



ORGANIZATION: St. Mary Hyde Park UNIT: St. Mary PTO		
CONTACT DATE: October 13, 2025		REPORT DATE: 10/13/25
PARTICIPANTS: Jennifer Reed, Rachael Palermo, Elaine Vonderhaar, Nicole Byerly, Ryan Butt, Kathryn Balnes, Molly Painter, Maggie Schapman, Trisha Cole, Emily Jackson, Julie Dorr, Jen Reker-Murphy		CC:
NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 10 @12:00 p.m.		REPORT BY: Maggie Schapman
SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION	WHO
President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ September 2025 Board Minutes Review (completed virtually) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jennifer motioned to approve minutes; Jen Reker-Murphy second motion – all Board members in favor 	Jennifer Reed
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Christmas Fund: PTO finance received approval from the Parish Finance Committee to channel faculty gift funds through payroll with taxes paid by the Parish ○ PTO Dues Increase Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ With Finance approval, PTO would like a \$5 increase in family dues for 2026-2027 school year ○ Ryan: motion to approve; unanimous Board approval ○ 2016 was the last time dues were increased ○ Reminder to PTO committees: please cash PTO reimbursement checks in a timely manner ○ Cougar Football will be acquiring their own Square; funds will no longer have to channel through PTO Finance 	Ryan Butt
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Math update: Mrs. Norton is offering after school programming for interested students this trimester ○ SMS administration continues to keep safety a priority for students 	Jen Reker-Murphy

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Faculty Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teachers appreciate dinner being provided on Conference Night ○ Teachers are continuing to turn in receipts to PTO for reimbursement for supplies 	Julie Dorr
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 11/9 Mass and Fellowship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning is underway for fellowship after Mass (Trisha, Elaine, Maggie working on this) ○ PTO Storage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space may be available upstairs in the Gym loft; Nicole, Molly, Elaine will look at the space and outfit it with bins if space allows 	Jennifer Reed
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Halloween Candy Distribution/Treats for Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ K-2 students will Trick or Treat around camps; PTO board members pass out candy; Trick or Treating will be at 1:45 p.m. on Halloween ○ Jennifer will make a Sign Up Genius for volunteers and candy ○ Additional Microwaves in the Cafeteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PTO will purchase more if deemed necessary ○ Childhood Wellness and Wellbeing Ideas for 2025 Gala Proceeds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A portion of the proceeds were spent on a professional development presentation as well as Junior High indoor recess equipment ○ Ideas for the rest of budget include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Student Appreciation Day for students (possibly Aronoff Arts show, lunch, and busing) ▪ Presentation on Mindfulness (Emily Jackson has put together information on a program used by neighboring schools) ▪ Wired Family (approved by the Parish and has spoken to several schools in the Diocese with great reviews); has available dates in November to speak on Social Media use/Digital Wellness to parents ○ Gala Fund allocation – Nicole, Jennifer, Rachael will put together communication to share what money has been spent on from 2 past Galas ○ Trisha will reach out to Parish Finance to get remaining balance from 2025 Gala 	Jennifer Reed

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ End of the Trimester Celebration 11/7 - Molly Painter will lead the planning for this <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mascot and music at dismissal; hand out left over Halloween candy 	
Committee Report: Playground Monitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please find a replacement if you cannot cover your recess duty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nicole will put reminder on social to highlight the importance of recess monitors for student safety ○ Elaine will send the list of recess volunteers to teachers 	Elaine Vonderhaar
Committee Report: Campus Beautification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planters have been painted; faux boxwoods have been ordered for the planters ○ Working on replacing/repairing parts of the privacy fence 	Molly Painter
Committee Report: Spirtwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More pink shirts requested for next year for Breast Cancer Awareness Month 	Elaine Vonderhaar
Committee Report: Social Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee met last week to outline the 5 social events planned for the year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dates will be announced ASAP; the events are the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Father/Son Fowling ▪ Mother/Daughter Vendor Night Shopping ▪ Father/Daughter Dance ▪ Mother/Son Bowling ▪ Oakley Greens Family Event ○ Chipotle Give Back night this Wednesday, 10/15/25 ○ Give Back Bowling over fall break at Madison Bowl 	Nicole Byerly

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<p>Committee Report: Teacher/Staff Appreciation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ E News: Teacher Spotlight will return to newsletter; Kathryn reached out to new teachers/staff with questionnaire <p>TSA Committee met and planned the following events for the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ August: teacher luncheon – Bucca DeBeppo ○ October – Conference dinner 10/15: Mazunte; SUG for drinks/additional needs ○ November – Spritwear for staff members ○ December – Christmas Coffee Cart ○ January – CSW Luncheon ○ February – Spread the Love (grab and go cart?) ○ March – Coffee Truck ○ April – Flowers for Teachers ○ May – Bring Teachers a Lunch parent signup 	<p>Kathryn Balnes</p>
<p>Committee Report: Room Parent Liaisons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1 Room Parent Liaison email thus far ○ Next email will go out after fall break 	<p>Rachael Palermo</p>
<p>Committee Report: Community Service</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information to come next month 	<p>Jennifer Reed</p>
<p>Committee Report: Fundraiser – Gala</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ~ \$16,000 was raised at the Stag Event; Feedback from men who attended was very positive! ○ PTO and School Administration are working to solidify plan for funds collected this year ○ E News will have a Stag Night summary, as well as a Save the Date for the next event 	<p>Emily Jackson</p>
<p>Committee Report: Safe Parish</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Safe Parish training just came out – please complete training; we have several volunteers that are not currently in compliance with background checks/Safe Parish 	<p>Trisha Cole</p>

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Open Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Board Members who are rolling off their positions after this year should be thinking ahead to a transition plan for the spring	
Upcoming PTO Events and Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Chipotle Give Back Night: 10/15/25○ Early Dismissal – Faculty Meeting: 10/15/25 dismissal @ 1 pm○ PTO Board Meeting: Monday 11/10/25 @ 12:00 p.m.	