

St. Mary on the Hill School  
**PTO Meeting Draft not yet approved**  
September 18, 2007

**Opening Prayer**

Mr. Joe McBride

**Minute's approval requested**

Catherine Tribby

Accepted motion made by Mrs.. Wilkinson, seconded Shari Navarre

**Treasurer's Report**

Kathy Burwinkel

**Introduction of Faculty**

Mr. Keith Darr

Introduction made of all teachers. We have veterans who continue to bring so much to us and an infusion of ideas from the new teachers.

**Golden Apple Award**

Mr. Keith Darr

Miss Hoffman

WJBF TV station stated they selected from hundreds of applications Miss. Hoffman as this years first Golden Apple award recipient. Video of the news spot was played. Congratulations and thank you for your years of dedication to our children.

**Principal's Report**

Mr. Keith Darr

We are accredited by the Florida Catholic Conference. It is the standard by which we measure ourselves to ensure spiritual, educational and physical plant standards. This program also gives goals and training to ensure ongoing high standards.

We use the 6 Plus 1 writing program to facilitate our students' ability to communicate effectively in written form. We have students enter many area writing contests and they are often successful participants. Other FCC goals promote that we teach tolerance of others and ensure academic excellence in all areas for all students. We have made recent hires of teachers who have strong math and science backgrounds

The SAC meeting occurred last week and minutes were provided at this PTO meeting. The summary is as follows:

A proposal from the Family Y to partner with St Mary School in the Miracle league was made  
A school supply committee was formed.

Riding bikes to school was addressed. Bikes are permitted and we are attempting to relocate the bike rack. We need to think about the safety issues. Guidelines will be sent home so please wait for these before initiating bike riding to school.

Parent teacher communication with upper grades: the primary concern was communication from various school committees. The school is working on effectively using electronic options and encouraging the children to use a folder.

Bullying and insufficient consequences were discussed: the removal of bullying from St Mary's is a two part approach. Education by faculty and a stern and sincere response to any reports are an on-going process. Please see the letter sent home about the definition of bullying and the nature of it. Please communicate with us as bullying often occurs under the radar.

**PTO Coca Cola Awards**

Rick Cundey

We as a school have partnered with Coke to emphasize the good that occurs at St Mary's

Alex Averett – took initiative to bring the partnership with the Family Y to work with the Miracle league to the Sac committee.

Tyler Williamson and James Williams: Wrote and Sang an Anti Bullying song.

Mary Frances Weber spends many long hours organizing Eucharistic ministers, alter servers, assisting with confirmation retreat, directing Junior Beta Club, and helping coordinate the visits of French students.

Jean Hill performs schedules, car pool, and faculty prayer with a very positive attitude and is encouraging to all others around her.

**Introduction of PTO officers**

Rick and Neisha Cundey Presidents  
Tony and Alicia Ramage Vice Presidents

Rick and Neisha Cundey  
Kathy Burwinkel Treasurer  
Catherine Tribby Secretary

**Athletics**

Mr. Joe McBride

Volley ball girls: A Team coaches are Ginger Goodwin and Terry McInerney A team is undefeated

B team coach Nakagawa. B team is 1 and 2

Soccer boys coaches are Brett Audrey and Paul Burwinkel

Cross Country team coaches are Lou Boone, Rebecca Grady and many parent volunteers. We have 50 children on the team.

All Schedules are on the school web site. Come out and support the teams.

**Family Honor**

Empowers parents to communicate with their children about all virtues in addition to chastity. Changes and Challenges focuses on facts of the changes they are experiencing regarding their sexuality. This is for children in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Real Love Real Life focuses on the virtues and chastity as it relates to their behavior. This is for children in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

Spaces available: Changes and challenges- 17&24 of April from 7-9:15.

Real Love Real Life- 3,10,17,31 of January from 7-9:15.

[www.familyhonor.org](http://www.familyhonor.org)

**Committee Reports**

Store Receipts program

Shari Navarre

Publix uses a key chain card that can be acquired at the school. If you have one already it is still current.

Target has a charge card that if used gives 1% of the total purchase to the school.

Bilo program requires you to re scan school code with your bonus card each year then you are reenrolled. As of this meeting no St Mary's families were enrolled. Please pick up necessary bar code form from the school.

Kroger program requires you to re scan school code with your bonus card each year then you are reenrolled. . Please pick up necessary bar code form from the school.

Office depot gives 5% back. Just give them the id number 70024875.

We could make thousands of "free" dollars if every one participated.

Carnival

Terry McInerney

Reserve the Date October 20, 10-3.

Theme Basket program is headed by Diane Kohler. It will be the same as last year. Each school family will be asked to donate 5 dollars. There is a donation committee acquiring items from businesses. If you or someone you know owns a business and would like to make a donation please contact Diane Kohler.

The carnival will be much the same with a few added items such as cash raffle , dunk tank, inflatable, Country kitchen, principal for the day, and a reserved parking spot may also be auctioned. and the list goes on. Be sure to communicate with your classroom committee. Please donate books for the sale it was a great moneymaker last year.

Christmas Bazaar

Michelle Marks

Note the dates December 3-6

Crafty Moms Sept 27 contact Michelle for more info.

Mission for Nutrition

Mary Louise Hagler

Need of monthly volunteers

New features include Birthday celebration at the end of each month and intermittently featuring some fun foods.

New Families

Christine Sweeney

Summer is the busiest time we sent welcome folders and had a welcoming picnic. Matched 40 new families with host families. If you were not called we just did not have a match. The committee members are Erin Williams, Kelly fair, Alicia Ramage, Michelle Ciamillo, Amy Markwalter, and Mary Davis.

School Store

Renee' McCabe

New school spirit forms need to be filled out and returned by October 3<sup>rd</sup>. St Mary's badges and umbrellas and pencil bags are available in the store.

Winner of T-shirt design competition is Zac Lovering.

Spirit day is October 11th.

Box Top/Soup Labels

Ginger Goodwin

Box top labels can be found on the following food items General mills, Pillsbury, gogurt, Kleenex , Old El Paso, hefty bags...zip lock bags each box top is worth 10 cents we generally get around 500 dollars. Send them in with your children.

Soup labels know need the bar code or just send the whole label.

Car Pool

Mr. Joe McBride / Neisha Cudey

This program is going pretty well. The main reason for having car line pick up is for safety. However, to make this safe we must follow the rules. NO left hand turns. All need to go around the school with right hand turns only. If too much traffic is on Helen you may not block the traffic. You must go park in ASU or circle using right hand turns. Don't block the exits of ASU. All cars loaded then lines are released in order. Keep moving we have teachers stopping traffic. In front car line go to the 3<sup>rd</sup> line first and pull up to the bump out. You must go through the line and not pull out onto Montesano on your own. If you are walking to get your child you must go to the walking area only. Helen car line needs to pull as far forward as a space allows.

Buckle your kids in the trinity parking lot if they need help. If you have questions or comments let Neisha know.

Book Fair drawing

Kathy Burwinkle

\$20.00 Nancy Ginn

\$10.00 Brennan Simkins

10 Joy Audrey

**Attendance Banner Winners**

Tony and Alicia Ramage

Bosch

Hoffman, Barrett, and Barrett

Scicchitano

Webber

**Additional announcements**

Amy Roberts's memorial flower committee is looking for flower sponsors please contact the office if you would like to participate in this.

Thank you to all the work of our committees

Dave Baney memorial golf tournament will be held Nov 9<sup>th</sup> more details to follow.

**Closing Prayer**

Mr. Joe McBride