

# MINUTES

## Reitz Memorial High School PTO

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 / 6:30 PM / Meeting called to order by Kari Syroney

### Attendees

Officers – Kari Syroney, Beckie Schadler, Desiree Eddington, Karen Robertson

Lucy Ashley, Louise Carter, Connie Sermershein, Mykeal Wigger, Ellen Stratman, Jessica Beatty, Ronald and JoAnna Hill, Ellen Spradlin, Stephanie Hansen, Diane Braun, Toni Tyler, Jennifer Nixon, Cassie Williams, Patty Fuhrer, Carol Blair, Paulette Titzer, Melissa Mitchell, Katrina Newkirk, Gina Tucker, Stephen French, Ann Gerteisen, Diane Norman, Marie Summers, Suzanne Draper, Mindy Evans, Won, Mike Feller, Tara Voliva, Krista Will, Missy Cassidy, Rita Bauer, Andrea Kneubuhler, Michelle Parks, Sylvia DeVault, Maria Millan, Kim Krutch, Ashley Hammers, Sally Sternberg, John Browning, Joan Steffenhagen, Katie Haire, Deacon Joe Siewers

Guests – Fr. Alex Zenthoefer

Welcome – Kari Syroney

Opening Prayer – Beckie Schadler

### Officer Reports

President – Kari Syroney

1. Thank you to all who have donated/completed support forms
2. Changes this year
  - a. Membership to donations
  - b. New Committee – Student Appreciation
  - c. Meeting Format – provide increase value for attendees by having Guest Speaker
3. Goals – increase attendance at meetings, increase volunteer involvement/representation from partner schools, and increase PTO awareness within MHS community and partner schools

Vice President – Beckie Schadler

1. Reviewed partner school (formerly feeder school) relationship.
2. Introduction of partner school PTO liaisons present

Treasurer – Desiree Eddington

1. Reviewed Financials
2. \$25 or more donation – name entered in drawing for Family All Sports Pass (2 Adults and 2 Students)
  - a. Missy Mitchell was the winner of the drawing

Secretary – Karen Robertson

1. PTO Table at Freshman Mass/ Meet the Teacher Night
2. Including Forms/ Donations from tonight, more than 60 parents have committed to PTO for volunteering and donation
3. Chick Fil A Redemption – Coupon for attending tonight can be redeemed by student at lunch this Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Guest Speaker - Fr. Alex Zenthoefer, provided an overview of the Notre Dame Study – A Report on American Catholic Religious Parenting, detailing the four components that produce and shape the religious household and snapshots of effective transmission. Fr. Alex shared a parental guide, including three key take-aways for application.

### Principal's Report – Sally Sternberg

1. Great Response to Memorial Family Signs. Thank you to PTO for providing funds for sophomore, junior and senior family signs
2. Chick Fil A generosity greatly appreciated
3. Mid Term is fast approaching
4. Youth First introductions
5. Introduction of New Teachers/Staff
6. Mass with the Bishop is Scheduled for Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>
7. Fun Things Coming Up
  - a. Seniors enjoying Food Truck Friday – Pizza Revolution already complete and several more Fridays to be scheduled throughout the year
  - b. Continuation of Global Perspective Initiative started in 2018. Collaborating with University of Evansville as well
  - c. Global Village scheduled for end of October with our Partner Schools 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students
8. Questions were taken and Sally closed with letting attendees know they are welcome to reach out to her and the Memorial staff - partner with us for best possible experience

### President's Report – John Browning

1. Licenses for Sally and all other staff on file at Holy Cross
2. Promote Catholic Education with Mater Dei and Partner Schools
  - a. Capture rate from the partner schools to Memorial is currently 73%
3. Fundraisers
4. Improved Science Lab
5. Holy Rosary sold Nativity – softball is moving to Holy Rosary
6. Open House is October 24 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM with the message that 'You Can't Afford Not to Look at Memorial'
  - a. Next year will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Graduating Class
  - b. Tuition Assistance is available – just received a \$50,000 endowment out of Holy Spirit

### Committee Updates

Gradfest – Chairs Jeannine Durcholz and Jane Russell (neither present)

Hospitality – Louis Carter introduced self – would be reaching out those who signed up to assist in this area

Senior Weekend – Katrina Newkirk introduced self and shared history over the last 2 years with Camp Reveal and Camp Carson. Reviewing and determinations to be made.

Staff and Teacher Appreciation – Shannon Brasseale and Lynn Muehlbauer (neither present) – already underway. Contacts made to designees with new ones to be added from tonight's meeting

Student Appreciation – Beckie Schadler provided overview of this new committee with commitment to conduct appreciation events 4 x yearly (once each QTR)

1. First committee meeting will be Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m. in Media Center

Special Events – Kari Syrone discussed PTO goal of raising \$5,000 through special events (what had been done and what we anticipate doing for this school year)

1. First committee meeting will be Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m. in Media Center

Dance Coat Check – Jenny Nixon advised this was her last year to Chair. She will contact volunteers on an as needed basis - not everyone will be contacted. Christmas Dance is Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to all who have already signed up to help and for those completing forms tonight, names will be added and committee chairs will be reaching out to you very soon.

### Old Business

1. After Prom – Big thank you to Lucy Ashley and crew for organizing the 2019 After Prom. Lucy provided overview of activities, attendance and general participation
  - a. Discontinuing moving forward
  - b. Replacing with Student Appreciation
2. Senior Weekend – Katrina Newkirk – history shared – Catie Deifenbach commentary as well
3. MHS Signage – PTO supported signs for sophomore, junior and senior families (so all classes received). School had provided for freshman families
4. Chik Fil A – Sandwiches provided on August 14<sup>th</sup> in the Circle to help welcome parents back when dropping off students

### New Business

1. College Go Week is the week of September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Katie Haire advised that she is looking for 3-4 Volunteers with College Application Day – Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Kari Syrone asked anyone who was interested in volunteering to contact her via text.
2. AZZIP Give Back will be December 4<sup>th</sup>. 20% of purchases will come back to PTO

Closing Prayer – Karen Robertson