



## *St. Al's PTO Board Meeting Minutes October 13, 2021*

### *Attendees*

- Leah Slicer (President)
- Mary Stas (Rec. Secretary)
- Caitlin Wright (Vice President)
- Amanda Couch (Spirit Wear/Hospitality)
- Melissa Tenhundfeld (Asst. Media Relations/After School Programs)
- Autumn Koch (Ways and Means)
- Nicole Gulley
- Heidi Burdsall (Treasurer)
- Hayley Dolan
- Amanda Rice (virtual)

*Absent board members - Kiera Gibbons and Jeni Prosser*

### *Agenda*

- **Prayer (Leah Slicer)**
- **President Report - Leah Slicer**
  - Cafeteria and Recess - Several new volunteers. Need to keep encouraging families to sign up to help. *Would like to add to the PTO update in the Gazette*
  - Hayley Dolan was the winner of the \$100 Volunteer of the month GC.
    - How do we want to determine the winner each month? *Decided to continue as is and announce at the start of the month. Using random name generator online.*
  - **Keep up with bulletins on SafeParish**
  - Prosser Family - Send gift from PTO - *basket of goodies/snacks for easy consumption as they travel to and from the NICU and gift card with a card.*
  - Events need to have a Lead and Co-Lead...Co-lead will be the lead the following year. - *big events are a 2 year commitment for example Breakfast with Santa. Katie Droppelman is leading and Amanda Rice will co-lead (Lead next year). Melissa T said she would cook.*
  - New Program
    - The Greater Gator
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      - Monthly prizes are awarded to two students who exude these traits

- G-Gracious
- A-Admirable
- T-Terrific
- O-Outstanding
- R- Respectful
- Students and staff can nominate students all month long when they exhibit the behavior of The Greater Gator. **PTO Board would then choose two winners each month and present them with prizes.** Would we prefer for the faculty to decide?
- Balloons, gift card to Graeters (\$10), card, student gets an out of uniform pass, etc. They will also get their photo up for a month in our main hallways explaining why they were the Greater Gator for the month.
- *Found a sponsor for this - the Metz family with Metzcors will donate \$100 a month to spend for this. Metzcors is an organization that celebrates adults with "exceptionalities" and promotes that everyone has gifts to share. Thanks to the Metz family for their mission and support!*
- *Added Greater Gator Educator - gift card (donated), t-shirt made by Autumn Koch "Greater Gator Educator"*
- *Balloons, Gator outfit, kazoos, and fanfare etc.*
- *Need 2 boxes made for submissions and submission forms created.*
- Requires a board vote:
  - Switching spiritwear printer to Underground Sports Shop
    - *Board voted to switch companies due to desire to partner with other local catholic schools in the area and their best practices regarding spirit wear.*
  - Allowing employees of the school or parish to hold PTO board positions
    - *Board voted to change by laws and allow school employees on the board.*
  - *Also voted to void checks from last year for teachers that did not cash them and re-issue those checks for this year.*
- **Treasurer Report**
  - Update
    - Total dues paid this year - \$2,700. Goal was \$2,800
    - Last year collected \$2,545 in dues.
    - \$511 - K and 1 Field Trip was in budget
    - Add after school programming line for budget - money will be paid in, but paid right out to vendors. We do NOT make money off of after school programming.
- **Ways and Means - Autumn Koch**
  - Little Caesars - Update on total sales, profit and winners.
    - Last day to order was October 14th. Cannot accept any more orders.
    - Delivery will be on the 29th at noon. Pickup is from 2-6pm.

- *Made \$3012 which included some donations!*
- *Fraze and Keys classes won the pizza parties - looking to get pizza from Marcos*
- *Emma Collins was the top seller in 7th grade! Way to go Emma!*
- *Reflections for next time, will run longer than 2 weeks, may not do a dine to donate that month. Don't want to ask for too much all at once*
- *Dine to Donate - 10/12 Ron's Roost - made \$250 and they would like us to come again!*
- *F&N Goode Chicken we made \$87 for Dine to Donate*
- *Code Ninja's AND Jet's in November on the 16th.*
  - *Code Ninjas, scan and sign up for a spot. \$15/person school makes \$10 from that. Save the Date going out in the Gazette*
- **Hospitality and Spirit Wear - Amanda Couch**
  - *PTO sponsored spirit wear - Ready end of next week! woohoo!*
  - *Gator Bones shirts- Will be in the week of October 25th*
  - *Switching printers - PTO voted to switch printers to Underground. There will now be shows for spiritwear and not a constant website. One show in the Winter, one Spring, and one Fall. Shows run 2 weeks. Specialty shirts will still be available and those shows will run 1 week. This is what other catholic schools in the area are doing and it works well for them.*
- **After School Programs - Melissa Tenhundfeld**
  - *Parents Night Out -*
    - *This is a GO! December 3rd or 10th*
    - *\$15-20/kid, discounts for multiple children.*
    - *4 years old up to 5th Grade*
    - *6pm-9pm*
    - *Must be potty trained*
    - *Games, pizza, movie*
    - *Looking for SafeParish trained volunteers and have some high school students helping for service hours.*
  - *Yoga - NO LONGER DOING BECAUSE WE COULDN'T get exact info from leader.*
  - *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. - no minimum number of kids, but only have a few signed up at this time*

- Pottery
  - Flyer ready for November classes - *29 people signed up!*
  - \$40 all 4 sessions
  - K-8
  - October 27th, November 3, 10, 17 from 3:30-4:30
  - She brings all materials, sets up, helps clean up, and leaves.
  - May need some volunteers to help out (Leah and Heidi available if needed) - Amanda Couch is in on this.
- Lego Club
  - 8 weeks
  - \$10 for all 8 weeks - *possibly paying one month at a time. The money is for the purchase of lego pieces.*
  - Need donations of legos specifically the large plates to build on
    - *need 30, have 10*
  - Program from lego (but no free legos from lego)
  - Runs from Jan 5th to Wednesday before Easter.
  - *\$300 donation from Gorilla Glue for after school programming that we can use for this as well. Thanks!*
- Girl Scouts - Katie Macke
  - Coordinating for K-1st grade troop - *first meeting is Monday Oct 18th!*
- Girls on the Run - end of February
  - \$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 to participate
- Drama Club - Melissa Goldsberry is interested in coordinating will meet with Mr. Auer and Leah
  - This was suggested at the meeting
  - School has props and costumes
  - PTO is not sure if this is a PTO thing or a school run thing
- Pound Generation - Kiera G - *flyer coming out, \$50 for 5 weeks Jan 10th-Feb 7th.*
- Tap and Ballet - Registration forms went out last week. Starts November 3rd. *-aftercare students will be picked up and dropped off. Will work around schedules with kids in pottery as well.*
- **Diversity and Inclusion - Mary Stas**
  - Make a Difference Day is 10/23 - Update
    - *Beth Nieman and Kiera Gibbons are leading Make a Difference*

*Day. Trying to just keep it simple and an encouraging challenge for the school community. How can you make a difference in your world today?*

### **- Upcoming Events**

- Trunk or Treat - Amanda and Hayley
  - 10/22 in the Preschool Lot 6:30-7:30
  - Hand Sanitizer will be available
  - Afterwards - Family Halloween movie in the undercroft
  - Movie will be from 7:45-9 - Hotel Transylvania
  - Signup with number of people and snacks (popcorn and hot cocoa will be available for purchase for \$1 each/ \$2 for the package deal. Send to school in an envelope CANNOT take cash at an event. No outside food or drinks allowed).
  - Any volunteers must be SafeParish trained
  - NEED VOLUNTEERS - help directing traffic into the lot, hand sanitizer stations 2, Cleanup from lot to cafeteria, path lights, check in, hot chocolate popcorn. - Need at least 5 volunteers Amanda to create Sign up Genius for opportunities to help.
  - Popcorn - amanda has it, Jodi has a popcorn maker, Melissa has igloo coolers, need to get hot chocolate (Jodi will pickup)Need cups. Food safe.
  - *Nicole Rottmueller Jones doing decorations. Lot is full!*
- Veterans Day
  - Leah meeting and coordinating efforts with Mr. Shea.
- Wiseman Gift Shop - 1st week of December? NEED VOLUNTEER TO LEAD - *Caitlin Wright volunteered to Lead, needs co-lead*
- Breakfast with Santa - Katie Droppelman is the lead, need someone with experience with the event to co-lead - 2 pancakes, fruit, sausage, juice coffee Amanda and Melissa can assist if needed (bring on a group to help) - *Amanda Rice is going to co lead.*

### **- School Liaison - Amanda Rice**

- Spreadsheet of helpers from PTO forms - put in Google Drive
- Halloween Parties
- Ensuring all room parents are safe parish trained.

### **- 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**
  - Parents Night Out - Seton or Mercy sitters for service hours, gym, pizza, movies, volunteer adult supervision. Rotation of parent volunteers - Check with Ken. - *Ken approved.*
  - Braid Bar - family night - Jodi can help teach braiding.
  - Would like to discuss utilizing sponsors within the PTO - Field Day - sponsoring games or shirts, etc. Open to ideas for how that would work.
  - *Recycling - Hayley Dolan enthusiastically wants to have this at our school. Will be meeting with Mr. Auer to discuss. "Aluminum is forever." - Caitlin Wright*

NEXT BOARD MEETING - Wednesday November 10th