

St. Mary's School Board Minutes February 10, 2010

Board president Gene Soukup called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Susie Kramer led the opening prayer. Members present included: Susie Kramer, LuAnn Shields, Jill Everitt, Merri Schneider, Jim Sibbel, Gene Soukup, and Principal Mr. Walter Dupre. Sue Gallagher arrived at 6:00 p.m. Absent: Mel Ohri. Guest: Luann Schindler. Susie Kramer moved to approve the January school board minutes, Merri Schneider seconded. Fr. Nigli moved to approve the February agenda as adjusted, Sharon Spencer seconded, motion passed.

Ms. Luann Schindler was present at the meeting to discuss the One Acts Budget. She approached the board suggesting that money be set aside in the budget for One Acts. She thinks \$500-\$1500 would cover the expenses. There is money budgeted for One Acts in the Activities Account. Ms. Schindler will communicate with Mr. Dupre at the beginning of the season to discuss and determine a budget according the play being produced and the number of students involved.

Pastor's Report

1. **Boiler:** Father is pleased with progress on the boilers. All the previous service technicians have been replaced with a new service provider. The new provider has been serving the hospital for several years. An insurance claim on the boiler will be filed, but if denied, we will have to finance the new boiler. The second boiler is still running so it will not be replaced. The warranty is not valid because the system was not flushed when the boiler was installed.
2. **Lights for the gym:** This project will be addressed in the summer but not before the roof leakage is solved. We need a more permanent solution to the roof besides continuing to patch. The roof is still under warranty.
3. **2010-11 School Budget:** The school budget is on hold as we are waiting for O'Neill Public salary figures as we try to stay in the 85%-95% range. O'Neill is still negotiating this year's (2009-10) salaries. Mr. Dupre is researching other Catholic schools figures.
4. **Public Relations:** Father would like to see a grassroots effort to invite other Catholic kids to St. Mary's. This project should be organized by our school families.

Principal's Report

1. **Sycamore Update:** Sycamore is working fine. Everyone seems to like it. If you need password, please call Mr. Dupre. Teachers are using the system and entering grades. As they get more familiar, they will be adding assignments and more information to Sycamore.
2. **2010-2011 Curriculum/School Day:** Letters of intent were sent out to the teachers. Mr. Dupre has gotten back letters from all but a couple teachers. Mr. Dupre is looking at our curriculum to get more organization in the schedule for enrichment classes.

New Business

1. **Beast Feast Recap:** Father Jeff reported that the event was successful with over \$9000 being raised with the beef raffle. Approximately \$3000 was from the feast. We will try to do this fund-raiser again next year. Other fund-raiser ideas would be a BBQ in the summer, a golf tourney, and/or a carnival.
2. **\$10,000 Raffle Update:** A committee was assigned including Susie Kramer, Walt Dupre, Gene Soukup, Luann Shields, and Merri Schneider. The committee will call the gaming commission before tickets are printed. We will need 250 tickets selling at \$100 apiece. There will be entertainment and food. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the first ticket called at 7:00 p.m. There will be five sessions of calling tickets with the grand prize being called around 9:30 p.m. Event will take place on April 9 and you need not be present to win.
3. **Other Fund Raising Opportunities:** There will be a McDonald's Teachers Night on March 2 from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Teachers will work at McDonald's with the assistance of McDonald's employees. 20% of

the sales from that time period will go back to St. Mary's schools. We are also officially signed up for the Subway cards. Mr. Dupre should be getting a welcoming packet in the mail soon. We should receive 100 unfilled cards and several flyers to disperse throughout the school. There are also other fund-raising opportunities through Verizon and Footlocker as well.

4. **Project list:** The elementary gym floor project was discussed.
5. **Chairs from NECC for Lecture Hall:** The chairs are coming out of NECC on Thursday, March 4 and we will need to be in Norfolk with trucks, trailers, and manpower. We are looking at taking approximately 4 dozen chairs.
6. **Dress Code – Skorts:** Discussion was held on adding skorts to the 2010-11 school year dress code. This will be considered for revision in the handbook.
7. **Homework Club:** The club is going very well. There was less turnout the second week than the first but there is also different mindset of the kids getting their assignments done in class. We need to get more kids that want to come rather than because they have to come.
8. **Catholic Schools Week:** The week was well-attended and went very well. St. Joseph's in Atkinson had been invited to the Mass but were unable to attend due to the weather.
9. **Public Relations:** Discussion was held on promoting St. Mary's and overall it is felt that we need to do a better job of marketing ourselves.

Motion was made by Sue Gallagher to adjourn and seconded by Jim Sibbel. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned. The next meeting regular meeting of the school board will be February 24, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.