

## St. George School Board Meeting

September 16, 2014

Those attending were Father Bill Debo, Julie Clingman, Jeff Englert, Michelle Kotthoff, Jocelyn Schluss, Donna Gleeson, Shelly Causey and Anita Ruga. Others present were Scott Schannuth, Marcia Bucher, Brenda Bader, Megan Stiers and Karen Lampkin.

Jeff Englert opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Julie Clingman led the opening prayer which was written by students of St. George.

A quorum was established with 6 of 7 school board members present.

**Mission Statement Review:** The board reflected on the Mission Statement and offered examples of how the mission is lived in daily life. Some of the examples offered including the high school volleyball players being comfortable displaying their faith at a sporting event at Father Tolton High School, students who are well prepared and comfortable for the transition to high school. Another example was two upper grade students who remained at the fish fry to help and then went to the middle school dance.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the August 23 and September 3, 2014 meetings were distributed via email and read prior to the meeting. Michelle Kotthoff moved to approve the minutes as distributed with one correction. Donna Gleeson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as corrected.

**Parent Concerns:** Jocelyn Schluss read a list of ideas from parents regarding how they could support the school in promoting the theme for the year and how they could support faculty in their duties. Clarification on principal evaluation was provided as well as clarification that the school board is responsible for reviewing only the school portion of the budget. Brenda Bader offered a view of her time as a previous St. George School Board member and parent of three St. George students.

**Athletic Report:** Tonia Englert is the new treasurer of the Athletic Committee. A new volleyball net has been purchased. Decals are coming off of some of the new volleyball uniforms. This is being addressed. Some games have been dropped from the volleyball schedule and they are trying to replace those games. The Athletic Director from Father Tolton High School will present an in-service entitled "Theology of Sports" for all coaches and the Athletic Board on Sunday, October 5 at 5:00 p.m.

**Home & School Report:** Parents and faculty enjoyed the new set up for the meeting with a faculty member at each table.

**Scrip Report:** No report.

**Cafeteria Report:** Checking Account, \$4,777.66 and Savings Account, \$1,643.70.

**Pastor's Report:** The contracts for the parking lot are at the diocese for signatures.

**Principal's Report:** Three faculty committees have been formed. The Social/Service Committee will be hosting the concert on October 17 with the Marketing Committee. The Long Range Planning Committee donated \$500 for the band. Students have created and sent invitations to other churches and day care facilities. Mission week will begin with Serve St. Louis project in conjunction with Joy FM radio station and end with the concert. St. Paul's United Church of Christ will be assisting with some of the service projects. The Professional Development Committee works to improve the curriculum and plans some of the early out days. They have decided to have students go to Mass on early out days and then move into Faith Formation Groups led by Mrs. Clingman. The teachers meet to work together on the language art program. The first early dismissal day the faculty discussed technology. The teachers met with the PSR teachers and together they reviewed and worked with the new religion series and the other online resources. The third committee is the Faith Formation Committee. This committee is working with both the students' faith formation and also the teachers. They will be helping to organize the teachers retreat and also will be in-charge of special Masses throughout the year. They are sharing their individual faith journeys during each the teacher work days. There are two full teams for robotics. Twenty-one students ran for student council representatives and there are five officers. The officers decided that everyone who ran for student council representative should be on the student council. They felt the council could use the help from everyone. Kindergarten and first grade open houses were held with parents. We need to address cleaning of the primary

building. Ms. Jacobs and Mrs. Lewis clean the bathrooms every day and the faculty clean their rooms, but the common areas need to be addressed. There are forty-four people going on the pro-life trip. Mrs. Clingman, Mr. Vise, Ms. Brietenbach and Mr. Sellers will be on the trip with the students and parents. The trip is January 20-23, 2015.

**Finance:** The board reviewed the budget and found no discrepancies. The balances in the main accounts are: \$4,882.53, 2014-15 Main Checking (balance on books at end of the 2013-2014 school year, account name now closed in Quickbooks); \$1,327.12, After School Care; \$11,529.68, Main Checking (balance at end of August which reflects book fees paid at end of August registration night); \$19,268.38, Pre-School Checking; \$2,885.19, Reimbursement Checking and \$74,492.67 in Main Savings. This is a total of \$114,385.57 in assets. Significant amounts of \$1,000 or more in memorials will be placed in the educational fund unless specified for other purposes by the family.

**Marketing Committee:** Survey letters will be sent to former students who did not return for the 2014-2015 school year. Current students will be asked to write "What Ignites You" and this will be published in the bulletin every week. The school's presence on greatschool.com will be updated. The committee discussed sponsoring a movie night for families in February. New yard signs were also discussed.

**Long Range Planning Committee:** Plenty of tickets are still available for the September 27, 2014 Rollin' on the River event.

**Building & Grounds:** The parking lot contracts are on hold for signatures. Witthaus Construction donated the concrete for the walls; the children will send a thank you note.

**Old Business:**

- The Notre Dame Gift /Give program targets alumni. This was forwarded to Mrs. Clingman from another Catholic school. At this time, the School Board will not be utilizing this program since the Long Range Planning Committee has talked about establishing communications and gift giving with the alumni.
- Goals – Tabled until next meeting.
- Catholic Values – Tabled until next meeting

**New Business:**

- Suggestions from Stewardship Meeting (Culture/Atmosphere/Climate of Parish) – Tabled until next meeting.

The board was in Executive Session from 8:40 p.m. to 9:25 p.m.

Shelly Causey moved that the meeting be adjourned; Jocelyn Schluss seconded the motion. Father Bill led the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be October 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Ruga

Father Bill Debo