

St. Nicholas Total Board of Education

Minutes

September 6, 2016

7:40pm

Members Present: Mr. Gerrits, Mark VanderLinden, Jessica Vanden Huevel, Leah Van Handel, Jill Cropsey, Jeremy Katar, Chris Schmidt, Bob Schommer, Kathy Brennan, Father Walter Stumpf

Excused Members: N/A

Open Floor: N/A

Approval of the Agenda: Bob Schommer makes the motion to approve the agenda. Jeremy Katar seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Valley Area Special Needs:

1. Pastors were invited to come together to talk about finances for this program. They found there are funds through Advancing the Mission and the Lumen Christi funds.

2. 1 student from St. Nicholas attends classes

Approval of the Minutes: Mark VanderLinden makes the motion to approve the minutes. Bob Schommer seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Pastoral Comments:

1. Thanks to the Countryfest committee and all who helped.
2. New Evangelization presentations at Mass were great! Thank you Bob Schommer, Jennifer, and Ellen for doing these and Kathy for being there to interact!
3. Mass with Bishop Ricken Wednesday at 6:30pm at St. Edward
4. Ms. Morrin has resigned as principal of St Edward. Her last day is September 9<sup>th</sup>
5. Los Salmos para ninos- Father is hoping to start psalms in Spanish with the students soon
6. Sunday September 11 Father will be doing a Spanish Mass at Saints Peter and Paul in Green Bay at 12:30
7. Saturday and Sunday September 17-18 Father Anthony Palazzolo, Food for the Poor, will be sharing mass with us, He will need hospitality, wheels and meals. Thanks to the Dean Daul Family for helping out with this.
8. Harvest Bazaar Sunday October 2 Hospitality committee is helping Katie Opperman with this event
9. Finance Council- Officers elected Jim Smith is the chairperson and Don Murphy is the co-chair

10. Pastoral Council- Liaison persons were appointed to each committee
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Liaison- needs to be appointed
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> liaison- Amanda VanHoof
11. The Board of Education Goals- Mr. Gerritts will write goals for beginning steps towards accreditation, and Kathy Brennan and Mr. Gerritts will write goals and develop a plan to engage students in an improved Catholic Identity

#### Finance Reports:

We received July financials but now with all the staffing changes, maybe we want to adjust our budgets to get them closer to where they should fall. Mark Vander Linden asked for another person to join the budget group which helps Mr. Gerritts and Kathy Brennan do the yearly budgets, discuss where we make changes and have a balance of "\$0" in the end. Jeremy Katar has volunteered to be the third person helping.

#### Administrative Reports:

##### New Evangelization:

1. They have received a lot of new catechists but are still looking for more
2. In-service is September 7 for catechists
3. September 14 is first day of classes for students where they will roll out adoration
4. Lower numbers coming in for registration. Feedback has been too much parent involvement or it is too expensive.
5. Starting to make calls September 7<sup>th</sup> to see about registrations that haven't been returned
6. Last Mary Garden to meet Thursday September 8<sup>th</sup>
7. Trying something new with the Mission Trip "Love Begins Here" July 9-14<sup>th</sup> @ Sacred Heart in Shawano. A lot of work will be done on the reservation so it will be very close to the old mission trip but cheaper. It's \$120 for 5 days
8. There is also a middle school component which is 3 days for \$100
9. Sacramental prep class numbers are at 52 students for confirmation and 57 for first Communion and Reconciliation

##### School:

1. New Hire Rebecca Whitfield for 6,7,8<sup>th</sup> grade Reading and Language Arts
2. Before and After Care is going very well. People seem to enjoy the early drop off
3. Chrome books for Middle School. Each student has one and they were donated!
4. All is going well and we have a total enrollment of 133 students

Old Business: Place for Scrip sales on Wednesday nights are being worked out.

#### New Business:

1. Chris has been looking at a lot of different schools to see what they are doing for a fundraising/service/script requirements and do we need to put an hour requirement on our families for service or a script requirement?

2. We need to educate people on per pupil cost and let people know that they do receive money from 3<sup>rd</sup> source funding and the parish so they should step up and help. Mark Vander Linden talked about how everyone needs to participate and do their part. Maybe we just set some goals to help out and then they will do their part. Jill Cropsey made the comment that we don't want people to feel like they don't belong here, everyone belongs even if they don't sign up. Mark said he does miss the camaraderie of the packer games but there is probably other ways to get to know people and communication is key to all of it. How we communicate everything to families is key.
3. Chris asked if we ever thought about member/nonmember tuition. Faith Formation already charges double for a non-member. Is this something we should look at for the school?
4. Chris asked if we would want to change the auction to be more like a fellowship dinner. Will it pull more people? The board has mixed feelings about it. Some say yes it will bring more people others say it probably will continue being the same people.
5. These are all things we should think about and look at before the next meeting.

Closing Prayer: Chris Schmidt

Chris Schmidt makes the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark VanderLinden seconds. All in favor.  
Motion Passes