



PTO

Meeting Minutes

03 SEPTEMBER 2025 / 6:30 PM / In Person & Zoom, School Library

AGENDA

Welcome & Introductions

- Brief welcome from PTO Presidents – Samantha and Erin
- Goals for the year - get as many parents as possible involved - 17 committees to join.
- Introduction of officers and attendees – Marisa, Heather B., Jake, Sylvia, Laura

Treasurer's Report

- Current balance and budget update – Jake and Sylvia
- Fiscal year just finished - \$200K mostly from the Gala

Vice President's Report

- Give Backs update - \$380 from the WindSurge game
- Priority to support Magdalen businesses.
 - Sept. 20: The Arcade
 - October: Marietta Pumpkin Patch
 - November: Kendra Scott
 - December: Oak & Pie
 - April: Social Tap
 - May: Tillie's Floral Shop

Principal's Report

- Grandparents Day is tomorrow and Friday. Please sign up by the deadline. We have over 450 (including kids) signed up per day. Kids meet their grandparents in the Parish Hall. If kids don't have grandparents they will get a treat in the classroom.
- Updates on Lifetouch - use your student IDs to search for your child's picture on www.mylifetouch.com. Picture retake day is Oct. 1 first thing in the morning.
- Gala project review: computer lab tables (brand new), headphones, new mice, 3rd grade received new chromebooks, Johnson's completed the landscaping, Reddi fence completed the fencing and gates (5 total) fence is locked until latchkey - teachers need keys to get in but anyone can get out.
- AR is up and running smoothly. If you still have issues please send Mr. Allen an email to assist. School email account is needed for AR login.
- Hallow app - free content for all students. Great way to pray with your children at home. Can use up to 5 devices.

Committee Chair Updates

- Box Tops – Proxy for Lauren: PP will be sent out weekly along with a QR code, and submit receipts in a timely manner.
- Buddy Families – Marisa and Adriana: Welcome new families to Magdalen. Partnered seasoned families with new families - worked really well! Looking for volunteers toward the end of the year. Will pair you with someone in your child's grade level and give updates monthly. Volunteer culture in our school.
- First Day School Supplies - Ashley: Boxes that you can order ahead of time. Sold 147 for this year. Will work with the same company. No money made this is just a service provided.
- Lunch Room Volunteers - Shelby: Sign up genius to find a time slot.
- MSC Fest – Molly and Nancy: 1.31.26 - host is Mr. Allen. Great ideas forming, join our committee - reach out to Nancy or Molly.
- Respect Life - Marisa: 9.25 at 3:30pm - treat and poster making party for October event. Need volunteers to help the children. Kids get to take the poster to the chain event.
- TAG - Amanda and Heather: Thank you for the help with Back to School breakfast. Fun things in store for the teachers each month, also provide something for the teachers Birthdays.
- Magdalen Bazaar - Andrea: 11.1 9am-3pm. Looking for a marketing volunteer to create advertising/signage, etc. Each family brings at least 2 baked good items, and can bring more if you want. Raffle portion - accepting donations. 5th graders volunteer in the cafeteria.
- Spring Fling - Victoria: Prebooked for this year 5.14 same time as last year.
- Catholic Schools Week: leads up to MCS Fest. The next meeting will have more updates.

New Business

- School Security: Mandated by the State to have fire/tornado/crisis drills at least 3 times per year. One drill practiced this year already. Teachers explained how things could happen and what the class might need to do. Teachers and Admin staff are trained and prepared - they have to make the best decision for themselves and their children. Fight, Flight or Hide.
- Parish side security: Doors locked at 8am for mass. Someone is in the gathering space to answer the door or not. If they don't know you, you don't get in.
- Magdalen keeps safety a top priority.
- Meet with WPD annually and discuss what areas are vulnerable, etc.
- Riot glass on the entrances (3 main entrances) was over \$50K. It is not bullet proof.
- Cameras in all entrances, hallways, outdoor, etc. everywhere but the classrooms and bathrooms.
- Look at the big picture and prioritize what is the best option for the children and the school.
- Survey coming out in regards to Gala funds etc. What do parents want? Be specific and fill it out. That is how funding is distributed.
- Teachers are vigilant about people or cars they do not know. Lots of eyes on campus.

Q&A

- What % of families fill out surveys? 75-100 families fill surveys out.
- Has a security guard been considered? Had one but he retired. Have not looked into another one. Will consult with Father on this.
- Have you discussed with other schools about a guard? No I have not. Could be difficult to find one to cover the entire campus.
- Could there be a committee that is dedicated to security only and for funding just for security? Parents can get involved anytime, we encourage it. It is currently hard to get parents to get involved. Could be a major challenge to accomplish this. Will look into a funding option.
- Cafeteria windows - Maybe not all windows. What are the options? Start saving possibly to get to a better number. Possibly just close the blinds or use a film to distract that there are children in there.
- What do you think resources will look like from the Diocese? It's based on each school individually based on the funds.
- Any communication that would be appropriate for the parents to review with their children? Relay to the children to be calm and listen to their teachers or other admin for directions.
- Do people walk around during mass? Yes we do. We have walkie talkies to communicate to each other. Do church checks, etc.
- Announcement: Parish side - Save the date for 10.11 for the annual parish festival after 4:30pm mass. Face painting and balloon artists.