

Magdalen PTO Meeting
October 1, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dianne McCully, Tina Collins, Stephanie Nichols, Jacki Gimino, Molly Loehr, Christy Waner, Kim Orr, Kelli Kerschen, Paula Rader, Ann Rudy, Janice Palmer, Shala Hoffmann, Heather Barleen, Khanh Nguyen, Marie Robert, Kale Collins, Amy Brown, Jessica Collins, Krista Wolff, Nicola Lopez, Kristen Schmitz, Denice Strickland, Fr. Pat

OPENING PRAYER: Dianne McCully led us in Mary Magdalen prayer.

WELCOME: Dianne McCully, President welcomed those present and introductions were made.

PRESIDENT REPORT: Dianne asked for a volunteer to make the PTO poster for the Parish Stewardship Committee's "Ministry of the Week".

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: No report.

TREASURER REPORT: Stephanie Nichols went over the expenses/profit sheet regarding the activities that have occurred this year.

SECRETARY REPORT: Jacki Gimino read the minutes from the September PTO Meeting, which were approved. She then reported that the school Directory was being printed and should be received shortly. A question arose about email addresses in the Directory. Denice Strickland suggested an addendum

PRINCIPAL REPORT: Janice Palmer addressed the following: 549 students enrolled, a thank you for the popcorn donated, MAP assessment is for K-8 and scores will be given at conferences, conference sign up is on Oct. 13, conferences are on Oct. 30 & 31, no school Oct. 20, Great Pumpkin is Oct. 30 along with the class parties, 4th & 5th grade musical will be on Oct. 16 @7PM, grade cards will be handed out Oct. 22, suggestions were asked for in regards to online pictures being more readily available i.e. Shutterfly or similar service—it was suggested to contact Trina Sanders and members thought the idea should be pursued—a nominal fee was discussed to pay for the service.

PARISH PICNIC: Dianne reported the Parish Picnic was a success. The bouncers were donated by the McNeil Family. Noelle Brawner did a great job organizing the PTO's portion of the picnic.

HOSPITALITY: The first Wonderful Wednesday was a success. It was questioned whether more ice pops were needed, but the next event will be popcorn, which will require more volunteers.

FALL FUNDRAISER: Jessica Collins addressed the following: Entertainment Books were over and raised \$1600, Sally Foster kicks off Oct. 2 and includes cookie dough which has a separate order form, \$16,000 was raised last year, with the addition of cookie dough it is hoped that

another \$1000 will be added, an all school assembly would start the fundraiser off and a description of the activities and selling awards were given, orders are due Oct. 17 and will be delivered in November.

GALA: Denice Strickland will co-chair with Molly Loehr. Denice addressed: putting an ad in the church bulletin, sending emails, creating a link to the school web and placing information at the Bazaar i.e. posters to get the early word out. Molly discussed the following: event name—Magdalen School Gala Event (there was discussion about changing the name), event date—April 18, tentative schedule: cocktails-6:30, Presentation-8, prayer-8:15, live auction-8:30, dessert/coffee/band-9:30. Event activities-prize boxes, silent auction, live auction, heavy hors d’oeuvres at food stations, band. Parishioners, parents invited and it was discussed that we bring PSR into the event as a community builder. Tickets--\$40 or \$350 for an 8 person table, teachers will be half-priced or if they volunteer at the event it will be free, teachers’ tickets being sponsored was suggested. Kelly Kelly will be the point person for classroom art to be auctioned and outside help may be used to create each class project. Theme of the Gala is “Artesia or Art from around the World”, orientation for the art project will be in December and room mothers will be needed to help organize. The sub-committees are mostly staffed, Oct. 6 @ 1:30 solicitation sub-committee will meet, Oct 17 @ 1:30 all Gala mtg., a point person for underwriting is needed, and volunteer opportunities for parents before and at event will be available. Attire will be cocktail for ladies and jackets for men. Proceeds will benefit school technology, and possibly technology for PSR, also giving a percentage to a Catholic charity. Gala Objective: To support and enrich our children and grow our community—tweaking this was discussed.

OTHER: AR store is Oct. 25. Great Pumpkin: will decorate 5 pumpkins and students will buy guesses-\$.25 for 3 to guess total weight of all, top 3 winners get pumpkins and families are asked to donate Halloween items, student names will be drawn to pick winners, Kelly Kelly is in charge.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Tina questioned REACH ability to leave phone messages. Janice said there could be a possible glitch with her machine as others mentioned they had not had problems.

NEW BUSINESS: Fr. Pat addressed: Eastside School Overcrowding Taskforce will meet next week and will be ongoing, happy with the direction of the school, faculty and parent involvement, road construction on 21st will begin in January or February and 127th will open before then. A question arose if the country road off of Greenwich would be paved before that time making pick up and drop off easier. Fr. had no information on that.

CLOSING PRAYER: Janice asked for prayers for Beth Shepard’s family whose niece passed away, and also for Terri Hessman’s nephew who has cancer. Fr. Pat led us in a Hail Mary.