



*St. Al's PTO Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 12, 2022*

Attendance - Leah Slicer, Mary Stas, Erin Gassett, Katie Macke, Melissa Tenhundfeld, Vicki Harrell, Caitlin Wright, Amanda Rice, Heidi Burdsall, Kathy Hicks, Nicole Gulley

Agenda

- Prayer (Leah Slicer)
- President Report - Leah Slicer
- Amanda Howell was the winner of the \$100 Happy Hangout gift card for the month of December. Thank you for volunteering!
- **Still need volunteers for cafeteria and recess duty.** This helps our teaching staff immensely.
- Keep up with bulletins on SafeParish
- New Program
 - The Greater Gator & The Greater Gator Educator
 - Boxes are available in the preschool and main building for nominations! Nomination forms went home with students last week. Winners will be announced on the last school day of each month.
 - Balloons, \$10 graeter's gift card
- 2022-2023 Available Board Positions
 - Several positions on the board will be up for election this Spring.
 - Available positions will be announced in April
- **Gator Gala**
 - Sandi Staud, update - Sandi is under the weather.
 - stopped in school to get kids excited
 - baskets for gala - PTO spiritwear basket! - exclusive items!
- **Treasurer Report**
 - Update
 - Dine to donate- hoped to make \$1200 for the year, Made \$1100 already
 - Made \$2300 from Breakfast with Santa
 - Wisemen Gift Shop - \$500, if we sign up by the end of January then get extra 5% back, voted yes to a contract
 - will discuss treat cart with Autumn

- Gator Walk

- Fall 2022 - usually planned about 6 months in advance, need to form a committee asap
- (EMAIL Leah Slicer to join)**
- Largest fundraiser for the PTO
 - Looking at it being in September - One GIANT fundraiser
 - Corporate and family sponsors, each child raises \$\$ - levels, signs, shirts, color stations, etc. Look to our small businesses in OUR greater gator community!
 - Looking to set up meetings with leads at other schools who have been successful at this type of event.
 - **Need those with fundraising experience to help in the planning**
 - Minimal fundraisers for the rest of the year other than quarterly dine to donates, Breakfast with Santa and Little Caesars in the spring.
 - Color run idea - arrange with park district at Fernbank. Through a company.
 - White tees St. Al's Color run/walk
 - Prize tiers - t shirt, tutu, rainbow powder
 - Once it gets on the calendar sports can commit to being game free that day.
 - Corporate Sponsors lead the color stations

**Rotation for fundraising options - yankee candle, little cesars, mumkins etc.

- Hospitality and Spirit Wear - Amanda Couch

- Update
- Stock the teachers lounge - need to do this again. **Create a Signup genius for this**
- Spiritwear shop for Spring orders

- Upcoming Events

- Catholic Schools Week
 - 1/30-2/4
 - Schedule will be sent home with students the week prior.
 - Lunch provided for teachers 2/3/22(TBD) Dewey's Pizza and salad donated
- 12:17inch rounds
- Raptors (Monday pre-3rd) and MMA (Tuesday 4-8)
 - Treat Cart (Friday of that week)
 - Out of uniform all week with themed days - send to Kathy and Stephanie
 - superhero/disney
 - pjs
 - spiritwear
 - wacky mismatched
 - sports team
 - Treat at lunch provided for all students 2/2/22 (popsicles - Wednesday)
 - **Need volunteers to assist with events during the week**
 - every child gets a pop-it keychain with St. Al's logo (Pre-8th)

- 8th grade vs Teachers volleyball/ eclipse ball game every quarter or period pulled kids from each grade K-8 to play minute to win it or relays.

- Open House

- Sunday, January 30th 11am-1:30pm

- Signs will be available in the pick up line starting tomorrow.

Please grab one!

- **Need volunteers:**

- **Will need to wear a mask if you are volunteering**

- **Sign up genius will go out for families to Volunteer.**

- **Registration and PTO table**

- **Tour Guides**

- **Preschool has volunteers already.**

- **Looking ahead 2022**

- 1/30-2/4 - Catholic Schools Week

- 2/12 - Gator Gala

- 2/14 - Valentine's Parties (Room Parents)

- 4/8 - Gator Call - has been covid canceled in past. Loud fun! During Fish fry season aka Lent - Fish Fry is strictly carry out this year.

- fish fry and then in gym buy NOT Bingo bingo cards. So many for a certain \$ amount. Announce numbers, prizes were boxes of candy bars. Spin the wheel with Sandi (Mark) win putt putt gift cards and candy and other prizes. Each class created baskets, but they are doing that for Gala.... More of a FUN raiser as well. \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5 - bingo cards in closet, chips - MOVE TO END OF THE YEAR BASH - saturday at the end of the year.

- 4/29 - K-8 Special Persons/Grandparents Day - PTO provides coffee, juice, donuts (Kathy will ask about this and let us know. Book fair during this time - will likely need help with this), baseball themed book fair Mr. RED came and took pictures with grandparents and kids. Maybe think of a theme and a mascot that can come.

- 5/2-5% - Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week - **will discuss at future meetings please come!**

- 5/23 - Field Day - PTO provides popsicles, Mr. Jones coordinates

- 5/26 - 8th grade graduation

- TBD - Tie Dye event and Schools Out Bash! - tossing around the ideas. Autumn Koch is leading tie Dye. Want to focus our attention on Gator Walk before the Schools Out Bash. Tie Dye event is more of a FUN raiser rather than a fundraiser. If interested reach out to Autumn.

OPEN FLOOR DISCUSSION

- March 26th - cornhole tournament for St. Al's families combo with PTO and Athletics

- Play is April 9th and 10th - should move

- Chili cookoff with 3 guest judges

- adult scavenger hunt with the cookoff

- NYE party

- Ladies Night

- Leah will look into dates for end of the year Gator Call

NEXT BOARD MEETING - Wednesday February 9th, 2022