

# MINUTES

## Reitz Memorial High School PTO

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Wednesday, September 22, 2021 / 6:30 PM / Meeting called to order by Becki Schadler

### Attendees

Officers – Beckie Schadler, Desiree Eddington, Karen Robertson

Shannon Brasseale, Elizabeth Brionnes, Louise Carter, Rachel Hirsch, Andrea Kneubuhler, Amy Quick, Lisa Teague, Sally Sternberg, Christian Mocek, Joe Paul Hayden, Joan Steffenhagen, Carol Riddell

Welcome – Beckie Schadler

Opening Prayer – Joe Paul Hayden

### Officer Reports

President – Beckie Schadler

1. Introduced self and role of President. Looking for interested candidate to mentor starting January 2022 and envision Officer roles running January to January rather than the school year.
2. Thank you to all who have donated/completed support forms.
3. Reminder of PTO Mission Statement.
4. Review of Our Two Fundraisers – Goal to raise \$5,000.00
  - a. Trivia Night
  - b. Elf Training became a nice fundraiser, though not designed as one
5. Review of what PTO has helped with in the past – newly started Student Appreciation with quarterly awareness/gifts; Shepherd on the Search, Chik Fil A giveaways and various gift card programs.
6. Would love to increase attendance at meetings, increase volunteer involvement/representation from partner schools, and increase PTO awareness within MHS community and partner schools.
7. Staff drawing. Student drawings would be done post meeting and students winners announced next day.

Vice President – No Vice President at this time. The position is open for any interested parties.

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. Kimberly Krutchen was the winner of the drawing

Secretary – Karen Robertson

### Principal's Report – Sally Sternberg

1. Staffing changes/updates and welcome of new staff in the following areas of curriculum
  - a. Business
  - b. Spanish 3 & 4
  - c. English
  - d. Science
  - e. Band/Choir
2. Covid review and update

3. Attendance – Unveiled Save Arrival for Parental Attendance reporting – effective 9/20/2021
4. Emergency Assistance Non-Public Schools (EANS) funding\* – received \$500,000
  - a. Addition of School Nurse – Brittany Raisor\*
    - i. Works 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday – Friday
    - ii. Students with severe medical needs, as well as other areas
  - b. Summer School Academics
  - c. Technology – Teacher Laptops replaced with Microsoft Surface Pros)
  - d. Youth First Social Worker – at school every day.
5. Seniors already enjoying Food Truck Friday –question asked from Louise Carter. More Fridays to be scheduled throughout the year
6. Continuation of Global Perspective Initiative and collaborating with University of Evansville.
7. 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 – Christian Mocek

Dr. Mocek provided information regarding himself and his role at Reitz Memorial High School in the following areas:

1. Who I Am – Background information, including position at St. Meinrad
2. What is a President – Mission/Vision - What is the strategic direction of our school. Where are we going and how are we going to get there.
  - a. Financial Component
  - b. Communications/Marketing
3. SGO Voucher Information/Tuition Assistance
  - a. 221 Students on School Choice Voucher
  - b. Use less Tuition Assistance
  - c. Basically any interested student can afford a Memorial education
4. Enrollment – 557 Students enrolled
  - a. Largest increase in student enrollment in the last 5 years
  - b. Largest freshman class in the last 5 years

Dr. Mocek requested volunteer assistance at Holy Cross Hall – would appreciate volunteer help in the Spirit Store (especially at beginning of year with uniform order sorting and distribution). Becki advised that PTO could look into forming this committee and recruiting volunteers.

### Guest Speaker – Joe Paul Hayden – Campus Ministry

1. Moved into role one year ago – Two things came to mind:
  - a. Make people happier
  - b. Make people Holier
2. Showing up where “they” are at – being a witness to them
3. Initiatives
  - a. Building Relationships
    - i. CMM – Campus Ministry Monday – Prayer, Games and Challenges
    - ii. CMC – Campus Ministry Club – Youth Ministry providing Formation
      1. Tuesdays during homeroom – have 85+ students consistently coming
      2. Primarily freshman and sophomores
    - iii. NCYC – National Catholic Youth Conference – Indianapolis (3 – day conference)

1. Have 43 student scheduled to attend this November
- b. Eucharistic Adoration – every Monday and Wednesday in Homeroom
- c. Mass – every Thursday
- d. Marian Procession – December – Sponsored by Vocation’s Office
- e. Eucharistic Procession – May
- f. Brother (Paschal) coming from St. Meinrad once weekly from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### Old Business

Senior Weekend – Andrea Kneubuhler introduced self and shared history over recent years with Camp Reveal and Camp Carson. Provided overview of this year’s planning of one-day retreat; activities and changes and potential recommendations for next year, including ending at 10:00 p.m.

#### Committee Updates

Staff Recognition/Hospitality – Louis Carter introduced self and provided overview with additions from Becki.

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

Elf Training – Becki provided overview of event connecting partner schools to Memorial at early age. Looking for Chair/Co-Chair to work with Kari Syrone on this event scheduled for Saturday, December 11, 2021.

Trivia Night – Karen provided information on our largest fundraiser. Allowed us to award PTO Scholarship to graduating senior in 2020 and 2021. Karen will assist with individuals wishing to Chair this fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, February 5, 2022.

Staff and Teacher Appreciation – Desiree Eddington gave update and overview of Teacher Appreciation Week and various Contacts will be made to designees with new ones to be added from tonight’s meeting

Gradfest – Review of 2021 gradfest and it’s success. Plan to have back on campus for 2022. Shannon Brasseale, Andrea Kneubuhler and Lynn Muehlbauer to Co-Chair.

Senior Weekend – Need interested individuals to Chair/Co-Chair this event.

Closing Prayer – Joe Paul Hayden

#### Committee Meeting Time

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.