

St. George School Board Meeting

April 21, 2015

Those attending were Julie Clingman, Jeff Englert, Shelly Causey, Michelle Kotthoff, Jocelyn Schluss, Donna Gleeson, Steve Engemann and Anita Ruga. Sherri Gerlemann and Teri Weber were also present. Casey Heying and Shanna Scheer were present to update the Board on the Christmas Bazaar.

Jeff Englert opened the meeting at 7:09 p.m. and led the opening prayer.

A quorum was established with 7 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. One example cited was the great time everyone had at the Daddy/Daughter dance. Another example was a family who decided to move to the Hermann area so their children could attend St. George School.

Minutes: Minutes were distributed via email prior to the meeting. Steve Engemann moved that the minutes be approved as distributed. Jocelyn Schluss seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Athletic Report: No report.

Home & School Report: Account balances: \$40,316.64, checking; three Certificates of Deposit (\$13,951.05, \$1,621.79 and \$3,000.00) totaling \$58,889.48. The Christmas Bazaar will remain on the same date. Hopefully, the robotics team will be able to transfer to another competition group so there won't be a date conflict as in previous years if the team advances.

Scrip Report: No report.

Lunch Report: Account balances: \$261.80, checking; \$1,644.12, savings. There is \$1,000 in outstanding lunch bills.

Principal's Report: The website will be updated for both the school and parish. There will be a small annual fee and a one-time setup fee. The Education Fair will be held April 23 in the gym. New pre-kindergarten families, PSR students and others have been invited to attend. May 4-8 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Goal building day for faculty was April 15. All contracts have been returned. Mrs. Hellebusch will be retiring and Mr. Wolff is leaving.

Faculty Goals: The goals established by the faculty for 2015-2016 were: 1) update technology plan to address weaknesses; 2) continue to increase awareness of our school; and 3) provide training that aligns with the needs of the staff. Faculty will develop the goals further on Friday afternoon after Grandparents Day.

Finance: Account balances: Main Checking, \$13,355.83; After School Care, \$1,555.07; Preschool checking, \$17,139.99; Main Savings, \$75,876.67; Student Council, \$3,298.28.

Development Committee: Currently there are up to 21 pre-kindergarten students, 19 full-time and two part-time. Shelly Causey moved that fees for part-time students will be pro-rated based on attendance. Jocelyn Schluss seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Marketing Committee: The Committee will be sponsoring movie night with Marshall the Miracle Dog. They also looked at purchasing baby dragons for \$10 each to send to new babies. The Student Council will write letters of congratulations to accompany the dragons.

Long Range Planning Committee: Account balances: \$33,441.21, checking; \$105,549.40, money market. The committee met on March 29 and walked through both buildings to identify what needed to be addressed. There were 15 items identified. The LRPC chose four items to address this summer: 1) remove lights from the stage; 2) replace tile by handicapped restroom; 3) soundproof gym and upgrade sound system; and 4) purchase lighter tables to eliminate all heavy wooden tables.

Building & Grounds: Use of the copier has increased so each month there are additional costs. To upgrade from 102,000 copies per month to 145,000 copies per month, would cost less than \$300 per year (\$942/year vs. \$663/year). Michelle Kotthoff moved to upgrade the copier plan to 145,000 copies per month with the associated costs. Steve Engemann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: A square card reader would cost 2.75% per transaction with no annual fee. If a credit card would be processed manually, there would be an additional charge of 0.15%. Discussion ensued about purchasing a dedicated I-Pad for use with the square card reader and the cost of a data plan.

Executive Session: The board was in executive session from 9:20 – 9:30 p.m.

New Business: The question arose about how the Finance Council plans to fund the education fund. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin regarding openings on the school board. The Hermann Regional Economic Development (HRED) group is hosting a fundraiser on June 20.

Anita Ruga moved that the meeting be adjourned; Shelly Causey seconded the motion. Jeff Englert led the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be May 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Ruga

Father Bill Debo