

**St. George School Board Meeting**  
September 22, 2015

Those attending were Monsignor Higley, Julie Clingman, Shelly Causey, Megan Stiers, and Anita Ruga. Sherri Gerlemann and Teri Weber were also present. Not present were Jeff Englert, Donna Gleeson, Nathan Kopp and Jocelyn Schluss.

Shelly Causey opened the meeting at 7:04 p.m. and led the opening prayer.

No quorum was established since only 3 of 7 school board members were present.

**Mission Statement Review:** The board reflected on the Mission Statement and offered examples of how the mission is lived in daily life. Buddy Night was a great success with the younger grade children coming out to support their upper grade buddies during the volleyball games. Parents volunteered to fill needed worker spots and help make Rollin' on the River a great success. School children are filling many Sunday Mass ministries and doing a wonderful job.

**Minutes:** Minutes were distributed via email prior to the meeting. Megan Stiers moved that the minutes be approved as distributed with one spelling correction. Anita Ruga seconded the motion. Since no one had emailed changes, the minutes were approved.

**Athletic Report:** A coaches meeting will be held October 7. Coaches for basketball are being secured. The committee is preparing the workers' lists for the basketball season. They discussed the need to clean the floor with the scrubbing machine between games.

**Home & School Report:** Financial Report – Checking, \$42,966.55; CD's, \$13,966.71, \$1,625.57 and \$3000.00. The blood drive collected 71 units of blood. Rummage sale profit was \$4,326. Donna Morrow will chair the 2016 rummage sale but needs co-chairs to cover the 18 shifts. More help is needed for fish fries; they are soliciting help from older siblings, confirmation class and A+ students. The Christmas Bazaar will be held on December 13 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in December) with the concert in the gym. Therefore, there will be an extra fish fry in December. Workers will be needed to fill the shift. 10/10 raffle tickets are on sale now. An Art to Remember fund-raiser will be held this year. Students create works of art and transfer it to things like mugs, plates, aprons, bags, etc. then the items are sold.

**SCRIP Report:** The books are being audited. To date, face value of sales is \$79,322.58 with a profit of \$3,117.29. 65% of families (57 of 87 families) are participating in SCRIP. The first installment payment on the "start-up" fund loan has been paid. More people are needed to sell SCRIP on Friday afternoon.

**Lunch Report:** No report.

**Pastor's Report:** Everything seems to be going well. The Mass setting for the Children's Mass has been changed and the children are doing a great job with the music.

**Principal's Report:** Julie Jacobs has been hired as the part-time custodian. She cleans a building each evening, alternating between the two buildings. There is approximately one hour when the students are in school that a custodian is not available. To kick off Mission Week, Serve St. Louis activities will be held on Saturday, October 10 from 9:00 am – noon with a luncheon at noon at Rhineland park. Activities include baking cookies, cemetery clean-up, a resident's yard clean-up, Starkenburg clean-up and games at the nursing home. The Share the Spirit concert will be held on Friday, October 16 from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm with set up after school. This year, we bought an ad to reach more members of the community. The Knights of Columbus will man the concession stand. Students will be greeters. Home & School games will be used. Important dates: September 29 – October 2, Testing Week; October 6, Blessing of Pets after Mass; October 7, Living Rosary; October 9, Serve St. Louis; October 13, Rosary & Mass at Starkenburg; October 16, Concert; October 22, Parent/Teacher/Student conferences; October 23 – 26, No School due to Teacher In-service & Teacher Institute; and October 30, Cakewalk. We received a \$5,000 donation from Orschlens.

**Finance:** Account balances as of September 21, 2015: Main Checking, \$18,547.75; After School Care, \$2,366.97; Preschool checking, \$24,396.88; Main Savings, \$76,463.67; Student Council, \$2,108.11.

**Development Committee:** All Language Arts teachers attended a workshop given by Amanda Arens, an expert in reading and writing using the “Language Arts Blocks” model which shows that children learn to read and write through a variety of ways. This method helps the faculty incorporate these ways into their teaching methods. Reading Counts SRI (Scholastic Reading Inventory) charts show that less than 1% of students in grades 3-8 are reading below level. The School worked with Microsoft to obtain Surface Pro 3’s for faculty and for the 10 students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Microsoft is providing group training for the faculty and one hour of personalized training for each faculty member. In order for the students to use the Surface Pro 3’s, they will need to sign an agreement regarding how they will use/care for the Surface Pro 3. Several local school policies need to be changed due to changes in the Diocesan level. This includes Policies 5201, 5315, 5370 and 5520.

**Marketing Committee:** The Committee is targeting the school board goal of increasing enrollment by educating Catholic and non-Catholic families of the value of a St. George faith-based education. Some of the ideas are a “pack the gym night” at a home basketball game in January, making people feel welcome by looking at information/advertisements that are being sent out, a “come and see” night, inviting people to Mass, reaching out to families to find out their needs. The goal is to keep 90% of the non-Catholic pre-kindergarten students. The committee would like to celebrate “Sharing the Spirit” during Catholic Schools Week.

**Long Range Planning Committee:** Profit from Rollin’ on the River was \$64,464.32 with a \$10,000 grant from Microsoft. The LRPC has offered to replace the entire fence and fix the small concrete wall on the upper parking lot.

**Building & Grounds:** Bids are being solicited for the fence around the upper parking lot. Consultation is taking place on the best way to fix the retaining wall on the lower level between the two school buildings.

**Old Business:** A sub-committee was formed to discuss tuition for non-Catholic students. The sub-committee will present their findings to the Board and then it will be taken to Finance Council and Parish Council. Megan Stiers will chair the sub-committee. Other members will be Msgr. Greg Higley, Teri Weber and Shelly Causey.

**New Business:** Unofficial minutes will be posted on the web site prior to the next School Board meeting. Church of the Risen Savior Youth Group is sponsoring a hayride on Friday, October 9. The School Board is considering a Surface Pro 3 Student Lending Agreement. This agreement will outline expectations for students who will be issued a tablet to use.

Anita Ruga moved that the meeting be adjourned; Megan Stiers seconded the motion. Monsignor led the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be October 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Ruga

Msgr. Greg Higley