

St. Nicholas Board of Education
Minutes
August 1, 2017

Members Present: Chris Schmidt, Father Walter, Leah VanHandel, Tim Clark, Jodi Roskowski, Jill Cropsey, Terri Romitti, Jessica VandenHeuvel, Travis Gerritts, Mark VanderLinden

Members Excused: Kathy Brennan

Open Floor: N/A

Welcome new Board of Education Members – Terri Romitti and Jodi Roskowski

Approval of the Agenda: Mark VanderLinden makes a motion to approve the agenda. Jill Cropsey seconds it. All in favor and motion passes.

Valley Area Special Needs: There is no report for this month. The director resigned.

Approval of the June Minutes: Jill Cropsey makes a motion to approve the agenda. Jessica VandenHeuvel seconds it. All in favor and motion passes.

Pastor's Report:

Heather Delforge will chair the pastoral council this year. She and I are working on establishing liason persons to reach out to the various committees:

TBoE

1. Tim Clark
2. Derek Schuh

Worship

1. Jeff Smudde
2. Carrie DeCoster

Living Justice

1. Jean Peterson
2. Jeff Smudde

Stewardship

1. Renee Senso
2. JoAnn Bowers

Hospitality

1. Carrie DeCoster
2. Tim Clark

Finance Council

1. JoAnn Bowers

2. Renee Senso

Building for the Future

1. Derek Schuh

2. Jean Peterson

1. Worship

- a. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Tuesday August 15: Masses; Monday 14th 6:30pm at St. Edward, Tuesday 15th 8:15am, 11am and 5:45pm at St. Nicholas
- b. Crucifix- getting some prices ; Picture examples were shown
- c. Country Villa

2. Education

a. School Pastor's Institute, June 26-29 at Notre Dame

i. Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE)

ii. Mary Ann Remick Leadership program ; for teachers and principals to get Master's Degree

iii. Why are your kids not in our school? Tamales y horchata

b. Travis Gerritts completes program at Silver Lake for his Master's Degree. Congratulations!

c. Kathy Brennan completes leadership program at Silver Lake. Congratulations!

d. Great Machine pitch tourney and Country Fest! Thanks everyone!

e. Marriage FOCCUS couples and baptism mentor couples got together for a cook-out and enrichment and conversations about the ministries last week at the rectory. Thank you Deacon Gary for the evening program and for cooking! Many ideas were shared.

f. Meitler,

i. What is the sustainable student/teacher ratio?

ii. Friday, September 22 at St. Norbert, workshop

g. KREWE- teens (that Father Walter chooses) will receive training in how to become leaders in order to evangelize their peers

i. Knowledge of Christ

ii. Responsibility to the community

iii. Everything is Gift

iv. Witness through sacrifice

v. Evangelization to Peers

3. Living Justice

a. Grant for special "little ones" burial. Monica Meyer grant awarded for grave marker. Thank you Heather Ponschock!

4. Cemetery

a. Infant place

5. Holy, Engaged, Alive:

- a. Teach My People to Pray Holy Hour- Tuesday August 15; 4:45pm
- b. 150th Jubilee of the Diocese of Green Bay
- 6. Bishop's Appeal, We did it! See the framed puzzle in the west entrance
- 7. Finance council
 - a. Goal: Attain a generosity level that each family contributes 2.5% of household income to Saint Nicholas. (1/40 of income; or roughly the first hour of a 40-hour work week) US census figures show 2016 average household income in Freedom was \$81,301. A giving rate of 2.5% would yield \$2,032 per year. Multiplied by 1,115 registered households would yield \$2,266,265. Next year (2017-2018) the proposed budget lists \$625,000.
 - b. Stained-glass windows, storm windows being installed this week.

Financial Reports: Reviewed

Administrative Reports:

1. New Evangelization:

- 1. Kathy was unable to attend the meeting, as she was at Silver Lake for a New Evangelization Seminar
- 2. First Vacation Bible School was a great success. Attendance was strong and volunteers were awesome. Look to build on this first success.
- 3. We are looking for catechists for the fall at all grade levels. We are in a better place than we have been recently with volunteers.
- 4. We will be looking to interview people for Youth Ministry and Adult Education positions in the near future.

2. School:

- 1. As of August 1, 2017, we have 121 students enrolled for the upcoming school year.
- 2. The floors and carpets in the school have been waxed and shampooed and are ready to go for the school year.
- 3. As of right now, the staff is set and all positions are filled.
- 4. Open house and picture day is set for August 24th from 3 pm to 6 pm.
- 5. Staff will return August 16 to begin working in their rooms and our first inservice day is planned for August 21. Additionally, we will be having a staff retreat at Camp Tekakwitha on August 29.
- 6. First day of school is Tuesday, September 5.
- 7. For the Accreditation, a committee of teachers will be set up and they will start working on it during the first semester of school.

Old Business:

- 1. There is no update on the door near parish office. Travis will have an update for the September meeting.
- 2. Packers Family Night tickets are sold out. It was successful.
- 3. Building for the Future Update from Mark VanderLinden
 - 1. A bid was put out for contractors and interviews will be conducted with four contractors.

2. They have reached 75-76% of the total goal. They are hoping to get the remainder from contractors volunteering services/material, current donors and families who have not yet donated.
3. A postcard will be mailed out to most Freedom residents about Capital Campaign and St. Nicholas information.

New Business:

1. There was no new business discussed.

Closing Prayer at 8:45 PM

Jodi Roskowski makes the motion to adjourn the meeting. Leah VanHandel seconds it. Motion passes, meeting adjourned.