

St Nicholas Total Board of Education

Minutes

January 3, 2017

**Members Present:** Leah VanHandel, Chris Schmidt, Jill Cropsey, Mark VanderLinden, Mr. Gerritts, Father Walter, Kathy Brennan, Bob Schommer, Jeremy Katar, Jessica VandenHeuvel

**Members Absent:** N/A

**Open Floor:** N/A

**Approval of the Agenda:** Mark VanderLinden makes the motion to approve the agenda. Bob Schommer Seconds. All in Favor Motion passes.

**Valley Area Special Needs:** Christmas Program went well. They had a great meal together and it was wonderful to see the volunteers, students, Board Members, friends, and family sharing their talents and helping with this program.

Belinda said that meeting with the board and priests went well

Belinda will be offered on "Employment Letter" not a "contract"

Belinda will continue to place ads to promote the program

There is 2% increase in each parish assessment this year

St Nicholas will have a \$15.18 credit 2017/2018 for overpayment

**Approval of the minutes:** Bob Schommer makes the motion to approve the minutes. Jill Cropsey Seconds. All in favor motion passes.

**Pastor's Comments:**

**1. Worship**

- a. Lector refresher class Tuesday January 10 at 7pm
- b. Penance services, First reconciliation,
- c. Rolf Rohn
- d. Jacob Koepke; Dec.31/Jan.1 went well
- e. Wine cabinet is locked, key on same ring with key for chalice cabinet

**2. Education:**

- a. Mission trip- Love Begins Here (at this time there is no one signed up)
- b. Saint Nicholas Day movie (Travis Gerritts)
- c. School Christmas Concert, 12/15 dress rehearsal 1pm, concert 6pm
- d. New Evangelization Christmas play, Sunday Dec. 18. 5:30pm
- e. Xavier orchestra concert, Thursday Dec. 22 at 1:30 in church
- f. Children's liturgy of the word. (Kathy Brennan)
- g. Spanish enrichment with Father Walter, grades 6-8, school
- h. First reconciliation Jan. 2018?

**3. Living Justice**

- a. Angel tree
- 4. Cemetery- looks great.
- 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.
- 6. Building for the Future, Jodi Roskowski, Bob Schommer, and Gary VerVoort to speak at Mass next two weeks.
- 7. Bishop's Appeal
  - a. Crozier member party held December 3, Great parade, esp. Saint Nicholas school
  - b. Puzzle for 2017 campaign
  - c. Cortney and JoAnn Bowers will attend the workshop
- 8. Finance council did a mailing to increase awareness
- 9. Cursillo
  - a. Men Feb. 9-12, Most Precious Blood, New London
  - b. Women March 16-19, Saint John the Baptist, Howard

**Financial Reports:** Not available at this time due to server being down

**New Evangelization:**

- 1. Christmas Play went really well and the kids loved it. Plans are underway for next year.
- 2. First Eucharist parent meeting on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>
- 3. Catechists In-service on January 25<sup>th</sup>; with Immaculate Conception. Speaker will be Bill Banks Educator Effectiveness Coach- Best Teaching Practices Staff Development
- 4. Adoration continues to be positively received. Thank you to Father Walter, Deacon Gary, and Jennifer Jochman for all their help.
- 5. Opportunities for reconciliation continue

**St Nicholas School:**

- 1. A committee has been formed and plans have begun for Catholic Schools Week events. Catholic Schools week is January 29-February 4
- 2. The praise team visited Country Villa to perform for the residents on December 22nd. The kids and residents loved it.
- 3. Deacon Gary and I are planning more trips with the 8th grade class to Country Villa.
- 4. Xavier's Orchestra visited on December 22nd to perform some Christmas songs for our students. It was an excellent performance.
- 5. Curt Van Grinsven donated a bubbler with a water bottle filler after reading about Student Leadership's plan to purchase one. Thank you Curt.
- 6. Dana Wilkinson gave birth to her daughter Kaia on December 23rd. Elizabeth Dodd will start January 3rd as a long-term substitute. Elizabeth has experience teaching and taking long term sub positions.
- 7. We were accepted for the Accreditation process, so we have three years to complete.

**Old Business:**

1. Proposed Budget post finance council Meeting-Putting a scrip requirement on tuition; the tracking of Scrip will be too hard so Finance Council said it should just be added to Tuition of the first student but they will still receive 100% kick back from scrip. Looking at this as a money perspective it will be a wash from what was proposed.
2. Registration Form- reviewed 2017-18 and made suggestions on forms

**New Business:**

1. Athletic Board and relation to the board of education- Father Walter considers them a sub-committee of the Board of Education. We will be asking to have minutes sent to Leah VanHandel or Chris Schmidt just so the Board of Education knows where everything sits. It will just be to look over like we do with Valley Area Special Needs we will not be adding this to our discussion.
2. Scrip Volunteers Need/ need to increase number of people selling scrip
3. Building for the Future Letter- We read and Mark VanderLinden asked if the letter was approved to go out and Father Walter approved.

Executive Session N/A

Closing prayer

Chris Schmidt makes the motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Schommer Seconds. All in favor motion passes.

Time 9:25pm