

St. Mary School Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Unapproved
January 13, 2009

Present: Carlton Rider, Father Franks, John McGraw, Greer Edwards, Mary Ritchey, Mary McLaughlin, Lynann Shea, Thomas Hayden, Matt Dodds, Diane Stuckey, Brian McCauley, Kim Clark-Detwiler, Mindi Harp, Zionkowski Baker, Jean Robertson, Julie Lindsey, Vickie Guay

Excused: Scott Huff

John McGraw called the meeting to order. Diane Stuckey gave opening prayer. The November minutes will be available for the board to review at the February meeting.

Reports

Budget: Mr. Rider reviewed the budget report from 07/01/2008 thru 11/30/2008. This budget information is typical for this time of the year. December and January's budget will be available at the February board meeting.

Administrators: The Department of Education preformed an audit on the administration areas of the school. They looked at areas such as attendance records and student's excuses. The audit went very well. The Christmas Program was a big success on December 9th. Terra Nova Achievement Test reports was sent home with the students before Christmas Break. A report will be shared with the Advisory Board at the February meeting concerning the schools results of these tests.

Pastors: During the last meeting with the area's priest, they discussed how they could cover for each other in an emergency situation such as, one of them being sick where they could not perform mass. Bishop Campbell will make three visits to our area in the following months. On January 28, Bishop Campbell will be at Fisher Catholic for an all School mass. Catholic school week is January 25 – 31.

Faculty: Kindergarten: Celebrated the Baptism of classmate Daren on November 16. Kindergarten and fourth graders will be collecting items for Fairfield County Emergency Shelter from January 16 thru January 30. Third grade students adopted a needy family for Christmas. Rehearsal for the Musical "Mulan" has begun for the sixth – eighth grade class. The Band and Choir is working on "The Music of Hollywood" for the spring concert. The fifth grade students are dedicating a Rosary each Friday for the various needs of children. Students in the eighth grade class held a very successful fundraiser for a former Alumni Elizabeth Shumaker for school supplies in Peru. They are trying to work out a schedule for Elizabeth to speak to the students during Catholic schools week.

St. Bernadette: No report

St Mark: The youth group along with Fisher Catholic will be serving a pancake and sausage breakfast after each mass in January. An Easter Cantata is being planned for April 5, 7:00 p.m. St. Mark has a fully active web site, <http://www.stmarklancaster.parishesonline.com>

Pope John XXIII: December was a very busy month with the parish involvement in many community activities. Sandwich Saturday approx 1500 bologna sandwiches were provided to St. Lawrence Haven. Several families were adopted for Christmas gifts on behalf of the Canal Winchester Social Services. Charlie Miller has joined the parish as the new deacon.

Fisher Catholic: The Athletic Association will hold its annual spaghetti dinner on January 25. The seniors will be attending Mass at St. Bernadette on January 29. Mr. Silcott has made a list of 2009 resolutions that can be read along with his last year's resolution on the Fisher Catholic web site under Principal observation.

Home and School Report: To date SCRIP has a profit of \$46,834.97 profits are down compared to the same time last year which is believed due to the struggling economy. As of 12/31/08 the H&S had a balance of \$22,579.86. The final financial report for this year Holiday Happening is being completed. Currently the 2009 Holiday Happening is scheduled for November 14 and 15.

Old Business: John McGraw stated that there has been a contract agreement made with the teachers. He was very pleased with the out come of the new contract and wanted to thank the teachers for their support while the contract was being worked out. Mr. Rider will be looking at other solutions in order not to have the younger students leave their building without an adult in cases where they need to come to the nurse or office.

New Business: Linda Zionkowski Baker gave a presentation on how to market the school for new students. One of her suggestions was to make changes to the schools web page in order to make it more user friendly and provide more information on the school and parish.

Adjournment: Motion was made by - Mary McLaughlin second by Greer Edwards