

St. Mary's School Board Meeting Minutes



November 17, 2015

Call to Order: 6:37 pm.

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

Special Guest(s): Karen Loging and Angie Sloan

Reports:

Secretary's Report:

Minutes were reviewed. A motion to approve by Lynda and second by Joe.

Financial Report:

Received copies of October Income and Expense statements comparing current month and YTD comparison to last year.

Old Business:

1. School Safety/A.L.I.C.E.
 - a. Brother contacted Chief Zender. December 2, 2015 2:30-3:30 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. Working to get 1 to 1 iPad use for the middle school students, previously discussed Chrome Books but now looking at iPads, current need to cover would be 15 total iPads
 - b. Currently pledges for 6 iPads and possibly looking to work with St. Mary's University to get volume pricing.
3. Viking/Packer Tailgate –
 - a. Sunday November 22nd for 3rd through 8th grade students
 - b. Will run very similar to pizza/movie night, starts at 2:30
4. MNSAA Goals -
 - a. Different sets of criteria to be set by grade level on the strategic plan
 - b. Example are: geometry & measurement; various writing purposes; topic sentences, details, closing sentences
 - c. Working towards direct results of improved test scores, improve NWEA scores by 8 points from fall to spring

New Business:

1. Dress at mass
 - a. Most important part of the week
 - b. Should be unique and special
 - c. Will amend the dress code policy to reflect the mass dress code

- d. Will plan to implement the changes after the holiday break
2. Fish Fry Chairs
 - a. We have new chair members but the first fish fry date does not work for 2 of the 3 chairs and they are asking if we can just do one fish fry this year or move the date
 - b. If we would consider only the one fish fry how will we make up for the lost fundraising income of approximately \$3500
 - i. A suggestion was: increase prices by \$1 to take in an extra \$700
 - ii. Need to think of other ways to cover the additional funds and in this school year
 3. Open House/Recruitment
 - a. Will be hosting an activity day Dec 5th for 3-5yr olds, time to be changed to 10:00-12:00
 - b. Currently an open house is held the same night at the science fair but it is more informal
 - c. Brother is looking to host a more formal open house by having families as speakers, invite new families of the parish and families with children at Pre-K to Kindergarten age
 - d. Other suggestions from Brother for new recruitment: offer guaranteed semester refund if they choose to leave after one semester
 4. Catholic Schools Week
 - a. Monday, Feb. 1st mass at 1pm with Bishop also lunch with the Bishop if he can come earlier
 - b. Wednesday, Feb. 3rd World of Cultures Fair for K-8, will be a noncompetitive culture fair
 5. Fund Raising
 - a. 2 committee group to move forward with a new approach to an annual fundraising option
 - i. Letters – Annual appeal to Alumni
 - ii. Committee to solicit business for donations
 - iii. The funding would be suggested to be 50% to the general fund and 50% specific to a goal project or item for the school
 - b. Brother to discuss with Father and will revisit at the December meeting
 6. Added Agenda Items
 - a. Bully Policy from the Diocese of Winona– copy provided, board to read through and continue discussion at the December meeting
 - b. Food Budget –
 - i. Audrey put together notes of comparison on food purchases and looks like Rachel will need to move back to ordering from Martin Bros. instead of Reinhart Foods. Also was suggested that we talk to Reinhart to work out not having to order the minimum \$1000 per order since we are a small school
 - ii. Headcount is down some this year on the income for lunches
 - iii. Also did not get the St. John payment into October, will be caught up in November
 - c. Winter Wonderland Parade
 - i. Discussed St. Mary's having a float Friday, Dec. 4th for 7pm parade
 - ii. All to pitch in on candy, Mark will have wagon and truck, Joe will bring small generator, Lynda will bring zip ties and need to round up some lights yet
 - iii. The middle schoolers will get some signs made up to put on the float
 - iv. Will start to decorate at 5-5:15 and move the float to the lineup by 6:30

Committees

1. Did a look through and review of the Committee groups
 - a. Clarified the Marketing Committee team and noted they are meeting Thursday, Nov. 19th

Meeting adjourned – Next Meeting December 8, 2015