

Minutes

St. Mary Catholic School

Date | time October 18, 2018 6:30pm | *Meeting called to order by* Joseph Scarpino

In Attendance

Fr. Andy Davy, Fr. Gabriel Cillo, Anita Eversole, Jeannie Carlson, Melissa McClintock, Nora Hickey, Naomi Swoboda, Michelle Mantea, and Noehmi Hinkle.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

The minutes for the last school board meeting have not been received nor approved.

Agenda for the meeting was approved.

Pastor's Report

St. Mary's Church has formed a leadership team of 7 within the parish. The goal of the leadership team is to foster a culture of discipleship within our faith community and beyond. The plan of the leadership team is to follow the model of Sherry Weddell's Forming Intentional Disciples. They will also be looking to identify what the key areas are for fostering these intentional relationships within our Parish community. Current considerations include reaching out to Parish members to offer powerful testimonials regarding their own faith journey, continuing to have the Light of the World retreat at St. Marys, growing our Alpha course, and growing our young adult ministry and youth ministry offerings.

Principal's Report

Effective immediately, Mickey Espinosa has given her resignation from school board and the resignation has been accepted. Jeannie Carlson will be reaching out to Robb Kazcmarek to verify if he is still considering a roll on the School Board.

Demonstration on School Board login for School Speak completed.

Anita Eversole has been appointed the Empower Illinois School Liaison and will act as the point person to help solicit and obtain donations for the Empower Illinois Scholarship program.

Nora Hickey will express interest to St. Patrick's to sit on the Parish Council.

Proposal to eliminate the Winter Dress Code introduced. If eliminated, there would be no cut off for when uniform shorts could be worn.

The School Board would like to offer small fundraisers throughout the year to raise money for the board. On November 8th, the School Board will have a \$1.00 Donut Day for students.

Vote was held on whether or not the Board should meet in December. Board unanimously voted no.

School Board Committees and By-Laws

The proposed committees and committee members were voted on and approved as follows:

- Board Chairperson: Jeannie Carlson
- Secretary: Kimberly Kendall
- Building and Grounds Committee: Tom Conlin
- Catholic School and Culture Committee: Naomi Swoboda and Robb Kaczmarek
- Community Development Committee: Melissa McClintock and Nora Hickey
- Advertising Committee: Michelle Mantia

The School Board By-Laws were reviewed and approved with the following exceptions:

- We propose that only 3/4th of board participants have children actively enrolled in the school.
- We propose that after three absences, a school board member will be removed from the board.
- We propose that minutes should be completed and delivered to the Principal within 2 weeks of the board meeting

Budget

Current financials provided by Anita Eversole. Joseph Scarpino gave the fundraising update stating that Sandwich Fair netted approximately \$17,616.50, the Royal Raffle is estimated to be around \$30,000.00 however the final accounting cannot be completed yet. At this time, we are on track for fundraising compared to the previous year.

Campus Improvement Report

Tom Conlin was not present. However, he will be installing the new Water Fountains at the school which will save the school approximately \$6500.00 in plumbing costs.

Catholic School Culture Report

The Family Night that was scheduled for October 27th has been cancelled and will be rescheduled. Currently looking for liturgical opportunities to bring families together—considering an event for December 8th to help families come together for the Immaculate Conception.

Other considerations include inviting school families to come and pray with the teachers on Friday mornings in the chapel; offering a PenPal opportunity with local convents or other members of our faith.

Community Relationships Report

St. Mary's participated in the Plano Homecoming parade and we felt it was a great way to engage our community. Would like to continue this opportunity and look for additional parade opportunities in the future.

The first Annual Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 20th rain or shine.

Future events for November and December will focus on the Mobile Food Pantry and Food Truck located in Plano-this is a huge resource for our community and the Food Pantry relies heavily on volunteers from the St. Mary community.

We will also be working with the school to create “Kindness” cards.

Fundraising Report

The Fundraising Chair, Tara Freiders, was not present. Update provided by Joseph Scarpino during the Budget report.

Marketing Report

Samples were provided for tablecloth project. Samples were approved.

Voted on car magnet options—voted on ordering both royal blue and white magnets with logo and website information. Considering adding to the magnet options next year (ie. Im a proud grandparent of a St. Mary student).

Looking to get quotes on school banners for events (such as parades).

Announcements

- Joseph Scarpino would like to see everyone attend the Royal Extravaganza on November 3rd.
- Donut Day will be held on Thursday, November 8th.

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00pm and unanimously passed.