

St. George School Board Meeting

May 19, 2015

Those attending were Julie Clingman, Jeff Englert, Shelly Causey, Michelle Kotthoff, Donna Gleeson, Megan Stiers, Nathan Kopp and Anita Ruga. Sherri Gerlemann and Teri Weber were also present. Tammy Rood was present to represent the Athletic Committee.

Jeff Englert opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. and led the opening prayer.

A quorum was established with 5 of 7 school board members present plus the two new school board members.

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 showing of alumni at the High School who attended the Home and School meeting to honor Mrs. Hellebusch on her retirement. Another example was the children bringing lanterns to the businesses and talking about the school year. A further example was a home school family who expressed their thanks to be included in events at St. George.

Minutes: Minutes were distributed via email prior to the meeting. Shelly Causey moved that the minutes be approved with minor changes. Michelle Kotthoff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Members: Megan Stiers and Nathan Kopp were welcomed. They each will have three children at St. George in the fall. They replace Michelle Kotthoff and Steve Engemann who served six years each on the School Board.

Athletic Report: Tammy Rood reported on a recent Athletic Committee meeting regarding volleyball for 5th grade girls. In the 6th grade, there are seven girls who will be playing volleyball and one possible player. In the 5th grade, there are five girls who would play and two possible players. The Athletic Committee voted 6 to 4 against the 5th grade girls playing volleyball. Reasons against were primarily due to the overwhelming changes and transitions from 4th to 5th grade since it is the first year to switch classes, more is expected academically, difficult for 5th graders to play two sports in one year, etc. Anita Ruga moved that 5th grade girls not be allowed to play volleyball unless the numbers for 2015-2016 are such that a team cannot be fielded without 5th graders. Michelle Kotthoff seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Home & School Report: Account balances: \$54,727.83, checking; three Certificates of Deposit (\$13,965.33, \$1,623.67 and \$3,000.00) totaling \$73,307.83. The new officers are Casey Heying, President, Paula Cole, Vice-President, Shanna Scheer, Treasurer and Stephanie Hughes, Secretary. The by-laws need to be changed to allow Paula Cole to serve as President next year since she has served as president once before.

Scrip Report: No report.

Lunch Report: Account balances: \$371.73, checking; \$1,644.32, savings.

Pastor's Report: Father Bill responded in a written response to questions the School Board had regarding the Education Fund and Finance Education. We are current on all bills and normally transfer \$5,000 to \$8,000 each month to meet our monthly obligations. There is currently \$100,678.65 in the Educational Fund. The funds are used to pay salaries and insurance costs.

Principal's Report: We currently need a new language arts teacher for 6th, 7th and 8th grade and a 6th grade home room teacher. Mr. Vise will move to 7th grade home room and will teach social studies for grades 5-8. Bobbie Mundwiller has been hired to teach 4th grade home room and 5th grade language arts. Survey results from the Home & School meeting were shared with School Board members.

Finance: Account balances: Main Checking, \$15,303.99; After School Care, \$1,651.24; Preschool checking, \$21,712.75; Main Savings, \$76,191.67; Student Council, \$2,956.76. The reimbursement account is an "in & out" fund for amounts like field trip charges, etc., that will be paid out immediately. Line -4001 shows

reconciliation discrepancies. The pre-school must have 15 paying students per year to be self-sustaining. For 2015-2016, there are currently 19 full-time and 3 part-time children enrolled.

Development Committee: Home & School has budgeted \$1500 for professional development. Faculty would like to offer two technology classes this summer. Google.docs will be a topic of discussion since the faculty wants the 6th, 7th and 8th grade to go paperless since the high school is paperless. Infrastructure work will be done this summer since two of the six access points in the building are bad. We need a bigger server. A parishioner asked what technology was needed for the school and they will be replacing the faculty laptops since they are seven years old. The faculty is researching the feasibility of “own devices” for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

Marketing Committee: The Committee met on May 19, 2015 and has lots of ideas for the 2015-2016 academic year. They will ask the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) for a \$3,000 budget for the year.

Long Range Planning Committee: Rollin’ on the River will be held on August 29. There are a few changes to how the prizes will work this year. Attendance prizes of \$2,000 will be awarded, \$3,000 in other prizes with the grand prize of \$5,000. Discussion ensued regarding the square card reader feed for scrip and other registration fees.

Building & Grounds: Work on the stage, replacement of tiles and acoustic repairs in the gym will take place this summer.

New Business: The board worked on establishing goals for the 2015-2016 academic year. The goals we selected are:

- 1) To increase family faith formation by identifying ways to strengthen a family’s Christian faith in ways other than only attending Sunday Mass each week
- 2) To increase enrollment by educating Catholic and non-Catholic families of the value of a St. George (faith-based) education.
- 3) Look at the parish/school budget/expenses as one, in an effort to better educate parishioners (of all parishes who have students attending St. George School).

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

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

The next meeting will be July 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Ruga

Msgr. Greg Higley