

Board of Education Minutes

5/2/17

Attendees: Fr. Walter, Derek Schuh, Mark VanderLinden, Kathy Brennan, Jessica VandenHeuvel, Bob Schommer, Travis Gerritts, Jeremy Kater, Chris Schmidt, Jill Cropsey

Opening Prayer

Absent: Leah Van Handel

Open Floor: N/A

Approval of May Agenda: Bob Schommer makes motion to approve agenda. Jeremy Kater seconds. Motion passes.

Valley Are Special Needs – N/A

Approval of April Minutes – Jill Cropsey makes motion to approve minutes. Jessica VandenHeuvel seconds. Motion passes.

Pastor's Comments –

1. Deacon Jeff
2. Trustee election May 20-21
3. Pastoral council and committee member selections for 2017-2018
4. Worship
 - a. Great Holy Week, thanks everyone!
 - b. Mass with anointing of the sick, Thursday April 20
 - c. Mass with blessing of seeds, Thursday April 27
 - d. May crowning, Thursday May 4
5. Education:
 - a. Music and choral academy
 - b. Lyra Vocal Ensemble, Sunday May 21, 2pm at St. Mary, Appleton
 - c. Baptism family mentors
 - d. Marriage FOCCUS couples
 - e. Meitler,
 - i. What is the sustainable student/teacher ratio?
 - ii. Friday, September 22 at St. Norbert, workshop
 - f. First communion
6. Living Justice
 - a. Mother's Day
 - b. MJ Clements from Mother and Unborn Baby Care and WomanKind will be here May 20/21 to speak at Masses
7. Cemetery
 - a. Infant place
 - b.
8. Holy, Engaged, Alive:
 - a. Teach My People to Pray Holy Hour, third Tuesday, May 16, 4:45pm
 - b. Declaration on the Way, From Conflict to Communion: Lutheran Catholic- Common commemoration of the Reformation in 2017 (500 years)

- c. 150th Jubilee of the Diocese of Green Bay
- 9. Bishop's Appeal
 - a. Lay speakers?
 - b.
- 10. Finance council
 - a. Budget
 - b. Golf outing
- 11. Father Walter and Deacon Gary are looking for additional Marriage FOCCUS couples. Travis Gerritts volunteered.
- 12. Cemetery – our cemetery has a special location for infant placement. Heather Ponschock is writing a grant for a headstone for this location in the cemetery.
- 13. Bishop's Appeal – we are within \$3,000 of reaching our goal. Bob Schommer offered to speak at an upcoming mass if necessary. We may hit the goal within a few weeks.

Financial Reports – Chris handed out hard copy reports. School and New Evangelization budgets are within budget. School fundraising did very well this year.

Administrative Reports

- New Evangelization –
 - ACRE test results are in and I will begin looking at the results to see where changes need to be made.
 - VBS
 1. Will be using Cat Chat; A Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer
 2. For children in PreK-4 through grade 4
 3. Olderstudents needed to assist
 4. Dates and time: June 19-23; 12:30-3:30
 5. Cost: \$10. Per child \$15. Family

Dates:

 1. End of the year Masses: Elementary, April 19th, Middle School, April 26th, High School, May 3rd
 2. Last day of instruction: Elementary, April 26th, Middle and High School, May 3rd
 3. Registration for 2017-2018 classes opened April 26th
 4. First Communion Masses: May 6 and 7, May 13 and 14 53 students
 5. Confirmation Mass with Bishop Morneau is June 3rd at 7PM 53 students

Brunch and Blessing on April 23rd with 2nd and 11th grade partners was well received
- SNS –
 1. The Middle School has completed the building of the raised garden beds for our school garden during our celebration of Earth Day. The students will now start getting the beds ready for planting.
 2. The 8th grade class visited Country Villa on Holy Thursday to discuss with the residents their Easter traditions; past and present. Deacon Gary is building and painting flower boxes with the 8th graders and on our May visit, the students will be planting flowers in the boxes. The boxes will be displayed around the Country Villa property.

3. Teacher contracts have been given out. There have been a good number returned already.
4. We have gained a new 6th grader for 2017-2018 school year. The student joining us is coming from Winneconne Middle School.
5. Our middle school held their learning fair on Friday, April 28th. The theme of the fair was "World's Fair, Chicago, 1893". There were live animals, food, and much more.
6. Marketing Efforts: I have sent out a mailing to all 4 and 5 year olds in the Freedom School District. Also, I will be heading to St. Edwards with some student representatives to speak to their 4th and 5th graders about all the great programs St. Nicholas has to offer. I have contacted St. John the Baptist in Seymour about hosting a promotional ad in their bulletin. There is no Catholic School in Seymour.

Dates Coming Up....

- May 3rd - 3rd/4th to Grignon Mansion
- May 4th - May Crowning (2nd Graders)
- May 5th - Morning with Mom/Skate City (Staff Inservice in Afternoon)
- May 6th/7th/13th/14th - First Communion
- May 12th - Step Up Day
- May 17th - Spring Concert
- May 18th - 2nd Communion for 2nd Graders
- May 24th - 8th Graders to Country Villa
- May 26th - End of the Year Field Trips
- May 26th - 3K Graduation
- May 26th - 4K Graduation (Before Field Trip)
- May 30th - 8th Grade to FHS for mini-orientation and math placement test? (In morning)
- May 31st - Field Day in Afternoon
- June 1st - 8th Grade Graduation

o Additional comments:

- Heather Delforge is looking into a fundraiser with the Packers for Family Night. Packers sells Family Night tickets to non-profits for \$6, non-profit sells for \$10 and makes the \$4 profit. Heather is looking into further. Bob Schommer makes motion to identify number of tickets we can obtain and move forward as a parish-wide activity. Mark VanderLinden seconded. Motion passes.
- Some conversation regarding changes to the voucher programs may be happening. Travis is investigating.

Old Business

- Door near parish office – no update. Waiting on an estimate from Tri-City Glass. Approximate cost for swipe card updates is \$1500.
- Building for the Future – Mark VanderLinden
 - o Calling is finished. Capital Campaign and Building Committee will be getting together to discuss where we are at and what can be done with the funds projected.
 - o Group is sending a mailing to all Freedom residents.

New Business

- BOE Terms
 - See notes.
 - Jeremy and Bob have the option to stay on for a second term. Both will discuss with Father and determine their plans.

Closing Prayer

Adjournment – Bob Schomer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Mark VanderLinden seconded. Motion passed.