



ORGANIZATION: St. Mary Hyde Park UNIT: St. Mary PTO			
CONTACT DATE: October 28, 2024		REPORT DATE: October 29, 2024	
PARTICIPANTS: Rachael Palermo, Kate Harold, Julie Jackson, Monica Bowen, Jennifer Reed, Maggie Schapman, Katie Barnes, Julie Dorr, Jen Reker-Murphy, Kate Desmond		CC:	
NEXT MEETING: November 25, 2024 @ 12:15p.m. in Robisch Hall		REPORT BY: Maggie Schapman	
SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION	WHO	
President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ September 2024 Board Meeting Minutes Review: Approved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie Barnes motioned to approve; Jen Reker-Murphy seconded ○ "Anxious Generation" follow-up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of positive feedback from this event; Wait Unit 8th pledges are being signed by parents in many grade levels • Kate Herold and Mike Keefe have compiled resources in a Google Doc; information will be shared in the school newsletter periodically • Based on feedback, parents would like more information regarding safe device usage • To continue the momentum and interest, Kate Harold will be reaching out to Carrie Konerman to plan a screening of "Screenagers" at SMS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We want to meet the needs of the whole person: academic, spiritual, emotional, physical health are all integral parts of wellness and safety for students ○ Action Items from last month follow-up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Staff & Teacher Appreciation Committee and the Socia Committee were sent post-event summary forms for TSA teacher conference 	Rachael Palermo	



dinner and Camp Cougar; feedback will be shared at next meeting

Treasurer's Report

Financial Review

- We currently have approximately \$30,000 in the budget after teacher gift payments, deposit for Gala, and other expenses were paid for this fall
- The Parish Financial Committee meeting was last week; Nicole Byerly attended
 - Fr. Jamie said “keep up the good work” - no other PTO feedback was given at the meeting
- Katie Barnes will be getting the We Share link for the Christmas teacher fund
 - The link for families to contribute will be in the Newsletter starting 11/13/24

Rachael Palermo on behalf of Ryan Butt

Principal's Report

- Plans have been set for the Vocation Fair and the inaugural Saint Family Day of Service
 - Students will learn about the various religious vocations in the morning (elementary on school grounds – programming planned by Haley Metzger; Junior High at a monastery and convent)
 - Saint Families will meet in the afternoon to work together on a variety of community service activities, including:
 - Neighborhood yardwork, making sandwiches for Our Daily Bread, creating centerpieces and placemats for Shelterhouse, making inspirational bookmarks and windshield cards for neighbors, painting the outdoor space, cleaning up neighborhood parks, and more
 - Parent volunteers are needed to chaperone the Saint Family Day of Service
 - A link to signup will be in the Newsletter and Julie Jackson will send a message for parent liaisons to circulate to their homerooms, as well
- The Parent Advisory Council met earlier today and discussed obtaining a retired police officer as a full-time security guard at SMS

Jen Reker-Murphy

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Faculty Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teachers very much appreciated the catered dinner on the evening of conferences ○ Staff feedback about the new playground is very positive ○ Staff have seen an increase in parent volunteers on the playground this month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers need to spread out to cover the new larger area of the playground ○ More parents are (still) needed for Junior High recess times 	Julie Dorr	
Committee Report: Playground Monitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Julie Dorr will ask teachers for grade-specific “rules” for the new playground ○ Kate will send rules to Molly Painter/playground monitors for consistent expectations during school hours 	Kate Harold	
Committee Report: Staff & Teacher Appreciation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TSA Conference Dinner was successful <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lasagna, salad, chicken, desserts, beverages were provided and teachers had very positive feedback ○ November kicks off the Teacher Giving Drive: teachers will be given an Amazon Wish List to fill out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A link to shop for teacher Wishlist items will be available in the Newsletter and will also be sent via classroom liaisons • The fund will run from November 4th-30th • On December 13th, TSA will be hosting a “holiday bar” with sweet treats and stocking stuffers 	Kate Harold	
Committee Report: Homeroom Liaisons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Julie sent 8th grade parents reimbursement procedures set by Ryan Butt ○ All Homeroom Liaisons will be sent the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reimbursement Procedures for classroom Halloween parties and other classroom purchases • Teacher Giving Amazon Wish List information • Chaperone Sign Up for Saint Family Day of Service • Father/Son Fowling • Events coming soon 	Julie Jackson	
Community Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There will be a food-packing project during Saint Family Day of Service ○ St. Boniface Shoebox opportunity will be coming back this year; more information to come 	Rachael Palermo	

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Fundraising: Shopping/Dining Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nicole Byerly is working on a restaurant giveback day for December 	Monica Bowen	
Committee Report: New Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kathryn Balnes suggested a parent-led Junior High specific meeting or FAQ packet to ease the transition for families entering Junior High for the first time ○ It may be helpful for 5th grade parents to receive information in May 	Monica Bowen	
Gala Fundraiser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Date confirmed: March 7th from 7-11 p.m. at Madison Bowl ○ Tickets will be available for purchase after Christmas ○ The first committee meeting was well attended, especially with the families of younger students ○ The committee is also excited about the Gala money raised going toward wellness for students at SMS ○ The committee will now begin working on sponsorships 	Kate Desmond	
Open Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shannon Holtman would like PTO to consider sponsoring an author to come speak to SMS; Julie is looking into the authors neighboring schools have brought in recently ○ Our AED machines are outdated; SMAC bought one in the spring, but it has not yet been permanently installed near the gym <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMS needs at least 3 AED machines: 1 for outside and 2 inside the school • AED devices are approximately \$1500 • SMS may want to consider honoring Heart Health in February with heart scans (similar to what St. X did this fall) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Fagel is an excellent resource for all things heart related • Katie Barnes' sister is a cardiologist and may be able to help with AED advice and potential heart scan information 	Julie Jackson	
Upcoming PTO Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thursday, October 31: Trick or Treating for grade K-2 ○ Monday, November 25: Next PTO Meeting at 12:15 (Monica Bowen will lead prayer) ○ Sunday, November 17: Father/Son Fowling Event 		