

St. Mary's School Board Meeting Minutes



December 8, 2015

Call to Order: 6:34 pm.

Attendance: Brother Roger, Father Fasnacht, Lynda Privet, Jenny Winjum, Mark Jennings, Joe Stemper, BJ Augedahl, Arlene Augedahl and Angie Welscher

Special Guest(s): Karen Loging, Angie Sloan and Tina Fruechte

Reports:

Secretary's Report:

Minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve by Arlene Augedahl and second by BJ Augedahl.

Financial Report:

No Financials were reviewed at the December meeting.

Old Business:

1. School Safety/A.L.I.C.E.
 - a. Brother contacted Chief Zender. Rescheduled to meet December 9, 2015 staff teaching and then will set a date to have a follow up with parents and students
 - b. The training will take a different approach than what we are doing now
2. Computer Update –
 - a. Teacher laptops are going good
 - b. St. Mary's University to donate 3yr old computers, all are HP laptops. Could be available by December 5th
3. Dress at Mass –
 - a. Letter to the parents/families was placed in the monthly newsletter, Brother did not hear any response or feedback in regards
 - b. School Board suggested that an email also go out just in case not everyone reads the newsletter
4. Fish Fry -
 - a. New Chairs are Paul & Tina Fruechte, Jed and Jamie Hammell, and Chad and Tracy Harms
 - b. Continued discussion on if only holding the one Fish Fry for 2016 and if we could involve the KC's to help with the Fish Fry
 - c. If only the one Fish Fry this school year then we will need to determine another way to raise the difference of funds that would be lost by not holding one of the Fish Fry's.
Approximately \$3500
 - d. Was also mentioned to consider having the KC's hold a separate dinner fundraiser, like a Chicken Que held at a later date.
5. Enrollment / Recruitment
 - a. Brother and Karen provided an update from the Saturday Open House Craft/Activity day that was held at St. Marys for 3-5 year olds.

- i. Most of the kids in attendance were from St. Mary's had a couple that were not; approximately 25 attended.
 - ii. The older grades that helped volunteer did a great job running the event.
6. Bully Policy (added agenda item)
 - a. Catholic School Bullying Prevention Policy was handed out at the November meeting the boards was asked to review and to vote on the policy during the December meeting
 - i. Unanimous vote to move forward and add the policy to our handbook
 - ii. Discussions also included to introduce topics of learning related to the policy to serve as information and learning of bullying throughout the school year

New Business:

1. Catholic Schools Week
 - a. February 1-5
 - b. Mass February 1st, Bishop is coming
 - c. World Cultures Fair on Wed. February 3rd
 - d. Rally Day and will invite La Crescent and Hokah to join
 - e. The rest of the week is still undecided but will have more details closer to Catholic Schools Week
2. Fundraising
 - a. Annual Appeal option brought up by Brother, used by Hokah and is successful
 - i. Father suggested we stick just to alumni, feels we have tapped the community with other Parish and Diocese Capital Appeals
 - b. Keep brainstorming for new fundraising ideas
3. NWEA
 - a. A summary recap of the NWEA testing was given by Brother
 - b. The reports reviewed were for Math and Reading, each report provided test results by grade and level of testing percentage for Does Not Meet, Partially Meets, Meets and Exceeds
4. Lunch Program
 - a. Tabled for January meeting
 - b. Will have Audrey and the Finance Committee attend
 - c. Need to further discuss the administrative costs

Committees

1. Review of MNSAA committees
 - a. A brief summary was given on the 4 committee's and a date was going to be set for a large group follow meeting.

Meeting adjourned – Next Meeting January 12, 2016