

**St. Mary PPA Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 15, 2015**  
**7:00 PM**

Deirdre Primrose, President  
Tara Piotrowski, Vice President  
Kevin McCarthy, Treasurer

Laura Reeves, Recording Secretary  
Lori Schulze, Corresponding Secretary

**Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Schwiebert called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and opened with the Our Father.

**Welcome and President's Report**

**Deirdre Primrose**

Reminder that the Family Picnic will be held this Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, from 2-5pm at Geering Park. Pizza will not be offered this year, but feel free to bring a lunch or snacks if you would like. The Kona ice truck will arrive in the latter part of the afternoon as well. Come on out to enjoy the beautiful weather, see old friends, and meet new families!

We have some great events/assemblies coming up. On October 8<sup>th</sup>, Huga Tuga – a pep rally for reading, is scheduled for grades K through 5. At that time, we are also trying to schedule a speaker on internet safety for grades 6, 7, and 8. In November, there will be a Rain Forest assembly. This will include some actual Rain Forest animals for the children to meet! We are also looking into having an illusionist come in for an assembly in the Spring. There will be more details as it gets closer.

The PPA has given \$300 to each teacher to use to enhance their classrooms, paid for the student planners for all students and purchased a new basketball hoop.

There are some fundraising committees in need of leads in the near future. They include Scrip – our gift card program, The Doll's Tea Party and Discount Cards. Please contact the PPA (Laura Reeves 896-5346 or [laurareeves31@yahoo.com](mailto:laurareeves31@yahoo.com)) if you are interested in any of these committees or other volunteer opportunities.

Please continue to check the website for all upcoming events and school information.

**Financial Report**

**Kevin McCarthy**

We are off to a great start! We are still collecting PPA dues. If you have not already paid your dues, please send to Kevin McCarthy c/o Matthew Grade 2. Several families took advantage of the Scrip program in order to waive the \$25 fee.

**Principal's Report**

**Ms. Schwiebert**

Ms. Schwiebert thanked all parents and volunteers and is looking forward to a great year.

Drama/Dance program – The decision to cancel the program was made in June due to scheduling issues. Ms. Schwiebert is open to possibly having an after school drama program at some point in the future. She is open to any ideas/input from the children, as well as parents.

Grades 6, 7, and 8 now have one additional math class per week. Instead of having 5 math classes per week, they now have 6.

Our testing scores from April will be sent home by the end of September/beginning of October. Ms. Schwiebert will upload Dr. McNiff's "Back to School" video to the school website shortly.

**Discount Cards****Maria Galiano**

Our Discount Card fundraiser was very successful - we raised \$3,400! There are still cards available for sale, please send \$10 (per card) to Maria Galiano c/o Lou Hoinkis, Grade 7. The card provides discounts to local businesses and restaurants (Adams, Red Line Diner, Mountain Top Outdoors, Frozenberry, Sal's Pizza and Tomato Café).

**Spooky Bingo****Toni McLoughlin**

Spooky Bingo is scheduled for Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm in the school gym. Children attend in costume, play bingo and have a fabulous time! This has always been a fun-filled event for the children. Toni is still looking for kitchen volunteers. Additional information will be sent home in the blue folder and/or posted on the website. We hope to see you there!

**Scrip****Teresa Horton**

Order forms will be going home once a month in the blue folders. You can also order online. Teresa keeps some more popular gift cards on hand if anyone needs a last minute gift. This is a great way to raise money for our school, by simply purchasing gift cards at face value...no additional money out of pocket. We also have the PPA dues rebate program. If you reach \$50 in rebates for our school, you are exempt from the \$25 dues for the next school year. During the Christmas season, we open the sale of the gift cards to the parish. Volunteers are needed in December to sell cards before and after Masses. Teresa is looking for someone to shadow her this year and take over the Scrip program at the end of the school year.

**Craft Fair Kitchen****Kevin McCarthy**

The Marian Guild Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to work in the kitchen and donate food items for sale. More details to follow as we get closer to the event. This is a Second Grade event.

Father Connolly closed the meeting with a prayer and blessing for the new school year.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.