

St. Malachy PTO Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 8, 2010

1. Welcome

Introduction and Prayers

Do we have a quorum? YES

Officers for 2010-2011:

Laura Sulecki and Diana Jacob-Co-Presidents

Beatrice Bursten-Vice President

Lori VanNoy-Treasurer

Kim Chapman-Secretary

Those attending the meeting were: Kim Chapman, Laura Sulecki, Beatrice Bursten, Denise Bullock, Lori VanNoy, Angela Bostrom, David Smock, Diana Jacob, Heather Ertel, Bobbie Hanny, Kris Leous, Janelle Logan, Michelle Tuttle, Chad Tuttle, Jennifer VanMiegham, David Gordon, Barb Brun, Dana Koester, Tracy Prah, Dawn Hostetler, Tami Scott, Theresa Wynne, Lora Poore, Kathy Copeland, Ruth Dean, Kristi Hinkle, Karin Bell, Becky Walsh, Colleen Sicuso, Susan Basir, Patti Witczak, Amy Gonsowski, Cynthia Burks, Carmen Mendoza, Jen Warner, Darin Odier.

2. Secretary Report-change May minutes to reflect that the \$10,000 will not be moved to ADLF fund until after trash bag sales.

3. Treasurer's Report

4. New Business

A. Requisitions-

\*Reading A to Z for Ms. Cullin, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. Prah, Mrs. Strahle. Cost is \$84.95 per teacher, but Mrs. Bostrom has \$15 off coupons to use as well. Approved.

\*Sister Marie requested to upgrade the old software for music, cost \$159. Approved.

B. Appointment of Parent Liasons

Advent-

Lent-Tami Scott

Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 30 to Feb 4)-Gina Carty

Red Ribbon Day (Oct 18)-Jennifer VanMiegham, Mrs. Prah

Mrs. Bostrom ordered items for red ribbon day.

Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-6)-Janelle Logan

C. Teacher Luncheon Schedule:

Oct. 7th: grades 2 & 7

Nov. 5th: grades K & 8

Feb. 3rd: grades 1 & 6  
March 17th: grades 3L & 5  
May 5th: grades 3D & 4

\*\*Teachers would like for recipes to be sent in with the food this year.

D. Volunteer Opportunities

-a sign up sheet will be coming home soon on golden rod paper for people to volunteer to help with different pto sponsored activities.

5. Old Business

A. Meet and Greet for kindergarten, first grade and new families was held at the St. Malachy playground on Friday, August 27th. It was very well attended and many people preferred it being held at the school this year.

B. Discussion of committees:

Logo/Used Clothing-Mary Arnould and Becky Rollet (spirit wear),  
Diana Jacob (used uniforms)

Food for Friars-Lori VanNoy

Special Speaker Coordinator-Michelle Tuttle

Publicity-Beatrice Bursten

Parent Volunteers-Susan Hinkle

Enrichment-David Smock

Fundraising-Angie Ryback (box tops), Steve Marcou, Denise Bullock, Jennifer Carr (trash bags)

New Family Committee-Heather Ertel

C. Committee Chair Meeting Attendance/Report Form-if committee chairs can not attend the pto meeting to give their report, please send your report to the officers before the meeting.

6. Committee Reports

A. Fundraising-trash bags sales are due 9/9, pick up on 9/25 from 8-12 in the school parking lot. Money is due on 10/6. Drive through sales take place the second Saturday of the month from 8-12.

B. Logo/Used Clothing-logo clothing sale just ended. A suggestion was made to have a used uniform sale two times a year. This suggestion will be looked into, but would need someone to chair the first sale.

C. Volunteers-a tremendous response was received for parent volunteer sign up forms. They are currently being processed and the combined lists should be ready in the next few days. In the future, the form will be changed to be more user friendly.

D. Enrichment-First Arts Alive took place in August with a falconer doing a presentation. On November 23, the arts alive program will be Women In History. The clay artist will be starting soon for grades 6, 7, 8.

- E. Special Speaker Coordinator-Mrs. Abdoulaye will help parents with the middle school blog at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Odier may give a presentation on texting safety. More information to come on both of these.
- F. Food for Friars-sign ups will take place in the near future.
- G. Publicity- Introduction of new St. Malachy Administration was submitted to the Hendricks County Flyer in September. The article did run in the Saturday, September 11 edition.
- H. New Family Committee-this new committee has been successful so far with parents being very receptive. Heather hopes to expand the program in the next year.

7. Parent Input/Suggestions/Concerns:

- \*October 8th is Fall Harvest in the parking lot. More info to follow.
- \*School Supplies: too much to purchase, too much for teachers to store. Parents suggest looking into having half the class bring them in August (paper towels, sanitizer and cleaning wipes) and the other half in January. Another suggestion was to charge families a fee and have the school buy them in bulk instead of families providing them. School supply lists will be looked into and minimized as much as possible.
- \*Fundraising: movie night, Barnes and Noble, Pittsboro Pizzeria, etc to be presented to Stewardship committee for approval.
- \*Does Mrs. Bostrom have anything planned to introduce herself and give us a vision of what she plans to do at St. Malachy? She said that Junior National Honor Society plaque came today and will be introduced a little this year. Next school year it will be implemented completely. She is waiting on requirements to become a blue ribbon school. Curriculum will be the driving force that she will focus on.
- \*Dismissal: parents are very pleased with the new dismissal procedure.

8. Principal's Report:

- \*413 students currently, things are going well, staff is amazing to work with
- \*lunch room has had some changes, but a new system is in place with lunch cards
- \*Big R-respectful, responsible, and resembling God, students are chosen by teachers, staff, parent volunteers, etc. On Friday, students meet with Mrs. Bostrom to receive their awards.

9. Next Meeting-Wednesday, October 13th at 7:00pm in the library.

10. Adjournment- thank you so much for coming!

