

**Magdalen PTO Meeting  
November 5, 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dianne McCully, Tina Collins, Stephanie Nichols, Jacki Gimino, Christy Waner, Ann Rudy, Janice Palmer, Aimee Dester, Jessica Collins, Wendy Johnson, Stephanie Bartel, Monica Chessmore, Alice Coltrane

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

**WELCOME:** Dianne McCully, President welcomed those present.

**PRESIDENT REPORT:** No Report

**VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:** No report.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Stephanie Nichols went over the expenses/profit sheet regarding the activities that have occurred this year. She also noted that the \$16,000 raised last year included all fundraisers, not just Sally Foster.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Jacki Gimino read the minutes from the October PTO Meeting, which stood as read.

**PRINCIPAL REPORT:** Janice Palmer addressed the following: School Pictures will be available soon on Shutterfly. There is a \$99 start up fee and they will meet on 11/7. Anonymous donor gave money to school for teacher needs and they purchased a new laminator. REACH people suggested setting Answering Machines to 4 or 5 rings to avoid message cutoffs. School is looking to cut costs and asks if the PTO will put their newsletter online as well as adding pertinent information on REACH. Janice will post the PTO minutes. Janice asked how parent reception to REACH was going. A discussion ensued and Aimee Dester explained how the school sets up the REACH messages. Questions regarding REACH: can it be sent only to target audience, better sent at night or day, keep messages shorter but received more often, most pertinent information first in message. Aimee mentioned that Annette Boardman will try to get SCRIP information in the Church Bulletin. Tina Collins suggested selling SCRIP after Mass. She will organize a table before Christmas and ask Father Pat to mention it in announcements.

**HOSPITALITY:** Sarah Hastings reported that they had popped 400 bags of popcorn for Wonderful Wednesday and had 237 pre-orders from PS-5. Grades 6-8 could purchase popcorn after school. Popcorn costs were \$45.40. January 7<sup>th</sup> is next Wonderful Wednesday. Sarah is hoping to get more of her committee involved and extra cookie dough purchased by the PTO will be used to bake cookies for that event. Specific instructions will be sent home to the committee to ensure quality control.

**BOX TOPS:** Boxtops will be collected November 21<sup>st</sup>.

**FALL FUNDRAISER:** Jessica Collins noted that we received around \$13,000 for Sally Foster and that the Cookie Dough sold very well. Pickup will be Nov. 12 and due to the weight of some cookie dough orders, some parents will need to come into the school to pick up their orders. Extra dough was ordered for purchase.

**GALA:** The next meeting will be Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> at the Shadow.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Money is needed for new AR tests and Monica Chessmore made a motion to receive \$400 from the PTO to purchase the tests. Jessica Collins seconded and the motion was approved. Susan Oatsdean is in charge of the Teacher's Christmas Fund. Gala will need some start up fees. The Eastside Taskforce regarding school expansion met and members are gathering information to report on at the next meeting. It is hoped a decision will be reached by April.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Dianne led us in a Hail Mary.

Please see below the attached Gala update for November.



Artesia Update:

Magdalen's Spring Fundraiser is well underway! Plans are being made for the menu for the evening,

decorating ideas, auction items, ticket sales, entertainment, and art projects. There are many people

volunteering on committees, and we Thank them for their hard work! If you are interested in helping

on a committee or are interested in sponsoring/ underwriting part of Artesia, please contact any of the

following committee members:

Sponsorship and Underwriting—Molly Loehr 683-2042, Denice Strickland 636-2286

Auction items—Kate Higgins 295-2665

Art Projects—Kelly Kelly 685-8265

Ticket Sales—Noelle Brawner 775-3303