

St. Mary School Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Unapproved

October 14, 2008

Present: Carlton Rider, Father Franks, John McGraw, Greer Edwards, Mary Ritchey, Mary McLoughlin, Lynann Shea, Thomas Hayden, Matt Dodds, Scott, Huff, Ann Smith, Brian McCauley, Kim Clark-Detwiller, Sheryl Meyers

Excused:, Diane Stuckey

Faculty: Chris Foura, Stephanie Novena

The meeting was called to order by John McGraw. Opening prayer was given by Greer Edwards. A motion was made by Greer Edwards to approve the September minutes with the correction to change Robert Maynard to Rick Maynard. Scott Huff made the second.

Reports

Budget: Mr. Rider reviewed the budget reports from 07/01/2008 thru 09/01/2008 with the board. 70.01% of this years tuition has been collected. St. Mary's Parish has subsidized 263 students. Father Franks noted that capital expenditures are not apart of the school budget because these expenditures are picked up by St Mary's Church and are not charged to anyone.

Administrators: In the next few weeks parents, students, faculty and board members will be given an accreditation survey form to complete. The results from these surveys will help develop our academic and Catholic identity goals which we will be working on during the next five years. Mr. Rider, shared with the board the diocese concern with the number of students who have dropped out of the Catholic school this year.

Pastor's: Photos will be taken October 20 - November 1st, for the parish pictorial directory. Father noted that offerings have been down which indicates that many people are having hard time. He stated spirits remain very high within the church and school. Parish council will host a pancake breakfast between each mass on October 19 all are welcome for hot breakfast and visiting with fellow parishioners. .

Faculty: Kindergarten: are using the theme of Johnny Appleseed to prepare projects including apple tasting, painting and reading about his life. They are also be visiting Noll's Pumpkin Farm on October 16. **Second and Seventh grade:** will be collecting school supplies to send to the students at True Cross Catholic School in Galveston, Texas who were affected by Hurricane Ike. The final collection day is Monday. **Third grade:** are preparing for All Saints Day. Students are will research and write a report on their chosen saint. They will dress up as their chosen saint for Mass. They are also, preparing for a coat drive for St. Vincent de Paul. **Sixth grade:** are currently working on a group presentation on Egypt. This is a collaborative project with Mrs. Menosky, Mrs Myers, Mrs Blom and Mrs. Lindsey. **Seventh grade:** will be going on a hike at Old Man's Cave on October 28th. All grades 2-8 have been preparing for the upcoming Terra Nova Testing

that begins next week. In Religion they are focusing on the topic Bullying, praying the Rosary and Guardian Angels. The teachers are gearing up for the Poinsettia Sale which benefits the Teacher's Tuition Assistance Fund.

St. Bernadette: The Fall festival planning is underway. All grades are working hard on this years school wide thematic unit of recycling and conservation. Each class is focusing on a different area of preservation and will provide quarterly reports to the student body. The library now offers PG movies with parental consent. The nurses are completing the first grade screening.

St Mark: The Italiano Dinner and Festival will be held November 1st following the 4:00 pm mass. Dinner, reverse raffle, games of chance for adults. Children are welcome at the Youth Center for a evening of fun. All Saints Eve/ Halloween Party will be held Saturday October 25th following the 6:30 pm mass. Christmas Cantata performance will be December 14th at 7:00 pm. The Youth Ministry Team welcomes youth from all parishes. The older youth will (6th grade - 12th) will meet from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm and younger (pre-school - 5th) will meet from 5:00pm till 7:30

Pope John XXIII: PSR classes are under way with two sessions. "Catholics Returning Home" began October 9, this is an invitation to invite someone you know who has left the church to invite them back. Pre-Holiday raffle tickets are on sale with the drawing to be on Thanksgiving Day.

Fisher Catholic: All prospective students and their families are invited to attend a "Open house" on November 2nd. Magazine sales goals were reached! Congratulations to all who helped make this a success. A calendar of all the colleges that are planning to visit Fisher is on the website under guidance. Mandatory Drug and Alcohol meeting is scheduled for Sunday October 19. The Golden Shamrock Invitational is scheduled for Saturday October 25 .

Home and School Report: To date SCRIP has a profit of \$27,375.78. Ann Smith is this year Enrichment program coordinator. Thursday folder news letter has a new format. While there still will be times where multiple fliers will have to come home, the hope is that over time we will dramatically reduce our paper consumption. Thanks to Ann Smith for taking on this project. If there is someone you would like H&S to contact for auction items please forward the information to one of the officers. Board members are being asked to volunteer to be runners for the money during Holiday Happening. This year Holiday Happening will be advertising in the Eagle Gazette and Catholic Times along with poster that will be placed in area businesses. We will have a new and greatly improved games area this year, thanks to Mary Ritchey and Kim Devitt who have volunteered to chair. In order to help with the startup costs there will be a grub day on October 17th, with proceeds to Holiday Happening game area. Raffle Tickets will be going home to students next week. Thanks to Lynann Shea and all her helpers for getting all the bundles ready to go. Susan Maugher will line up the entertainment this year. The Fisher Catholic Band will be performing Saturday evening. Holiday Happening committee will meet every Tuesday at 6:00 pm in the school until the event. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun to help prepare for this event.

Old Business: As a result of the May 15th, Department of Health inspection the school water has been corrected. Fox Plumbing corrected the temperature problem over Fair week. Thanks to Lynann Shay for setting up the fair booth. Due to the concern of the younger grades coming to the primary building to see the nurse, a time has been set aside for the nurse to be at the K thru 3rd grade building during the day.

New Business: A recertification CPR/ First Aid class will be scheduled for teachers, school staff and parish personnel. Scott Huff asked that a consideration be given to a "Physical Fitness Challenge" this would be a program he would be in charge of. Mr. Rider will check into the liability issues. Mr. Rider gave each board member the accreditation survey to complete. The board was given the Diocesan Catholic Schools Advisory minutes along with the Catholic Diocese schools budget policy to review. Mr. Rider will check with the Lancaster Police Department to see if they will come to the school to provide finger printing.

Adjournment: Motion was made by - Mary McLaughlin second by Ann Smith.