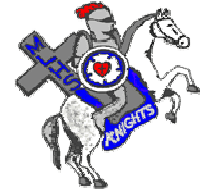


# Martin Luther High School Parent Teacher League



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## Minutes September 8, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

**Introductions:** by President Cheryl Oberdieck

Opened by requesting everyone to state their names, their child/children's name, and their ultimate dream vacation.

**Opening Prayer/Devotions-**Mr. Patrick

**Secretary's Report-**Nancy Grosland

Took time to look over the March 2009 PTL minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve March 2009 PTL minutes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report-**Amy Anders

Treasurer's Report was handed out and reviewed

Motion made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Principal's Report-**Mr. Patrick

Two hour late starts will start at 10:18

Flooring-still looking for donations to finish the floor project. We still need approx. \$7,000-\$8,000 to complete this project.

The MLHS Board's idea is to have all finances under one roof. Pastor Dahl will set up one main checking account which will run thru MLHS Quick book systems. What this means is that all deposits and requests for checks will go through the office with Pastor Dahl which will require more prep time of at least a couple of days before disbursement. Bills will still continue to be turned into the Treasurer. Reports will be made so the Treasurer's books can be checked against the Quick Books account. There will also be a yearly audit. The tentative start date is January 1, 2010. There was discussion on this matter and was suggested that if anyone had issues with this to discuss with the School Board or Mr. Patrick.

**Development Report** –Presented by Mr. Patrick for Marge Thiesse

**New Office Administrator:** Laurie Quinn is our new Office Manager. She has a freshman, Myranda. Her e-mail is

[lauriequinn@martinlutherhs.com](mailto:lauriequinn@martinlutherhs.com)

**Enrollment:** 15 freshman, 15 sophomores, 19 juniors, 18 seniors, 2 PSEO seniors and 3 international students. (We are expecting one more freshman.) Total of 72 students.

**Recycling:** We are now contracted with Waste Systems for our garbage pick-up. We will also be recycling empty plastic & glass bottles (without caps) and aluminum cans which need to be separated from the trash. Paper, newspapers, cardboard also need to be separated.

**Office Supplies:** The LCMS has signed a Group Purchasing Agreement with Office Depot and that is where we are ordering office supplies. If you shop at Office Depot you can name MLHS as the charity of your choice and we will get a percentage.

**Flooring:** The PolyTek bill was \$8,905.00. He gave us an in-kind donation so that we could finish all the way down the hall past 108 to the west doors and will also donate back to MLHS if he gets future jobs via MLHS. (I have to be notified if anyone uses him.)

**3M Donations:** This summer 3M was giving away Interactive Digital Projectors on a first-come-first serve basis. We could apply for six with the stipulation that some went to elementary schools. I applied on behalf of St Paul, Fairmont; St. Paul's, Truman; St. James, Northrop; St. John's Vianney, Fairmont, and MLHS. Each elementary school got one and we got two. They are valued at \$2,000 each.

**Summer Fix-ups:** Thank you to everyone who worked so hard inside and outside the school this summer. You accomplished so much!

**Grandparents Day:** It will be at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. In the past the PTL covered the cost of the meal, will you do that again? Laurie and I will take care of getting the caterer (Nancy Jo) etc. Make sure your students invite their grandparents!

**Hot Lunch:** Sheri's is going to be doing the bulk of the meals this year. We are trying to make it healthier and better. Sheri has helped serve the first lunch and wants to provide a good lunch. Every vendor but one is charging us \$3.00 per plate. We have to provide all tableware, napkins, condiments and any "extra's" needed. Currently students are charged \$3.00. Students will not be allowed to eat if they do not have money in their accounts. Students will be reminded and parents will be e-mailed when students have 3 remaining lunches in their account. We want to make this a cost effective process. Would the PTL be willing to provide the lunch account with \$500 to cover costs or should we raise the price to \$3.25 per lunch?

**Milk Machine:** Dan Nawrocki of Borchardt's Dairy will be delivering milk and dairy products weekly. (His wife Jayme Wolf—MLHS 1998.) Milk is \$1.25 per bottle.

**Hy-Vee- "Smiles for Education":** Register your student and all their classmates at Hy-Vee. Students can win a laptop and MLHS will receive a \$5,000 donation! Have all your friends and relatives register too!

**Rummage Sale:** October 15-17<sup>th</sup>. The St. James, Northrop Elementary Volleyball Tournament is here on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. I will make posters and send out bulletin announcements and press releases.

**Joyful Thanks Fall Benefit Dinner:** Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Singer Erin Bode and Company will entertain. There is not a Committee Chairman signed up. Committee Members are: Lyle and Bonnie Anne Wolle, Kim Meade, Tom and Heidi Koeritz, Pastor and Lisa Trueblood. It would be nice to have two more on the committee.

**Antique Auction:** This is on the calendar for January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:45 a.m. Please let me know if you can help in the next months getting ready of the day of the auction! All families that receive tuition aid are expected to help.

**March Open House and Guest Speaker:** Due to the fact that we may be in basketball play-offs, this is on the calendar for March 23<sup>rd</sup> rather than Lutheran Schools Week. Would the PTL be willing to cover the cost of a speaker (up to \$1,000) that would entertain students during the day and the parents in the evening? Deb Bertram has information about someone who spoke at "Higher Things."

#### **Guidance Counselor Report-Mrs. Patrick**

**Freshman** will receive a report after the first two weeks from all of the teachers so the students know where they stand with their grades.

**September 25<sup>th</sup>** is the date when the mid-term grades for all students which also is the time for students to remain eligible with a 2.00 GPA. There is a process to become re-eligible which can be found in the Student Handbook.

**Juniors/Seniors** received information sheets about the National Honor Society which requires a 3.0 GPA. And to apply for this a parents signature is required on the information sheet and turned in. You may want to ask your child about this.

**PSAT**—a test for Juniors which determines eligibility for NH merit

**ACT**-a test for Junior's and for those Seniors wishing to improve their score for college entrance should take it again in October.

**Student Meetings**-Meetings will be set-up with students. Juniors are encouraged to have 2 college visitations in the spring. Seniors should have applications to three different schools by December 1<sup>st</sup> as well as the financial aid applications.

#### **Action Steps for Parents to Protect Your Child and Family from the Flu this School Year**

**The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends 4 main ways you and your family may keep from getting sick with the flu at school and at home:**

**Practice good hand Hygiene** by washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.

**Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder; not into your hands.

**Stay home if you or your child is sick** for at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or signs of a fever (without the use of fever-reducing medicine). Keeping sick students at home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing them with others.

**Get your family vaccinated** for seasonal flu and 2009 H1N1 flu when vaccines are available.

#### **If flu conditions become more severe, parents should consider the following steps:**

**Extend the time sick children stay home** for at least 7 days, even if they feel better sooner. People who are still sick after 7 days should continue to stay home until at least 24 hours after symptoms have completely gone away.

**If a household member is sick, keep any school-aged brothers or sisters home for 5 days** from the time the household member became sick. Parents should monitor their health and the health of other school-aged children for fever and other symptoms of the flu.

#### **Follow these steps to prepare for the flu during the 2009-2010 school year:**

Plan for child care at home if your child gets sick or their school is dismissed.

Plan to monitor the health of the sick child and any other children in the household by checking for fever and other symptoms of flu.

Identify if you have children who are at higher risk of serious disease from the flu and talk to your healthcare provider about a plan to protect them during flu season. Children at high risk of serious disease from the flu include: children under 5 years of age and those children with chronic medical conditions, such as asthma and diabetes.

Identify a separate room in the house for the care of sick family members.

Update emergency contact lists.

Collect games, books, DVD's and other items to keep your family entertained if schools are dismissed or your child is sick and must stay home.

Talk to your school administrators about their pandemic or emergency plan.

For more information: Visit: [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov), Contact CDC 24 Hours/Every Day-1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636), TTY: (888)232-6348, [cdcinfo@cdc.gov](mailto:cdcinfo@cdc.gov)

It was discussed that if your child has a 100 degree or higher temperature with a cough or sore throat, stay at home 5-7 days or until 24 hours after fever is gone without aide of Tylenol, Advil, Ibuprofen, etc. The school will be watching for fevers and will be taking temperatures at school. The teachers will also follow these guidelines as well. Keep absence to a minimal and try not to miss for any other reason than being sick because we still have the ten day absenteeism policy. With medical appointments, try to schedule for after school appointments.

Also schedule around the PSEO classes for appointments that need to be made. The school will formulate a policy with HINI flu about notifying parents with outbreaks at school.

#### **Athletic Director's Report-Mr. Taylor**

Volleyball-33 girls, 14 from MLHS, Football-5 boys from MLHS, Soccer-2 players from MLHS, and Cross-country-4 runners from MLHS.

We are in need of a Boys B squad basketball coach and we should also advertise for a C squad coach as well.

Everyone should sign-up on the valleyconf.org website for any schedule changes and game reminders by e-mail. Instructions on how to sign-up will be on the back of the Volleyball schedule.

Gym Floor-there is a new wax coating and it seems that the players are not slipping

Discussed a suggestion of putting plywood on the floor during the rummage sale. Larry Bremer will bring up with the Trustees.

Lawnmower troubles-lawnmower has died and is currently sitting on the baseball field. Joel Oberdieck will take a look at it.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Rummage Sale**

October 10<sup>th</sup> the Saturday prior to the rummage sale there is a Volleyball Tournament. Setup will be around 5:00 or 6:00 after the tournament. People are encouraged to sign up to help with rummage sale. The next newsletter will have the rummage sale information. The past two rummage sales lunch was provided from profits for the workers. Motion was made and seconded to pay for lunch for rummage sale workers. Motion carried.

##### **Fall Benefit Dinner**

We have no chairperson for the Fall Benefit Dinner. Heidi Koeritz volunteered to fill this position of chairperson.

##### **Old Business**

**Treasurer's Review:** The annual review of the Treasurer's book has not been completed. Amy Anders will contact Dan Gahler to review the books.

**Ball field:** Made a \$2,000 payment and now there is \$2,000 left to pay on the ball field. We will pay \$1,000 after each rummage sale. We are at the end of the Pepsi contract and at most we may have a year left.

##### **New Business**

**Grandparents Day:** Motion was made and seconded to change the amount from \$900 to \$1,000 spending guideline. Motion carried.

**March Open House and Guest Speaker:** Motion was made and seconded to cover speaker up to \$1,000 on March 23<sup>rd</sup> for children and adults and what is not used will go back to PTL. Motion carried.

##### **Hot Lunch:**

Discussed the question of whether to raise the cost of lunches or for the PTL to cover the \$500 to purchase plates, napkins, plastic ware, etc. A motion was made and seconded to cover \$500 of the expense towards the hot lunch program this year. Motion carried.

It was discussed that if there is a deficit in the kid's lunch accounts with 5 lunches in the hole, the kids will not eat.

##### **Volleyball Schedule**

On the volleyball schedule for working, we have a couple of blanks for those who didn't sign up or for those who want to work extra games.

Cheryl Oberdieck and Nancy Grosland got together this summer and defined the chairperson and committee guidelines.

**PTL Minutes** will be e-mailed to all MLHS families.

##### **Volleyball Breast/Ovarian Cancer Research**-by Jodi Geistfeld

A request for the PTL to donate \$50. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$50 for the MLHS/Truman Breast Cancer dig pink awareness silent auction. Motion carried.

The Volleyball varsity players will be wearing pink uniforms and they will be selling volleyballs for \$25 (tax deductible) in memory of someone and also selling t-shirts at any home game, homecoming game or from any varsity player.

Next year will be our turn for the MLHS/Truman Breast Cancer Dig Pink Awareness.

##### **Hy-Vee Cards:**

Cards are now available on-site at MLHS in the Office.

Discussed that it would be nice to put how much we made from Hy-Vee purchases

##### **Lunches for visiting schools**

Discussed making lunches for the Boys Basketball teams when they go to games the 60 mile guideline. There is currently a budget of \$500 for this and that we can bring this up at the Basketball Meeting.

##### **Closed with the Lord's Prayer**

##### **Adjourn**

Respectfully submitted by:

*Nancy Grosland, PTL Secretary*