

## St. George School Board Meeting

October 21, 2014

Those attending were Father Bill Debo, Julie Clingman, Jeff Englert, Michelle Kotthoff, Jocelyn Schluss and Anita Ruga. Others present were Father Joe Corel, Bill Sellers, Judy Mueller, Mike Witthaus, Sherri Gerlemann, Marcia Bucher, Scott McGarrah, Pat Coulter, John Van Booven and Tim Wunderlich.

Jeff Englert opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. and led the opening prayer.

A quorum was established with 4 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 were the students' interactions with other students and adults during the Mission Week activities, including set up at the concert and carnival as well as staying to clean up even though there was a significant football game at the high school.

**School Board In-Service:** Father Joe Corel, Interim Co-Superintendent of Schools, conducted a School Board In-Service which is held every three years for school board members. Parish Council members from St. George, Church of the Risen Savior and St. George Financial Council members also attended. Father Corel reiterated that the School Board is an advisory board to the Pastor and Principal and that the school belongs to the entire parish. Members can be elected or appointed, or a combination of both. He stated that the School Board relates to the Parish Council in regard to mission and the Finance Council in regard to Budget. Finance can't be involved in, or part of, the mission. The School Board helps formulate the plans, the Pastor enacts the plans and the Principal implements the plans. There should be no conflict of interest between members of the councils as relates to employees and all budget discussions by the School Board should be done in executive session. The In-Service was completed at 8:10 p.m.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the September 16, 2014 meetings were distributed via email and read prior to the meeting. Clarification was requested on some of the budget information since two accounts had the same name. Clarification will be sought and minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

**Athletic Report:** Most of the last meeting was spent discussing the parent meeting and schedules. They are trying to schedule games for basketball. Most of the coaches were able to attend the Theology of Sports program which was well received by all who attended.

**Home & School Report:** No report.

**Scrip Report:** People are needed to work on Friday afternoons from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Discussion ensued on whether another time would be better for people purchasing scrip and enabling more people to help with sales.

**Cafeteria Report:** Checking Account: \$391.62. Savings Account: \$1,643.91. While 80% of students eat hot lunch, we are losing federal funding due to the number of carried lunches.

**Pastor's Report:** One big project – the parking lot – is complete. A matching fund program to fund the replacement of the roof will begin soon. We are still dealing with lightning strike issues.

**Principal's Report:** The "Never Too Young" hymnals will need to be replaced. Mission Week activities were the best in recent years: 75-80 volunteers participated in ServeSTL, 754 cans of food and \$130 were collected for the food pantry, Mission Week Mass and the Light the Night concert was well received. The Long Range Planning Committee donated \$500 for the band and \$262 was raised in ticket sales for games. The Knights of Columbus donated the "Ignite" t-shirts for all of the students. For the Pro-Life pilgrimage, \$6,501.06 has been raised which includes money from parishioners and school children, deposits from families and the M&M fundraiser. Funds raised during some of the Mission Week activities will be added to the Pro-Life fundraising total. Facebook activity has increased and we hope to have 1000 followers by the end of the school year. The search for a Diocesan Superintendent is underway after recommendations for requirements from Pastors and Principals were determined. The goal is to narrow the search to 5-7 applicants by the end of the year with the top three interviewing with the Bishop who will appoint a new Superintendent by 01/31/2015. Faculty have been using Pflum's lectionary based study guide for the Sunday liturgy and following up with classes on Monday. This is going well and the children are excited about answering questions about their experience at Mass on Sunday.

**Finance:** The board reviewed the budget and found no discrepancies. The balances in the main accounts as of 10/20/2014 are: \$5,535.14, 2014-15 Main Checking; \$1,321.43 After School Care; \$17,948.61, Pre-School Checking; \$1,686.22, 2014-15 Reimbursement Checking; \$3,841.09, Student Council and \$69,712.67 in Main Savings. This is a total of \$100,045.16 in assets.

**Development Committee:** No Report.

**Marketing Committee:** The Committee will meet in November.

**Long Range Planning Committee:** All tickets were sold for the September 27, 2014 Rollin' on the River event although fewer people were in attendance. Profit has not yet been announced.

**Building & Grounds:** The parking lot is complete. There have been numerous comments of gratitude and appreciation.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Athletic Jackets purchased by Volleyball Players added to Approved Dress Code – Tabled until next meeting pending additional information.
- Invite Home & School President & Treasurer to January Budget Meeting – The School Board will begin budget preparation in November. It was decided to invite officers from all committees to attend the November meeting so that we can remind them what we have asked of them in the past and they can provide projected revenue numbers for budget preparation.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be November 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Ruga

Father Bill Debo