

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2017 7:30 PM

Notre Dame Room

Members Present: Jill Cropsey, Mark VanderLinden, Chris Schmidt, Mr. Gerritts, Bob Schommer, Kathy Brennan, Jeremy Kater, Father Walter, and Leah VanHandel

Members Absent: Jessica VandenHeuvel

II. Open Floor: N/A

III. Approval of Agenda: Add Meitler study reminder to new business. Mark VanderLinden makes the motion to approve the agenda with add on. Bob Schommer seconds. All in favor motion passes

IV. Valley Area Special Needs: There are raffle tickets available in the parish office and they held a Hawaiian dance that went really well.

V. Approval of Minutes: Chris Schmidt makes the motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Mark VanderLinden seconds it. All in favor motion passes.

VI. Pastor's Comments –

1. Worship
 - a. Lector refresher class Tuesday January 24 at 7pm
 - b. Rolf Rohn design to be reviewed by Mark Lang
 - c. O Sacrament Most Holy refrain after communion
2. Education:
 - a. Lots of confessions on Wednesdays
 - b. Great Catholic Schools week
 - c. Sister Kay made a site visit
 - d. Mural unveiling Tues. Feb. 14, 12:30pm
 - e. Meitler, Wed. Feb 15 at Holy Spirit parish
 - f. Mission trip- Love Begins Here
 - g. School pastors institute, June 26-29, Univ. of Notre Dame.
 - h. CountryFest feature act announcement near!
 - i. Music and choral academy
3. Living Justice
 - a. Stop Human Trafficking seminar, Lt. Jeff Miller, Friday Jan. 27, 9:30 to 11am at St. Edward
 - b. March for Life in Washington, some went on the diocesan bus
 - c. Egide Nimubona "America, the land of promise" Feb. 28 at St. Edward
4. Cemetery- prices increased for graves and openings/closings
5. Holy, Engaged, Alive:
 - a. Teach My People to Pray Holy Hour third Tuesdays at 4:45 PM
 - b. Alpha has begun, it will be used with youth and RCIA and Priests
 - c. I did midterm reviews with staff
 - d. Vacation, March 7-11. (Tue-Sat)
6. Building for the Future
 - a. Jodi Roskowski, Bob Schommer, and Gary VerVoort spoke at Mass in January

- b. Jan. 21&22 commitment weekend
 - c. Follow up letter has complex contingencies
 - d. The Baptism of our Lord window, Saint Francis and Saint Anthony window, Jesus with the woman at the well window and Jesus with Saint Peter window, are out for re-conditioning.
7. Bishop's Appeal
- a. Bishop's video will be shown Feb. 11-12
 - b. Lay speakers for Feb. 18-19(Sue VanCamp at 7am) and Feb. 25-26.
 - c. Puzzle for 2017 campaign
 - d. "Thermometer" for campaign, I made one. School children are to make the other two.
8. Finance council
- a. Weekly giving and budgeted amounts are in the bulletin
 - b. Open lift is being repaired, (Dan Malvitz, Mark Lang and Deacon Gary.)
 - c. Business of the parish workshop Fri. Feb. 24.
 - d. Golf outing Sunday June 11.
9. Cursillo
- a. Men Feb. 9-12, Most Precious Blood, New London
 - b. Women March 16-19, Saint John the Baptist, Howard

VII. Financial Reports: Reviewed no questions

VIII. Administrative Reports

a. New Evangelization Program –

* Catechist In-Service on January 25th Presenter was Bill Banks who spoke about how to actively engage our students. He was fantastic!

* The Heart of the Valley Adult Education committee met at St. Nicholas on January 16th. Discussed and shared what is going on in other parishes in the valley as well as how we can collaborate and share materials, speakers, and other resources.

* First Eucharist Parent meeting was held on January 26th. Large class with 53 students beginning immediate preparation for the sacrament.

* Dr. Warren Johnson PhD, will be speaking on Science and Christianity on Wednesday, March 15th at 6:30PM. This event will be open to the parish. Grade 11 students and catechists will also be attending this presentation.

*Joe Tremblay and Corrie Christiaansen will be presenting The Jewish and Early Christian Roots of the Mass on Wednesday, March 29th, at 6:30PM. This event will be open to the parish. Grade 9 students and catechists will also be attending this presentation.

*Adult Education Book Studies Everybody Needs to Forgive Somebody begins Feb. 2

b. St. Nicholas Catholic School –

1. Catholic Schools Week was a success. Some of the events included: Constructing a mural (unveiling ceremony will be held February 14th at 12:30 pm), Bingo, Grandparents Day, Prayer Partner Activities, a Student-led Prayer Service, Doughnuts with Dad, a Pep Rally, and a middle-school Campfire and Movie.

2. Winter MAP testing is completed.

3. Mr. Gerritts has finished meeting with parents over changes in registration, tuition, and SCRIP. The feedback seemed positive and we have already received many registrations for next school year. Mr. Gerritts was able to meet with approximately 85% of the families.

4. The 8th grade class will be visiting Country Villa on Valentine's Day to decorate cookies with the residents.

5. Accreditation is moving forward. Mr. Gerritts is putting together a binder for WRISA and will begin educating staff on the process. In the future, committees will be set up for the purpose of completing our self-study. This self-study will help us assess where we are strong and where we need to put some of our attention in order to improve.

6. Letters of intent have been given to current staff to determine interest in accepting a contract for next school year.

7. Nancy Fink has resigned from her position as After Care Coordinator due to accepting a fulltime position elsewhere. Mary Godin has agreed to take those responsibilities for the time being.

8. Mark VanderLinden mentioned maybe having script tips in the Rocket Recorder

IX. Old Business –

a. Scrip volunteers / need to increase number of people selling Scrip

b. Building for the Future update- Father is working on a letter to update everyone in the parish where we are at. Campaign Committee working on a marketing post card.

c. Winterfest Auction reminder – February 11 at The Marq- Live auction, silent auction, bucket raffles, and games! Thank you Jayne Vosters and Michelle Huss for their efforts!

X. New Business –Entry way consideration- adding a door for safety, Father Walter will pass along to Mark Lang

XII. Closing Prayer: Jill Cropsey

XIII. Adjournment – 8:43pm

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

Next Meeting: March 7, 2017 – Notre Dame Room