



ORGANIZATION: St. Mary Hyde Park UNIT: St. Mary PTO		
CONTACT DATE: March 9, 2026		REPORT DATE: 3/10/26
PARTICIPANTS: Jennifer Reed, Rachael Palermo, Elaine Vonderhaar, Ryan Butt, Nicole Byerly, Kathryn Balnes, Molly Painter, Maggie Schapman, Emily Jackson, Julie Dorr, Jen Reker-Murphy, Sarah McManus (Director of Stewardship)		CC:
NEXT MEETING: Monday April 20, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.		REPORT BY: Maggie Schapman
SUBJECT MATTER	ACTION	WHO
President's Report	○ February 2026 Board Minutes Review ○ Jennifer motioned to approve the minutes; Nicole: second motion; all Board members in attendance: unanimous approval	Jennifer Reed
Treasurer's Report	○ Treasurer's Report ○ Room Parent Liaison Budget: some classes are nearing budgetary allotment for the school year; Ryan proposes increasing grade totals through the end of this year; this brings the total to \$1000 per grade (8th grade will go from \$900 to \$1300) ○ We will increase to that amount this year and will evaluate for next school year ○ Jennifer motions to approve "Room Parent/Classroom Budget" to increase by \$200 per homeroom; second motion: Emily; all Board members in attendance: unanimous approval ○ Rachael will send Parent Liaisons an email clarifying budget increase and to encourage EOY party planning Julie will send teachers a reminder to meet with Parent Liaisons to have a plan for activities/lunch/etc. and budget required for EOY party	Ryan Butt Rachael Palermo Julie Dorr
Principal's Report	○ Thank you for the Gala planning and extending an invitation for teachers to attend at no cost ○ Organization around Classroom Startup Funding has been very difficult this year and the preference is to go back to checks	Jen Reker-Murphy

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	versus reimbursements; teachers are using funds throughout the school year and fronting the costs themselves poses challenges for teachers ○ Ryan and Trisha will speak with Shannon to discuss the challenges and propose a solution ○ Thank you for all for the treats and support from PTO and school community ○ The lunches catered for faculty lunches have been wonderful! Teachers look forward to the lunches and would love the same catering to continue for next year	
Faculty Report	○ Teachers have all submitted coffee orders for St. Patrick's Day and are grateful for the thoughtful gestures; teachers are also loving their spirtwear provided by PTO – thank you!	Julie Dorr
Old Business	○ PTO Storage – the storage closet was delivered; shelves and keys are inside the cabinets; PTO Board members and Committee Chairs will soon be able to store PTO supplies here ○ End of Trimester Celebration • Popcorn was a big hit for the students – thank you to Molly for spearheading this and Emily and Molly for passing out during lunch periods ○ Junior High “The More You Know Guide” • Elaine and Kathryn will meet with Jen Moody to gather key information and address frequently asked questions for families preparing to enter Junior High ○ PTO Nominating Committee/Nominations Updates • The Committee is meeting on 3/17 • The nomination form will be in the ENews again this week • The ENews distributed on 3/25 with have the Board Slate for community approval • After Spring Break, the approved Board will be listed in the ENews	Jennifer Reed

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New Business	Grandparents Day - Volunteers need to be at school at 8:30 - They will be stationed at the Kindergarten doors and the main office; volunteers will move to the Church to direct late arrivals, as well - Maggie, Elaine, Kathryn are available – Jennifer will make a SUG - Beth will provide volunteers with class lists to help direct Grandparents to the correct classrooms	Jennifer Reed
Committee Report: Family Art Night	160 people are signed up; There will be 8 stations of parent volunteers with activities - The committee needs an adult to operate the oven for a project – Emily is available and will assist if needed	Molly Painter
Committee Report: Morning of Reflection	- Jen Reker-Murphy is meeting with Mike Keefe and Hayley Metzger on 3/11 to plan details - Book talk will be April 30 from 6:30-7:30 on Matthew Kelly book	Maggie Schapman
Committee Report: Walkathon	- Kate Broering and Maggie are planning the event on May 15; volunteer signups will be distributed in April - PTO would like to provide lunch for all students/staff that day; more details to come next month	Maggie Schapman
Committee Report: Gala	- We sold 248 tickets and have secured \$33,000 in sponsorships - Board will arrive at 6:30 to welcome/start the check in process - Ryan will help deliver flower arrangements to homebound parishioners on Sunday	Emily Jackson
Committee Report: Social	Tickets are available in the ENews for the Father Daughter Dance and Mother/Son bowling	Nicole Byerly
Teacher Appreciation	- February: Teachers received a treat bag on Valentine's Day - March: Coffee truck on St. Patrick's Day - April: teachers will be gifted spiritwear socks - May: Teacher Happy Hour sponsored by PTO - Kate Kopser and Carly Messmer will take over TSA Committee next year	Kathryn Balnes

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Open Discussion	○ Jen Reker-Murphy would like to motion to use Gala funds to purchase bells for the Music Department; the Board is in unanimous favor of using funds for this purpose ○ Parents would like to know where out of uniform money is going; School admin will add clarification to the ENews ○ Motion to have PTO sponsor a FunFest booth (Human Slot Machine, which was a hit at the Men's Stag Night) – we will continue to discuss specifics next month	
Upcoming PTO Events and Reminders	○ Grandparents Day – Thursday, March 19 ○ No School – Teacher Inservice: Friday, March 20 ○ PTO Board Meeting – April 20 at noon	