

Minutes

St. Mary Catholic School

Date | time April 11, 2019 6:00pm | *Meeting called to order by* Jeannie Carlson

In Attendance

Staff: Anita Eversole, Joseph Scarpino, Fr. Andy Davy, Carrie Lohrey, Christine Eallonardo, Noehmi Hinkle
School Board Members: Jeannie Carlson, Melissa McClintock, Nora Hickey, Michelle Mantea, Teresa Stawiarski, Kimberly Kendall

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

The minutes for the last school board meeting have been approved.

Agenda for the meeting was approved.

Pastor's Report

Fr. Andy notified us that Anita Eversole will be retiring and relocating. Carrie Lohrey will take over as the school business manager and St. Mary School will work with the Diocese when necessary.

Capital Campaign update-We are on track to hit fundraising of \$1.6million. Recently a single donor pledged \$750,000 and the Kitchen will be dedicated in their name. The next steps are to start the initial bidding process. Bids will be requested for both a Multi-Purpose Gymnasium and a Multi-Purpose Recreational Hall. If fundraising does not increase over \$1.6m, the parish will move forward with the Multi-Purpose Recreational Hall that should seat over 250 people for events.

Fr. Andy is focusing on Evangelical Retreats. St. Mary Church recently hosted the Light of the World retreat and it was very successful and well received. Alpha will also be a focus in the future. The Spanish course has grown to be quite large and there is a smaller English course that recently started. The goal is to focus on Discipleship and facilitating relationship with the Lord.

Save the Date: Fr. Andy will be offering Mass in the Grass at Equine Dreams on May 4th.

Principal's Report

As of April 12th, 2019 we have 186 students enrolled from 111 Families.

St. Mary Catholic School has been fully recognized as an accredited educational institution by the State of Illinois as of February 27th maintaining our status.

On Thursday, April 4th, St. Mary hosted a Meet and Greet for perspective families. Five families attended the Meet and Greet. There is the possibility of gaining potentially 2 new Kindergarten students (they have signed up for screenings), 1 new 3rd grader and 1 new 8th grader. One family is looking to enroll the following school year.

Upcoming events:

The Diocese has requested that all schools send a family/families to lobby for invest in Kids in Springfield IL. Mr. Scarpino has sent these dates out and families have reached out to attend.

On Saturday, June 1st, St. Mary School will be at Plano Heritage Fest. We need families to work our table from 9am until 10pm. The morning shifts are currently booked, we need coverage for the afternoon shifts.

School Board Committees and By-Laws

The School Board By-Laws have been approved and there are no changes.

Budget

Budget updates were provided by Mr. Scarpino. As of April 12th, 2019 Fundraising was at \$90,000.00 for the year. Our last Fundraising Event is the St. Mary Pig Roast/Music Festival that will go towards school ground improvement needs.

Campus Improvement Report

Tom Conlin was not present.

Catholic School Culture Report

Mrs. Swoboda and Mrs. Stawiarski would like to continue to build relationships within our School Family. They have proposed that we consider celebrating the Feast of St Joseph in May.

Community Relationships Report

The First Annual Community Egg Hunt was held on Sunday, April 7th and was a great success. Approximately 70 community families attended our event. We had over 1700 eggs to hunt and they were scooped up within minutes.

Now that spring/summer weather approaches, the Mobile Food Truck will be at St. Mary's Church to supplement the food needs of those in our Community.

The Community Relations Team will continue to discuss possible options for Community Events during the summer should time permit.

Fundraising Report

The Fundraising Chair, Tara Freiders, was not present.

School families were asked to attend this meeting to discuss the 2019/2020 school year fundraising ideas and to see who would like to chair events. There were no school families in attendance for this purpose. Several School Board members shared their ideas for possible fundraising events and community events.

Marketing Report

Marketing focused on running Facebook Blasts to promote the April 4th Meet and Greet at St. Mary School.

Announcements

There are no Announcements at this time.

Next Meeting

Thursday, June 20th.

Motion to adjourn was made 7:30pm and unanimously passed.