

St Nicholas Total Board of Education

Minutes

October 6, 2015

7:30pm

Attendants: Ms. Morrin, Kathy Brennan, Chris Schmidt, Leah VanHandel, Mark VanderLinden, Ed Krejcie, Mike Vanderloop, Bob Schommer, Kathy Brockman, and Jeremy Kater

Excused: Father Walter Stumpf

Open Floor: N/A

Approval of the Agenda: Correction-move Valley Area Special needs to number 9 under committee reports. Kathy Brockman makes the motion to approve the agenda. Mark VanderLinden seconds. All in favor motion passes.

Approval of the Minutes: Kathy Brockman makes the motion to accept the minutes from September. Mark VanderLinden seconds. All in favor motion passes.

Pastor's Comments:

- a. Altar serving class went very well. Father Walter sent out a second request for parents to select a suitable schedule for their children to serve.
- b. Father Walter ordered three text books "teaching the psalms to children" in Spanish. He will be working with the school staff to get him into the schedule for that teaching.
- c. Teaching my people to pray Holy Hour is the third Sunday of the month at 5pm October 18.

Financial Reports: We received numbers for the New Evangelization and the School and they seem to be in line. Chris Schmidt met with Cortney Curran and a gentleman from the diocese to see where we are with the new software.

Administrative Reports:

- A. New Evangelization Program
 1. Classes have begun and attendance is strong
 2. Catechists are in place for all the grades.
 3. Still looking for support staff (volunteers) on High School Nights.
 4. Lisa VanderLinden has been hired to be the receptionist from 3-8pm on Wednesdays
 5. First Reconciliation Parent meeting was held on Thursday Sept. 24 and was very well attended
 6. Meetings were held for Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor/Parent on September 13 and all prospective students have received their information and requirements for the Sacrament.
 7. Mission Trip has 23 students registered as of today, and 5 out of the 6 chaperones are signed up

8. Chris Schmidt asked for numbers by grade level and Kathy Brennan will have them next mtg.
- B. School
1. First animal blessing occurred October 1, 2015. It was well attended. Thank you Deacon Gary for helping facilitate.
 2. Staff met on Early Release, October 2 to have training on posting blogs and pictures to the website. Ms. Morrin has required all teachers to post each week. Thanks to Karen Krejcie for facilitating the training. They also discussed intruder procedures and Fire/bad weather drills. There is a group that will meet and discuss the intruder and emergency exit drills. They have scheduled regular (biweekly) staff meetings in addition to Early Release Professional Development days so they have an opportunity to meet as a staff and discuss things together.
 3. Fire Dept. is planning an inspection on October 8th
 4. Ms. Morrin has a professional evaluation with Father Walter on October 8th
 5. Home and School has made a point to become more active and try to recruit more members. They have set 5 meetings with the first one on October 13 at 6:30pm.
 6. K-4th graders will attend a play at Xavier High School on October 19. Hansel and Gretel
 7. K-8th grade will attend the Catholic Schools Mass on October 21 with Bishop Ricken at the Resch Center. We will be gone all day.
 8. Ms. Morrin is working with salesman to come up with the most cost effective plan to replace the giant copy machine in the school office. The lease is up in March.
 9. Ms. Morrin will begin work on the school budget and has been working with the school group session to gather more information on how things work at St. Nicholas including Fundraisers, Tuition Assistance, Script and more.
 10. 3rd Friday count is at 126 students.

Committee Reports:

- A. Parish Council- N/A
- B. Valley Area Special Needs-
 1. Theme this year is "House of Mercy"
 2. They will be learning about the corporal and spiritual works of mercy
 3. There will be opportunities for service projects during class
 4. Christmas Theme- "Mercy Houses" (look like gingerbread houses)
 5. Fundraising this year includes a day at Simon's Cheese, handing out pens for donations, and a "wish list" in Holy Crosses bulletin

Old Business:

- A. Youth Choir Follow Up- Ad went out in the bulletin

New Business:

- A. United Community Fundraising Option- Reviewed and discussed
Chris Schmidt makes the motion to have pastoral council look at and review the United Community Fundraiser and then implement it with the 3 categories being New Evangelization, School, and Parish. Bob Schommer seconds. All in favor motion passes.

Bob Schommer makes the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark VanderLinden seconds all in favor motion passes.

Closing Prayer 8:10pm