SCHOOL OF SAINT MARY

# School of Saint Mary Home & School Association

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## Meeting Minutes

**A meeting of the 2026-2027 School of Saint Mary Home & School Association was held on October 6, 2026, in the OLOG Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. President Lauren Craft presiding. The following 2026-2027 board members were present:**

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| LAUREN CRAFT | RAY LEWIS | HILLARY HAUTH | MICHELLE CRAIG |
| ERIN BROCK-ATWOOD | KATE HOFLAND | ALISON BIRNIE | |
| KATIE WARNE | MICHELLE WALKER | MARGO GRIFFIN | |

**Opening Prayer** **Lauren Craft**

- *Hail Mary*

**School Administration Reports**

**Principal's Report** **Ray Lewis**

- *Mary Fair weekend appeared to be an unbelievable success, and this is due to the hard work and time of so many people.*
    - *Special thanks of course to our chairs and most of all to Meg, who did a masterful job directing all the moving parts and is still working very hard to close out the weekend, so we know how we all did.*
- *The Church and School disseminated a policy on AI use in external communications. The most important point is: "To preserve the authenticity and integrity of our communications, the policy for the Church of Saint Mary is that any official outward facing communications will not use AI-generated text, AI-generated images or other greatly AI enhanced content."*
    - *This will also apply to flyers and newsletters that come out on Home & School's behalf. Thanks for your understanding of this.*
    - *We are working on some professional development opportunities for our faculty, so we have a better understanding of how to use it productively and ethically, and most importantly, to better grasp how to teach ethical and responsible use to our students.*
    - *At the moment, we are not permitting any use of AI on any devices at school.*
- *MAP scores are going home this week.*
    - *One trend we noticed across the school is our students appear to have resisted the typical 'Summer Slide' that even national averages show students are susceptible to.*
    - *Both math and reading are very, very strong compared to the national average and now the task at hand is to improve even on those marks.*
- *Both the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City and the Diocese of Tulsa will be hiring new superintendents for next year.*
    - *Fr. Kastl is leading the search for our Diocese' superintendent and that search is beginning this month.*
- *It's hard to believe but the 1st quarter ends next week. Enjoy your Fall Break.*
    - *On Thursday 10/15, the staff and faculty will have a day of service at Catholic Charities.*

**Teacher Representative** **Michelle Craig**

- *Thank you for the food and stocking the lounge!*
- *Basketball uniforms orders are due on the 12th for elementary school*
- *Middle school basketball sign-ups are going to come out next week*

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**Preschool Representative** **Caitlin Carr**

- *No Report*

**Reports of Officers**

**President's Report** **Lauren Craft**

***Congrats and Thanks:***

- *Congratulations to Meg Cameron, Kate Hofland, Anna Kallstrom on a wonderful MaryFair! It is so fun to see our community come together and be supportive of one another and be generous.*
- *Thanks to Katie Lane for the very successful Chik-Fil-A Fundraiser and the Hospitality chairs for feeding our teachers through the fundraiser - and also stocking the lounge!*
- *Kudos to Christian Ministry for an excellent Saint Jude week, fundraiser and walk/run event!*
- *Thanks shirt slinger for Saint Jude shirts, volleyball shirts, cross country shirts and more!*
- *Thanks to Mira Georgy for coming up with ideas on how to make President a role that is simple to take on! We are re-starting the Event Programming Committee to support the Spring Picnic and hopefully the Welcome Back Picnic. We may ask for someone to take the lead on the 1st Day of School Donuts as well.*
- *Athletic Coordinators do a nice job of setting up the soccer fields, thanks to that work over the summer that is effective throughout the school year.*

***ParentSquare Communications:***

- *Committee Leads that need to post to the whole school will now have the ability to do so following this meeting. I will reach out to each of your committees to choose one member who wants posting abilities. I will give that final sheet to the administration who will grant you ParentSquare access to the whole school.*

***Financial Updates:***

- *Remember to take a picture of your receipt and send it immediately to Principal Lewis and HS Treasurer.*
- *Thanks to Trunk or Treat for sending us a few things to order! Hopefully that felt seamless so far.*

***Email Addresses:***

- *The following committees have email addresses. Please meet with Sarah Edwards to ensure you have the correct password for them and please begin to use these going forward.*
  - *hs.heartwarmers@schoolofsaintmary.com*
  - *hs.fieldtrips@schoolofsaintmary.com*
  - *hs.grants@schoolofsaintmary.com*
  - *hs.yearbook@schoolofsaintmary.com*
  - *hs.spiritwear@schoolofsaintmary.com*
  - *hs.giftcards@schoolofsaintmary.com*
  - *hs.president@schoolofsaintmary.com*
  - *hs.secretary@schoolofsaintmary.com*
  - *hs.treasurer@schoolofsaintmary.com*
  - *hs.trunkortreat@schoolofsaintmary.com*
  - *hs.vice@schoolofsaintmary.com*
- *Kate Hofland attended the Online Safety Speaker, Ben Tracy.*

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- *Kate Hofland-I was blown away by the presentation and would like to see us utilize grant money for bringing in speakers of this nature.*
- *Key Takeaways:*
  - *Easing into technology for kids is vital.*
  - *Parents cannot assume in our "Catholic bubble" that our kids are safe from cyberbullying or predators online.*
  - *It is very important to "create pods" of kids/parents that are resisting social media/smart phone usage so that it is less isolating for families.*
  - *AI also has so much unknown still, and adults do not know how to handle it so why should kids be expected to?*

**VP Ways and Means** **OPEN**

- *We are looking for a VP. If you are interested, please let me know.*

**Secretary** **Erin Brock-Atwood**

- *Minutes were posted to ParentSquare and no objections were noted. Minutes were then adopted and provided to Sarah Edwards for posting and filing.*
  - *We will talk to Pat about linking to the minutes on ParentSquare*

**Treasurer** **Katie Warne**

- *Please continue to include me and Mr. Lewis in all emails regarding your committee's purchases with a photo of your receipts. You are all doing fantastic and it has been so helpful in reconciling our records with the church.*
- *Please view the link below for our full budget. The tabs on the bottom include pages with budgets for each subcommittee. Please let me know if you believe I have made an error in tracking.*
- *The Treasurer also briefly went over the attached budget tracking file with the attendees.*

2026 2027 HS Budget to Actuals Tracking Live File.xlsx

**Advisor** **Michelle Walker**

- *No Report*

**School Board Representative** **Erin Brock-Atwood**

- *We have 255 enrolled students, which meets our goal for the year.*
- *The first wave of the Strategic Plan has been rolled out and has been largely successful.*
  - *Many groups are shifting focus to their second goals.*
- *We will begin working on the budget next month and will be reviewing our current state to identify areas where improvements can be made going forward.*

## Reports of Committee Chairs

**Grants Coordinator** **Christa Cervantes/Hillary Hauth**

- *Current Grants Budget (after September Grant Approvals)* ***$7,062.23.***
- *Electronic Voting Results since September Meeting:* ***1 Passed/ 0 on Hold/ 0 Failed***
  - *Mrs. Bloomfield's grant was approved unanimously, 25 yes votes. Total:* ***$106.02****.*
  - *Ms. Benford's grant was approved unanimously, 22 yes votes. Total:* ***$62.95****.*
- *The following Grants were presented at tonight's meeting:*
  - ***Mrs. Armstrong*** *has made three separate requests totaling* ***$290.05.***
    - *Nativity Set Supplies (terracotta pots and wooden draw pulls) for* ***$80.24.***
    - *Rosary Supplies (twine and crucifixes) for* ***$188.13****.*
    - *Planter Pots with Saucers for* ***$21.68****.*

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- *Remaining projected balance if all requests approved:* ***$6,772.18.***

**Athletic Coordinator** **Glennis Williams/Sarah Frucci**

- *We are considering getting two more goals for the field via anonymous donation.*

**Bingo Coordinator** **Michelle Walker/Kate Hofland/Katie Schauf**

- *November 20th is the date currently*

**Buddy Family Coordinator** **Hailey McDuffie**

- *No Report*

**Campus Beautification** **Kate Hofland**

- *No Report*

**Crest Merchandise/Spirit Wear** **Casey Thul/Caitlin Carr/Whitney Parr**

- *No Report*

**Christian Ministry** **Laura Andrews/Alison Birnie/Stephanie Traylor**

- *This Our St. Jude fundraiser was a great success!*
  - *In total we raised $5,473.97, up from $4,673.95 last year.*
  - *Thank you to everyone who pitched in for this great cause.*
  - *The walk had more SOSM participants than in many years past, largely thanks to the efforts of Shawna Rocco and Lauren Craft to coordinate soccer schedules with MTSC.*
  - *Please let us know if you have any ideas for St. Jude next year!*
- *First grade students recently visited the Outreach Center.*

***Upcoming Christian Ministry Events by Class:***

- *Oct 6- 2nd grade field trip to Meals on Wheels*
- *Oct 13- 8th Grade visits Catholic Charities to work in the garden and the Market*
- *Oct 14- 3rd grade visits Ronald McDonald House*
- *Oct 21- 5th grade walk and talk at the Gathering Place*
- *Oct 27- 1st grade pack blessing bags for COSMO*
- *Oct 29- 7th grade hosts the Encore Fall Luncheon*
- *Oct 29- 6th grade visits Little Light House and shares in Praise and Worship with their LLH buddies*

- *Thank you to everyone who has signed up to volunteer for field trip transportation and chaperoning. We rely heavily on our parents to help make our service field trips possible!*

**Event Coordinator** **Dalia Georgy/Annalee Webb**

- *This Committee has offered to coordinate the Spring Picnic and possibly the Welcome Back picnic.*

**Father Daughter Dance** **Michelle Walker/Rachel Hiles**

- *Scheduled for April 9, 2027. Please let me know if you know of any conflicts.*

**Field Day** **Julie Uriarte/Michelle Walker**

- *No Report.*

**[Enrichment] Field Trips** **Wendy Alexander/Lauren Craft**

- *Preschool is heading for the Pumpkin Patch!*
- *We are waiting for other teachers to respond.*
  - *Unfortunately, we have only had three responses after sending the form three times.*
  - *Wondering if there is something amiss.*
  - *Mrs. Descher is hoping to take 8th grade to OKC.*

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**Grandparents' Day** — **Mira Georgy/Stephanie Harrison**

- *No Report*

**Heartwarmers** — **Megan Hoffman**

- *No Report*

**Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation** — **Caitlin Carr/Corinn Castro**

- *Stocking the lounge has been fun and we have had a great response with it!*
  - *We provided lunch for the teachers on the Chick-fil-A fundraiser day and they enjoyed it!*
  - *We have some fun ideas for different teacher lunches for the fall*

**Mother Son Game Night** — **Hailey McDuffie/Katie Lane/Meg Cameron**

- *No Report*

**Pizza Day** — **Glennis Williams/Danielle Morelli**

- *No Report*

**RaiseRight** — **Katie Schauf/Michelle Walker**

- *No Report*

**Restaurant Night/Fundraisers** — **Katie Lane**

- *The September Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night was our biggest restaurant fundraiser to date!*
  - *It was also the locations largest spirit night to date, as well!*
  - *We raised **$1,083.00** for SOSM!!*
  - *Thank you to everyone who participated and helped promote this event!*
- *Working to plan the second quarter fundraiser*
  - *Considering Chipotle or Taziki's again, since these have been strong fundraisers in the past.*
  - *We could also try Raisin' Canes on 41st and Peoria*
    - *Preferences? Taziki's is preferred for the next one, and possibly Cane's for the next quarter*

**Spirit** — **Meg Cameron/Lauren Brauchie**

- *First Popcorn Day is October 9.*

**Tennis Tournament** — **Meredith O'Hare/Kendall Mordhorst**

- *The Saint Mary Tennis Classic will be held on April 23, 2027, at LaFortune Tennis Center.*

**Trivia Night** — **Maggie Gabel/Megan Neely**

- *Trivia Night will be held on February 5, 2027.*
  - *Theme Ideas- Sports teams, Famous Couples…seeking more ideas!*

**Trunk or Treat** — **Margo Griffin/Kristyn Dixon/Stephanie Harrison**

- *Trunk Or Treat has 11 trunks so far and needs another 8-10 trunks*
  - *We are waiting to hear back from The Knights of Columbus to help us provide hot dogs, chips, and water for the event.*
  - *Inflatable Ski Ball and Soccer, and cone races are booked for the field*
  - *Moving the music to the top of the portico this year*
  - *Candy Donations start in the Church on Sunday and in the School on October 19th.*

**Uniform Cart** — **Emily Reh**

- *Several uniform Items were donated and selected during parent teacher conferences. The new location for the uniform cart seems to be working!*

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**Yearbook** **Kate Hofland**

- *The Yearbook cover contest is underway and I'm excited to see what our eighth graders submit.*
  - *Parents, please continue to submit photos to the Yearbook!*
    - *You can email or text pics to me: saintmary.yearbook@gmail.com OR (414) 828-8282.*
    - *If anyone has pictures of their kiddos from the MaryFair picnic, I'd love to have those for the MaryFair spread.*
    - *I will be emailing Homeroom Parents this week reminding them about their album folders and where they can drop images.*
  - *We have Halloween class parties approaching and each grade should have one parent volunteer assigned to photograph the festivities. Thank you!*

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:22 PM**

**Next Meeting will be November 3, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the Maria Goretti Room**