

**Magdalen PTO Meeting**  
**Sept 2, 2009**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tina Collins, Christy Waner, Wendy Johnson, Joan Ackerman, Jacki Gimino, Jeanie Andrist, Virginia Wright, Janice Palmer, Kay Hallacy, Kim Orr, Lina Antoun, Dianne Kilby, Wendy Prue, Michael Prue, Kate Higgins, Paula Rader, Mike Stochl, Andrea Mitchell-Drinnen, Debbie Bowman, Nikki Omenski, Lori Scheidel, Krista Wolff, Emily Bezdek, Annette Duncan, Su Henderson, Ann Rudy, Jessica Collins, Fran Wuestewald, Vivian Pham, Cindy Herman, Dan Herman

**OPENING PRAYER:** Christy Waner, Co-President, led us in a Hail Mary prayer.

**WELCOME:** Christy Waner welcomed those present and introductions were made.

**PRESIDENT REPORT:** Tina Collins, Co-President, Explained the new Minute Policy i.e. PTO meeting minutes will not be read in the next meeting, but will be posted in the PTO section of the school website and any corrections can either be emailed to the Secretary (Jacki Gimino, [maam77@pacbell.net](mailto:maam77@pacbell.net)) or brought to the next meeting. PTO received many Thank You notes for their assistance last year. The Artesia Fundraiser from April 2009 will cover PTO expenses this year w/ the extra funds going toward the purchase of a stage in the Parish Hall. There is parish wide interest in a stage and Rob Knapp is checking into prices.

**VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:** There is still an opening for the Welcoming Chair. Their responsibilities are to welcome new school families and pair an existing family in the same classroom to ease the transition.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Joan Ackerman read the Treasurer report including the proposed budget for this year. A question arose regarding Helping Hands/Condolence fund. Joan will clarify w/ the former Treasurer and the line item will be adjusted if necessary.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** None

**PRINCIPAL REPORT:** Janice Palmer addressed the following: Requests students have for AR tests should be given to their Teacher by Friday, Sept. 4 and the teachers will have a chance to request classroom playground balls. The year is off to a great start. There is a new Spanish teacher—Susan Kleber. It is illegal to stop on 21<sup>st</sup> Street to let traffic turn into the school and doing so creates a hazard now that the road is two lanes.

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR:** No report. It was noted that you can serve lunch or recess duty or you can do both.

**HOSPITALITY:** Jeanie Andrist reported that popsicle sales for the first Wonderful Wednesday went well. Jeanie requested that teachers be sent an email that they need to collect the money for pre-orders. Popcorn will be done in November. The teacher

brunch went well. A question arose if pretzels should be kept as a Wonderful Wednesday item.

**AR STORE:** The first AR Store is on 9/14. The theme this year is “Racing to Read”. The all-school point goal for this year is 24,000. If the goal is met the students will get a reward at the end of the year.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION GROUP(TAG):** Lina Antoun and Kelli Conover are co-chairs. Lina reported on TAG’s responsibilities, i.e. small teacher gifts every month and birthday gifts. Pies will be given again at Thanksgiving time. Their first meeting is at 2:15 on 9/8.

**SPIRIT WEAR:** There are some extra items left over for purchase. A new order will be done in November.

**PARISH PICNIC:** Debbie Bowman is the Chair. The Picnic starts at 3PM on Sept. 27. PTO runs the 3 to 4 inflatables, the cotton candy, and the sno-cone machine. Fran Wuestewald suggested doing the cotton candy ahead of time. Ask older kids who need service hours to make sno cones and paint faces. Some games will be available. A sign up sheet was sent around during the meeting for volunteers to help. The inflatables should be designated by age appropriateness and adults should supervise them. Debbie would contact others that would help with organization.

**BOX TOPS:** Ann Rudy, Chair, will award individuals from each class monthly. The box tops can be turned in throughout the year and the class who turned in the most at the end of the year will win a reward.

**ARTESIA:** Artesia’s first meeting will be on Sept. 17 at 1:30 in the Cafeteria. The event will be on Saturday, April 10. Let Molly Loehr and Denice Strickland, co-chairs, know if you are interested in helping.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mike Prue is a member of the Pastoral Council and wanted to let PTO know that he is available to take any of their concerns to the council. There are Pastoral Council positions open, if interested. A question arose about the East Side Task Force on schools and although it is not a Pastoral Council responsibility, Mike said that issues with the east side schools are still being discussed. The next PTO meeting will be at 8AM in the morning on October 7. Mom’s Day Out asked permission to use the Cotton Candy maker to help Resurrection on Sept. 20.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Christy led us in an Our Father.