program (Rachael) – Council on Child Abuse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bullying education • Training for kids, teachers, parents • Marianne on board with doing this first week in March • Evening meeting for parents – info, tools, signs, monitoring • 2-days they come in to each classroom that is grade appropriate • Special teacher training day – teachers have been wanting it • All free • Wait Until 8th (https://www.waituntil8th.org/) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waiting to give your child a cell phone until 8th grade • Ambassador program in younger grades? • Support system with other parents • The consensus was that this is a Parent-driven - info for PTO only • J Crew Event (Kelly Bollinger) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Went really well – we made \$212 • Kelly will schedule Dewey's, Chipotle, LaRosa's – will work with Beth on push notifications around days • Special Projects (Brigitte) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awning over the Kindergarten door <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Would need PTO funding to help with this • All the yellow posts will be finished to look like pencils (he's just looking for people to finish it) 		
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Upcoming Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next PTO Meeting: Friday, November 8th at 12:30pm • November 3: BNB Mother/Son Cougar Challenge, 6-8:30pm • November 14: BNB: Sip & Shop, 6-9pm • November 25-25: Parent / Teacher Conferences (Teacher Dinner) 		
Principal's Report	None this month	Marianne Rosemond	
Faculty Report	None this month	Jen Reker-Murphy	
Treasurer's Report	one stipend paid to Mr. Mills	Kelly Blake	
	Agenda Items for next month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green space and why can't kids play there at lunch - Round Table proposal for the lunch room 		