

ORGANIZATION: St. Mary Hyde Park UNIT: St. Mary PTO						
CONTACT DATE:	Jan 8, 2021	REPORT DATE: Jan 8, 2021				
PARTICIPANTS: Racheal Palermo, Eric Aber, Gretchen Hooker, Jennifer Reed, Kelly Blake, Anne Bodkin, Catherine Basil, Brigitte Arthur, Jen Reker-Murphy, Fr. Ken, Julie Dorr, Kelly Bollinger  NEXT MEETING: Feb 5, 2021		cc:  REPORT BY: Eric Aber				
				SUBJECT/ MATTER	ACTION	WHO
Treasurer's Report	<ul> <li>December – several deposits came in.         <ul> <li>\$900 from Dewey's</li> <li>\$1800 from Kroger</li> <li>\$1100 from Chipotle</li> </ul> </li> <li>Christmas funds came in and then were immediately sent out to teachers and staff.</li> <li>8th grade fees came in at the end of November         <ul> <li>Christmas play expenses</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Kelly Blake				
President's Report	<ul> <li>Board minutes for November - Jennifer Reed motioned to approve, Gretchen seconded</li> <li>Rachael scanned and sent some of the thank you cards that she has received to the board</li> </ul>	Rachael Palermo				
Committee Report – PTO Christmas Fund	<ul> <li>The total donations to the Christmas fund for this year was \$23,875 vs. prior year totals of \$14,750 and \$12,365</li> <li>236 families contributed this year – almost 88% of the community</li> <li>Average donation was \$101</li> <li>54 checks were given out: \$516 to full-time employees and \$258 for part-time employees</li> <li>There were a few extra donations (~\$700) that were made prior to the start and the board is looking into something special to do for the teachers &amp; staff</li> <li>The cost of the cards are going to be reimbursed to Catherine and Brigitte</li> </ul>	Brigitte Arthur				
Committee Report – Virtual Christmas Shop and Fundraisers	<ul> <li>Nicole Byerly – ornament boxes - ~\$375</li> <li>Mabel's Labels - ~\$30</li> <li>Minted – holiday cards – 19 people ordered cards this year - ~\$622</li> <li>Spiritwear - ~\$2,300 has been raised in the first part of the year total. Not sure how much is from Christmas.</li> <li>Amazon Smile - \$14.72 (November)</li> <li>Cookie Sales – totals pending</li> <li>Looking into doing more food fundraisers (restaurants and cookies)</li> </ul>	Kelly Bollinger				



	o Coat Drive – barrels are being picked up on 1/8/2021	
Committee Report – Teacher Appreciation	<ul> <li>Teacher and teacher aide signs were put in yards</li> <li>Yard signs for other staff are being distributed today (1/8/2021)</li> <li>Teacher appreciation cards and specials cards for the new year. Going out to parent liasons</li> <li>Amazon sign-ups for snacks for the teacher area</li> <li>Julie Jackson – Catholic schools' week – luncheon for the teachers</li> <li>Valentine's Day – looking into options for teachers</li> <li>Family deaths in the St. Mary community - cards</li> </ul>	Anne Bodkin
Committee Report – Mission Effectiveness	<ul> <li>Re-assessing school lunches (alternatives to Kaldi)</li> <li>Reached out to COCA to do part 2 of parent discussion surrounding social media</li> <li>Family friendly cooking night – Brian Geeding and Sean Laudeman are going to host a virtual family cooking night. Small fee. Saturday or Sunday – late afternoon. The ingredient list will be sent out beforehand and the meal prep will be walked through by Brian and Sean.</li> <li>Virtual 5k is being investigated for the spring</li> </ul>	Rachael Palermo/Catherine Basil
Faculty Report	<ul> <li>Staff sends their appreciation for the signs, gifts in the office, Christmas funds, etc.</li> <li>Teacher Continuing Education Fund – Lindsey's request has been approved. Determining the best impact on how to disburse the funds.</li> <li>Faculty meeting on Wednesday – pass out a form at the meeting on needs for indoor and outdoor recess.</li> </ul>	Julie Dorr
Principal's Report	<ul> <li>Catholic Schools Week – possible ideas include theme days, all school virtual mass (Beth will be making a video to send out), Facebook Live in classroom.</li> <li>COCA – virtual session did not go well so looking into an in-person session next fall or spring.</li> <li>ACRE Assessment Test - January 21st</li> <li>Iowa Tests - February 22nd</li> <li>Teachers Letters of Intent - February 5th</li> <li>Accreditation Process – supervisor coming to do presentation to move to next step – February 12th</li> </ul>	Jen Reker-Murphy
Open Discussion / Questions	<ul> <li>Christmas shop funds are going to be used to purchase classroom games and other items for indoor recess (inclement weather). Possibly poll the teachers to see what would be useful. Look into items for outdoor recess as well. \$500 was approved for supplementing outdoor recess equipment at the November meeting.</li> </ul>	None



0	\$700 excess for teacher appreciation. Ideas – coffee truck, food truck, cheese boards, etc.		
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