

# MINUTES

SSO Sept 25, 2025 - 5:30pm

- I. Attendance - Mrs Howard, Mrs Dannemiller, Mrs Lezzer, Mrs. Durstine, Mrs. McCoy, Michael Seifried, Mr Lezzer, Mrs. Shindollar, Mrs. Wrobel, Mrs. Caperton; Mrs. Murphy.
- II. Call to Order - 5:37
- III. Pledge of Allegiance —
- IV. Prayer — *Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Fill us with your grace, Lord God, as we make decisions that might affect the students, staff, and friends of St Mary School and continue to remind us that all that we do here today, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of You, and for the service of humanity. We ask these things in your name, Amen.*
- V. Reminder of Rules for spending (see bottom of other side).
- VI. Secretary's Report—
  - a. distribute minutes from last meeting:
  - b. Approval of last meeting minutes - 1st Durstine 2nd Wrobel All: Yes
- VII. Treasurer's Report—

Income last year: \$  
Expenditures last year: \$ out of budgeted \$

  - a. Balance of accounts - \$
  - b. Payments since last meeting - 95.40 treats for family fun night; 114 for orientation treats; 547.64 for Parent Social.
  - c. Outstanding payments - \$181 for Bibles for 1st grade
  - d. Acceptance of Report: 1st Lezzer 2nd Murphy All: Yes
- VIII. School / Church Report: Mrs. Dannemiller talked about her work to make the schedules more regular from day to day and to accommodate travel time to make things run more smoothly. Classes were moved to closer proximity to those in their age bands. Mrs. Dannemiller discussed getting to know the students and the end of the quarter on 10/10 and the upcoming days off for staff professional development and Mass with the Bishop and diocese of Cleveland. Mrs. Dannemiller discussed funding for and plans to increase security for the school and upcoming ALICE training for the kids and the upcoming lockdown drill. October, November, and December are teacher observation periods. Mrs. Dannemiller mentioned the inspiring talk she heard today from the mother of Fr. James, who was on assignment at St. Mary last year and her principal training coursework. The new electronic format being used at the school that is Cloud-based was outlined. The upcoming Halloween party will be coming up with revised logistics. The 10/10 Nuhop parent meeting and upcoming 11/12 Veterans Day celebration were mentioned. Confessions are scheduled for December. **Christmas program will be December 9th at 630pm.** The school saints families will be meeting soon and start saying the rosary together at 2:30 this upcoming Tuesday. October 15th is family rosary night in the gym and also conference night along with Oct 16th. A parent expressed support for the safety improvements and willingness to support the grant application. It was added that Wednesdays are faith formation night at the parish hall from 630-8pm. Camp Nuhop will include our parish campus minister this year again.
- IX. Old Business
  - Kona Ice Truck: Timing was perfect for preschool this year, so it was a big success.
  - Sweatshirts: Grades 5-8 switching from hooded to crew sweatshirts provided by SSO. The sweatshirts are around \$1200 total for this year, plus preschool shirts.
  - Night at Races: The diocese legal department says night at the races has to be done with others as well, such as a parish festival (food, dancing, art fair, etc.). Mrs. McCoy added that in years of the past, the gambling was also with kids art, a DJ, an auction, food. Mrs. Dannemiller said this is the result of a 2023 law. There is a time frame on how long our \$300 deposit will be held still without simple forfeiture. Mrs. McCoy mentioned a dancing with the stars fundraiser. Mrs. Lezzer said the committee is ready to go. Mrs. Caperton said she has another idea. It was discussed letting the committee work on the idea and to make sure church is included.
  - Summer Event: Was a success. Keep it up.
  - Orientation: Feedback was that it was very organized and streamlined.

- Parent night at Mariola's: Big success, great turn out. Over 40 present. It was worth it. No one was there at 6pm, but the question is if it started at 530 instead and meetings were moved up, how that would work for the better or worse? Location was a big part.
- Fish Fries for spring: Feb 27, March 13.

X. New Business

- Staff appreciation committee chairs were nominated and selected: McCoy and Friend
- Parent Social: Murphy, Lezzer
- Question: What would we do with additional funds? Monthly staff appreciation; parent social planner.
- Halloween Party: Already discussed.
- Fall Festival: Used to have free pumpkins, cider, our own popcorn machine rental.
- Art / Religion / Spanish: Neon Model Magic for All Souls: \$80  

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- Art Class: Colorful duct tape, posca markers, other extras: table for future. Maybe an amazon wishlist.
- Grandparents day: Wrobel chairs the grandparents day committee. Target is April/Spring. The idea was to ask for volunteers for that committee. It was discussed the pro's and con's of doing it in September.
- Parents Day: Lunch during Catholic Schools Week to showcase the school was discussed.
- Bibles for younger grades: 1st Seifried 2nd Wrobel All: Yes
- Books for 2nd graders related to field trip: This year seeing Annie, she requested the book to read with them. \$165 1st Millea 2nd Capteron All: Yes
- Science Show 1st Wrobel 2nd Shindollar All: Yes
- Cookie Dough Fundraiser: Discussed the purpose. Due October 9th.
- Kid Social: Looking for the chair ... it was discussed that bowling would be a good idea! Triway Lanes or Wayne Lanes was discussed.
- Book Fair discussed past events. The library was just pared down, so maybe next year would be better.
- Calendar of Events:

**Aug:**

Orientation, Parent Night, Backpack Blessing?

**Fall:**

Cookie Dough Fundraiser  
 Kid Social  
 School Spirit Shirts  
 Science Guy

**Winter:**

Feast of Immaculate Conception  
 Catholic Schools Week: Reptile Show, Skate Event, Parent LUncheon ... Open House  
 Butter Braids  
 St. Patrick's Day Ice Cream  
 Fish Fries

**Spring:**

Grandparent Day  
 Dance Party with costumed characters  
 8th Grade Graduation  
 Field Day Treat

- XI. Next Meeting: Oct 23. 530pm.
- XII. Closing Prayer:

XIII. As we close this meeting, Lord, we want to give honor to You. Thank You, God, for the time we had today to discuss issues and make decisions. May You bless each person who took the time to gather here today and let Your hand of protection be on them throughout the rest of the week. Let the work done here tonight come to fruition, and let it all be for Your glory. Help us each to do our parts to bring the plans discussed to life. Amen.

XIV. Meeting adjourned at 645pm: 1st Shindollar 2nd Millea All: Yes

**RULES:**

*Spending: Meet at least 4x/year, General meetings are to be held at least four times per year. Dates and times will be determined by the President and advertised to membership in advance. For any decision involving less than \$1,500 in individual expenditures, those present shall constitute a quorum. For individual expenditures exceeding \$1,500, 20 members are required to constitute a quorum. If 20 members are not present, the measure will be put to electronic vote with all members of SSO eligible to cast a ballot. Ballots will be collected and counted within one week, a simple majority is required for the vote to pass.*

**PAST ACTIVITIES LIST:**

School Rosary School Spirit tshirts for all Virtus training St. Francis Fall Festival Catholic Schools Week Pancake breakfast Winter Formal 8th grade grad experiences 8th grade Grad Gifts Alumni outreach Cookie Dough Fundraiser Kids Kreations art fundraiser Kona Ice Truck Whiz bang science show St Patricks ice cream Chairs etc for school performances	Fish Fry Butter Braids Enrichment Presenters Staff Gifts Night in New York Field Day Arts Night bulletin coordination Buddy Families Orientation Ice Cream machine rental Scrip Party to the St. Maximus Playground anything Night at the Races Grandparents Day	Seminarian outreach Backpack blessing Dec 8 - St. Mary Feastday Open House Book Fair Parent Night Socials Executive Board Meeting Preschool Integration Enrichment talent show OTHER? Spirit wear for new students Staff appreciation Limo for 8th graders Bibles 2nd grader books for trip Dance Party in Spring
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