

# Board of Education Meeting St. John's - St. Andrew's School September 21, 2011

**Members present:** Susan Hennen, Tim Meyer, Eric Dehmer, Karen Meyer, Wanda Ahrens, Brenda Nathe, Kristen Young, Lisa Wuertz; **Absent:** Fr. Omar

## I. Call to Order

- A. Opening Prayer
- B. Roll call.

## II. Routine Matters

- A. Approval of the Minutes: Brenda made a motion to approve, Eric seconded it, motion carried.
- B. Approval of the Agenda: Items added to new business: D. Adoration, E. Subsidy, F. All School Mass, G. Meeting time. Lisa made a motion to approve with additions, Eric seconded it, motion carried.
- C. Approval of the Financial Report: Lisa made a motion to approve, Kristen seconded it, motion carried.

## III. Old Business

- A. Genesis School Information System. Computer needs: K & 1/2: Becky & Lora were using their personal computers at school. 3/4 & 5/6: computers would both need new download and new battery to utilize the new system for attendance and grading. Susan ordered 6 new Dell computers, one for each teacher, Susan, and Sandy. Now all computers are compatible. Susan was able to change 6 Mac Microsoft licenses to PC with no charge. Total cost \$4,494 or \$749/each. Money from the CUF Raffle (\$4425) was used. New phone system was put on hold.
- B. School Board Proposal & Maintenance Log.  
**Energy audit.** Susan contacted Excel Energy, but they are not our energy provider, so they cannot do an audit for us. Rahn's Propane & Oil is the school & church energy provider, and they referred Susan to Jerry Meyer of Midcentral Heating and Air Conditioning. Susan will contact him and continue to research this item more.  
**All School Weekend Masses/1 per month** A schedule has been set up and sent home the past week.  
**Board of Education Representative at Parish Council Meetings** Board reps attended 2 of the 3 meetings.  
**Subsidy** Each of the three main parishes has agreed to support SJSA with \$500/student for the 2011-2012 school year. Susan will contact the other parishes with a letter or visit to the parish councils.  
**SJSA bussing** Check into what happened to the Freeport bus. Also discussed looking at a passenger van. Kristin and Lisa will be on committee to research bussing.  
**Recruitment** Potential students/families will be invited to Oktoberfest.
- C. CUF Raffle and Great American Can Roundup. Already discussed, used for computers.
- D. Angel Statue Restoration. Eric Eisenschenk Decorating, Cold Spring has completed the angel repairs. We are looking for volunteers to paint the angel. It has been put in the newsletter and will also be in the bulletin.

## IV. New Business

- A. School Policies #8050 - 8080. Policies were reviewed, Lisa made a motion to approve, Karen seconded.
- B. Charging to the St. John's-St. Andrew's school account.  
Fr. Enneking is the new pastor and needs to be added with the various responsibilities at the Bank of the West accounts. Fr. Omar may be added as well based on approval by Fr. Enneking. Fr. Tom Becker should be removed. Lisa made a motion to approve, Eric seconded it.
- C. Piano lessons offered at school during the school day – Heather Davis would like to travel to the school to give lessons. A survey was sent home concerning this. 10 surveys out of 35 were returned (5 more came in after this was tallied) 4 families were convinced and wanted to sign up. 2 families were interested. but wanted more information. 4 families were not interested and 1 was taking lessons some lessons during recess or possibly during AR time. Susan will check with other more information.

- D. Adoration. St. Andrew's in GW may be starting up Adoration. It would be 1 day/wk, possibly Tues., from 6:00 – 11:00 am. Eric wanted the school boards ideas on having the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students participating. The students would get out of class and walk over to church for approx. 15 minutes for Adoration. There are several people in the parish that are commissioned and Eric would get commissioned as well. Before the students would begin, Fr. Omar could explain what Adoration is and what it means to the students. The board was in favor of this. Susan will talk to Mrs. Jacobson about it and Eric will talk to Fr. Omar.
- E. Subsidy. Brenda brought a sheet from the St. Michael parish/school in St. Cloud that is an agreement between parents and the parish for payment of subsidy. The church has criteria for students to reach in order for the church to pay their subsidy. If the church declines payment of the subsidy because students do not fulfill the criteria, then parents are responsible for the full tuition payment. Some of the criteria this parish has are:
- \* Must be registered in parish
  - \* Must attend 2 Sunday masses/month in their own parish (based on envelopes)
  - \* Must do 15 hours of volunteer work
  - \* Family must contribute 2% of their income or \$500 annually (\$10/wk)
- We discussed the possibility of using a similar agreement in our own parishes. Brenda will talk to Fr. Marv about this as a possibility for next school year.
- F. All School Mass. The first all school mass will be Sunday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's in Spring Hill. Kristen has ordered a trifold display board which will be set up. School brochures will be available and SCRIP will be sold by Wanda and Susan. We will serve cookies and juice after mass in the entryway of church. Kristen will pick up the cookies and Wanda will bring a tablecloth and napkins. Students should wear their school shirts or a white shirt. Susan will put together a program.
- G. Meeting time. Discussion on whether meeting time could start earlier, like 7:30. Until fall fieldwork is done, 8:00 will still be the meeting time. We will revisit this at the next meeting.

## V. Information & Proposals

A. Pastor

B. Principal

1. Work-A-Thon letters have been sent and pledge sheets given to students. Goal: to reach over \$19,000 this year. Incentives/prizes:

- Top fundraising student will receive \$50 SCRIP gift card of choice
- Top fundraising student in each of remaining grades will receive \$25 SCRIP gift card of choice
- Top fundraising class will receive a John Dough's pizza party
- For every \$50 raised/student, he/she will receive a \$1 DQ certificate
- If we reach the \$19,000 goal, an all school bowling party

Deadline is Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. All money must be turned in to school by 12:00 pm on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. Money received after 12:00 pm will not be counted towards prizes.

2. Sept. 1 – SJSA Potluck Supper from 6:00 – 6:45 pm with Open House from 6:45 – 8:00 pm.

C. Questions/concerns by Board Members.

## VI. Future Business and Meeting Agenda

- A. Next meeting date is October 18, 2011.

Prayer and adjournment.