

St. George School Board Meeting

August 25, 2015

Those attending were Monsignor Higley, Julie Clingman, Jeff Englert, Shelly Causey, Jocelyn Schluss, Megan Stiers, Nathan Kopp and Anita Ruga. Sherri Gerlemann, Teri Weber and Craig Hemeyer were also present. Casey Heying and Stephanie Hughes were present to represent Home and School. Other guests were Dr. Juletta Avagyan, Christina Meyer and Dr. Douglas Meyer.

Jeff Englert opened the meeting at 7:20 p.m. and led the opening prayer.

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. There has been a lot of excitement so far this year. Monsignor Higley and Deacon Josh are frequently at school which has been very positively received.

Minutes: Minutes were distributed via email prior to the meeting. Shelly Causey moved that the minutes be approved as distributed. Nathan Kopp seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers: Jeff Englert nominated Shelly Causey as President, Jocelyn Schluss as Vice President and Anita Ruga as Secretary. The nominations were seconded by Jocelyn Schluss, Megan Stiers and Nathan Kopp respectively. There were no other nominations. The slate of officers passed unanimously.

Second Language: Christina Meyer, Dr. Douglas Meyer and Dr. Juletta Avagyan were present to ask the board to consider offering a foreign language as an after school program. They feel this would be especially valuable to younger students since exposure to a second language is easier to learn at younger ages. Mrs. Meyer will prepare a survey to gauge interest among parents and students. It will be sent out with the monthly newsletter.

Home & School Report: The Home & School officers have been working on solutions to the scheduling problem between the Christmas Bazaar and the Robotics competition. Discussions have included moving the concert back to the gym and moving the bazaar to the second Sunday in December.

Athletic Report: New officers are Tammy Rood, President; Bryan Brune, Vice President; Tonia Englert, Treasurer and Marsha Hagedorn, Secretary. The committee is gathering facts about the viability of a 7th & 8th grade volleyball team. Archery is considered a winter sport since competitions are held between November and May.

Scrip Report: No report.

Lunch Report: No report.

Pastor's Report: It's been a great start to the new school year. Monsignor is very impressed with the spirit and activities at St. George; there is so much going on. He is impressed at how well and loudly the children sing at weekday Mass.

Principal's Report: We are still celebrating the start of school and it has been great so far with lots of good things happening. The theme for the year is "Share the Spirit" in both faith and school. The Diocesan office has made many changes to the handbook. It will be emailed to board members and will be placed on the website. The website shell has been put together and we will begin updating it in the next couple of weeks. We have also asked for a shorter .url instead of stgeorgeschool-hermann.com. Albert Jacquin will be leaving each day at 2:30 pm so we will be hiring someone to clean after hours for 15 hours per week.

DEEF Money: The Diocesan Excellence in Education Fund (DEEF) money received was \$9200 in 2014-2015. We should receive \$9000 - \$11000 for 2015-2016. The money can be used to increase salaries above the 85% mark of public school salaries (we are at 88%), for staffing benefits or as a direct salary increase (bonus). Jeff moved to increase the salary scale above 85%. Jocelyn seconded the motion. The

motion passed unanimously. The monies will be given to the parish for faculty salaries in order to maintain the current salary scale.

Finance: Account balances as of August 25, 2015: Main Checking, \$20,615.58; After School Care, \$2,042.97; Preschool checking, \$25,979.15; Main Savings, \$76,463.67; Student Council, \$2,131.07.

Development Committee: No report.

Marketing Committee: No report. A meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

Long Range Planning Committee: There are 20-25 tickets remaining for Rollin' on the River which will be held on August 29.

Building & Grounds: No report.

Old Business: Teri Weber thanked everyone for their support of the Back to School movie night at Church of the Risen Savior. It was a great success.

New Business: We need to determine how to make families who aren't Catholic feel more welcome. We need to determine what families expect when they send their children to St. George and to explain better to all families our expectations. We currently have 11 new families, five of which are in the upper grades. A meeting with pre-kindergarten families is scheduled on September 3 and with kindergarten and first grade families on September 16.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be September 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Ruga

Msgr. Greg Higley