



## *St. Al's PTO Meeting Minutes September 1, 2021 - General Assembly Meeting*

### *Attendees*

- Leah Slicer (President)
- Joe Shece
- Katie Droppelman
- Soula Walls
- Joe Curry
- Vicki Harrell
- Ella George
- Eileen Schweinberg
- Mary Stas (Rec. Secretary)
- Susan Meymann
- Caitlin Wright (Vice President)
- Heidi Burdsall (Treasurer)
- Amanda Couch (Spirit Wear/Hospitality)
- Hayley Dolan
- Autumn Koch (Ways and Means)
- Melissa Tenhunfeld (Asst. Media Relations/After School Programs)
- Sandy Russell
- Kiera Gibbons
- Others in attendance via Zoom at various times

*Absent board members - Nicole Gulley, Amanda Rice, and Jeni Prosser*

### *Agenda*

- **Prayer (Leah Slicer)**
- **Remarks from Mr. Auer**
  - Gratitude for all PTO does to help out
  - Appreciates all of Leah's emails (for now)
- **Welcome from PTO President Leah Slicer**
  - Introduction of board
  - Importance of volunteers - support the school through fundraising and helping at school
  - Vision and goals - Make our children's experience at St. Al's the best it can be.
- **Ways and Means - Autumn Koch**
  - Little Caesars - start 9/20 - pick up will be Oct 29th
  - Greeting Cards Fundraisers - \$30 box of greeting cards. School gets back \$10-15 per box
  - Dine to Donate - 9/21 F&NGoode Chicken. All set with all of the other months. Tried to find local places to eat this year to support local business owners.
  - Kroger Rewards - just got \$866 our largest check yet from them!
    - REMIND people it does NOT take away from their fuel points or discounts.
    - Go to church to invite people/help people sign up

- Box tops - encourage people to use the app
- Coke Rewards - prefer people scan their own codes
- **Hospitality and Spirit Wear - Amanda Couch**
  - Orders are delayed should be coming soon
  - Hoping to get the last of the PTO shirt order forms in ASAP to order shirts for the students.
  - Bringing back the Gator Bones shirt! - pre order in september \$20
  - Main school teacher's lounge is stocked. Will be stocking the preschool soon.
- **After School Programs - Melissa Tenhunfeld**
  - Yoga - September
    - Yoga by Bridget
    - Out of Harrison, OH will come to school on September 20 and 22nd for 4th-8th grade; September 27 and 29th for K-3rd.
    - \$10 per child per session.
    - Need at least 6 students per class to cover the costs
    - Information will be in Gator Gazette
  - Enriching Kidz - handout
    - October 20 and 27th Home Alone Class for grades 4-6th
    - October 12th and 19th Study Skills Class for grades 3-6th
    - \$25 per class (\$50 to attend both Home Alone Sessions or Both Study Skills Sessions. \$100 to attend all 4 sessions).
    - 2 hours right after school would be in lieu of aftercare costs for people during this time.
  - Pottery
    - Flyer ready for November classes
    - \$40 all 4 sessions
    - K-8
    - October 27th, November 3, 10, 17
    - She brings all materials, sets up, helps clean up, and leaves.
    - May need some volunteers to help out (Leah and Heidi available if needed)
  - Lego Club
    - 8 weeks
    - \$10 for all 8 weeks
    - Need donations of legos specifically the large plates to build on
    - Program from lego (but no free legos from lego)
    - Runs from Jan 5th to Wednesday before Easter.
  - Girl Scouts - Katie Macke
    - Coordinating for K-1st grade troop

- Girls on the Run
  - \$160 per girl
  - Includes new shoes and swag
  - Looking for sponsorships - Any volunteers interested in finding partnerships please contact Melissa
  - Already have one company sponsoring someone
- Drama Club
  - This was suggested at the meeting
  - School has props and costumes
  - Need someone to step up and run
  - PTO is not sure if this is a PTO thing or a school run thing
- Special thanks to Melissa for coordinating and spearheading all of this for our kids!
- **Diversity and Inclusion - Mary Stas**
  - All books were delivered from last year's book drive.
  - We need a VOLUNTEER to catalog the books for Preschool
  - Bulletin Board - at the bottom of the middle stairwell we are using a bulletin board to promote inclusion and celebrate diversity.
  - Upcoming Dates:
    - Positive Thinking Day 9/13 - we have half sheets of paper for students to write or draw something that promotes positive thinking on it. Then invite them to display these throughout the school for the month.
    - Native American Day 9/25 - We will have a flyer celebrating famous inventions and people from Native American history in the Gazette and shared over announcements.
    - Custodial Workers Day 10/2 - Banner of thanks for all the people who keep our facilities clean and well maintained
    - Make a Difference Day is 10/23 - NEED HELP with this.
- **Upcoming Events**
  - Trunk or Treat - Amanda and Hayley
    - 10/22 in the Preschool Lot 6:30-7:30
    - Signup Genius will come out - only 20 spots will be available
    - Hand Sanitizer will be available
    - Needs to be wrapped candy - no loose homemade items
    - Afterwards - Family Halloween movie in the undercroft
    - Movie will be from 7:45-9
    - Signup with number of people and snacks (popcorn and hot cocoa will be available for purchase for \$1 each).
    - Any volunteers must be SafeParish trained

- Preschool Grandparents/Special Persons Day is postponed
- Veterans Day - PTO provides donuts, Coffee, Flags, Pictures Mr. Shea coordinates the event
- Wiseman Gift Shop - 1st week of December? NEED VOLUNTEER TO LEAD
- Breakfast with Santa - NEED VOLUNTEER TO LEAD
- **School Liaison - Amanda Rice**
  - Room parents should be contacted this week.
  - Change the way we collect information for next year
  - Join Facebook Class Pages (8th Grade graduating year from St. Al's) - room parents will be made admins
- **Looking ahead 2022**
  - 1/30-2/4 - Catholic Schools Week
  - 2/14 - Valentine's Parties (Room Parents)
  - 4/8 - Gator Call
  - 4/29 - K-8 Special Persons/Grandparents Day - PTO provides coffee, juice, donuts
  - 5/2-5/6 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
  - TBD - Gator Walk
  - 5/23 - Field Day - PTO provides popsicles
  - 5/26 - 8th grade graduation
  - TBD - Tie Dye event and Schools Out Bash!
- **OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION**
  - VOLUNTEERING
    - Lots of discussion on recruitment of volunteers
    - Safe Parish training is online, easy to do - MUST COMPLETE in order to volunteer in the school or at school events (field trips, parties, etc)
    - Talk of incentivizing volunteerism
      - SafeParish Raffle
      - Volunteer Days = extra entries
      - Check with local places for gift cards for raffle
    - NEED HELP in the cafeteria and recess - signup genius for time slots. Need information from Mr. Auer and Jesse Armstrong as to how many people they need and at what times.