

St. Mary's School Board Minutes January 12, 2011

Board President Gene Soukup called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Dorothy Tomjack. Members present included: Jill Everitt, Sharon Spencer, LuAnn Shields, Dorothy Tomjack, Shad Thompson, Jim Sibbel, Susie Kramer, Principal Mr. Walter Dupre and Father Francis Nigli. Merri Schneider was absent. Shad Thompson moved to approve the December 15, 2010 minutes as amended, Luann Shields seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jim Sibbel moved to approve the January agenda, Shad Thompson seconded. Motion carried.

Molly Chohon, senior at St. Mary's, made a presentation regarding the 2011 Senior Trip planned for April 1-4. They will be traveling to the Wisconsin Dells, attending a water park and comedy club among other activities. Jodi and Kevin Loecker will chaperone the trip. The cost of the trip is being covered with their class funds. Dorothy Tomjack made a motion to approve the senior trip and Jim Sibbel seconded. Motion carried.

Sharon Spencer arrived at 5:36 p.m.

Pastor Report

Fr. Nigli extended a thank you to Fr. Jeff Lorig, Mr. Dupre and the school board for their efforts on the operations of the parish and school during his absence.

Building & Grounds – Fr. Nigli would like Mr. Dupre and the board to meet and establish priorities on building and grounds at St. Mary's. Mr. Dupre will also meet with the St. Mary's staff regarding this.

Community Presence – Fr. Nigli would like to see St. Mary's student's more present in the community. Currently our first grade students read to the residents at the Evergreen. This is a wonderful program. We need to continue forward in this direction with other opportunities where our students can be present in the O'Neill community. Ideas, such as adopt a highway and the food pantry were discussed.

Recruitment – This is prime time of the year to get families interested in coming to St. Mary's next fall. We need to constantly promote our school and the benefits it offers. For high school athletic eligibility, students need to transfer before the March deadline. Mr. Dupre and Mr. Allen would be able to assist in this process.

New Business

Basketball Scoreboard/Advertising Update – Daktronics will install the new scoreboards next week. Sponsor panels will be installed over the next few weeks. Old scoreboards will go on a website to be sold. We need about \$1,000 to cover costs. Other advertising signage update: 11 businesses have renewed, 8 new businesses and 5 more spots to sell.

Beast Feast Update – There will be a meeting after this school board meeting regarding the feast.

Activity Passes – Discussion was held on home event athletic passes. Ideas discussed were a golden age pass, medical staff passes, advertising home season passes to the public in the bulletin, and student passes. This was tabled until next meeting.

Honor Roll - Honor roll information was distributed for the 2010 Fall Semester.

Staff Survey Results – A survey was given to the grade school and high school staff regarding what we do well and what we could do better at St. Mary's. The comments were distributed and discussion was held. Members were encouraged to review the results and submit ideas to Mr. Dupre.

Enrollment/Curriculum/Staff – We have had a family leave at semester break. A new family joined St. Mary's at semester with three grade school children. There is another family looking to join St. Mary's once their housing situation is solved. They have a preschooler and a grade school child.

Fr. Nigli closed the meeting with prayer. Jim Sibbel made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Sharon Spencer seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. **The next meeting will be on February 9, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. The March meeting will be on March 16 due to Ash Wednesday.**