

St. George School Board Meeting

November 24, 2015

Those attending were Julie Clingman, Shelly Causey, Jocelyn Schluss, Megan Stiers, Nathan Kopp, Donna Gleeson and Anita Ruga. Sherri Gerlemann was also present. Absent were Monsignor Higley, Jeff Englert, Teri Weber and Craig Hemeyer.

Shelly Causey opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led the opening prayer.

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

Minutes: Minutes were distributed via email prior to the meeting. Megan Stiers moved that the minutes be approved as distributed. Anita Ruga seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mission Statement Review: The board reflected on the Mission Statement and offered examples of how the mission is lived in daily life. As their service project this year, the 5th grade sings at funerals and the 6th grade puts away tables after funeral lunches. The Student Council did a good job presenting their ideas at the Park Board meeting. Two students took first place for their speech at the Diocesan Speech Meet. The 8th grade robotics team advanced to the state semi-finals. Other examples were the parent who doesn't have a child in Student Council but volunteered to drive StuCo members to district meetings in Cuba, MO, the family who sent snack baskets to the faculty as a "thank you" for being such great people in the lives of their child and the parishioners that are at Mass during the week who are always so gracious and sincere in the praise they give the students and faculty.

Athletic Report: Financial Report – Checking, \$4,845.00; Savings, \$9,807.78. The B team boys' basketball tournament will be January 8-9, 2016. The committee is obtaining quotes to possibly purchase new uniforms. They also discussed negative comments said to students who are not playing basketball. Comments are being said by students and parents who attend games. Mr. Vise spoke to each class about what it means to be a Christian athlete.

Home & School Report: Financial Report – Checking, \$47,136.00; CD's, \$13,966.71, \$1,625.57 and \$3000.00. Profit from Art to Remember fundraiser was \$2,742. The Book Fair raised \$1,189 Scholastic Dollars. Article IV Section 2 & 3 of the Home and School Constitution were amended. Article IV Section 2 now reads: "At the regular meeting held on the first Monday in May, the officers are to be elected annually (terms shall run June 1st to May 31st)." Article IV Section 3 now reads: "No member shall hold more than one office at a time, and no member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office."

Scrip Report: Financial Report – Checking, \$2,689.00. Profit to date is \$5,588. Presentations were made at all Masses. Mrs. Clingman spoke to the Diocese again about the box and it is possible for the box to be taken to Church of the Risen Savior and Morrison so they may begin this service again.

Lunch Report: No report.

Parish Council Reports: St. George – The Knights are looking at handicap accessibility for the cafeteria. The Shrimp Boil will be held on February 6, 2016 with profits going toward the cafeteria project. They are exploring a new event to replace the gala.

Pastor's Report: No report.

Principal's Report: There were about 75 adults and children who attended Movie Night. \$45 and 88 food items were collected for the Food Pantry. On the Teacher Work Day, the Professional Development Committee is continuing Surface Pro training and exploring options for training faculty. They are planning a visit to other schools on March 11, 2016. The Early Childhood teachers may be attending the Young Years Conference in March. The Faith Formation Committee is planning the teachers retreat on February 12, 2016. The focus will be on liturgical planning and the meaning and symbolism of the Mass. Possible presenters are Msgr. Greg, Deacon Josh, Father Chris and Deacon Rick Vise. The Advent Giving Tree has been put up in

School and Church. The Social/Service Committee is planning the Christmas Party on December 18, 2015 and also planning dinner and shopping for January 2016. In Diocesan News, "Play like a Champion Today" is a character education program from Notre Dame that has been adopted in the diocese. It is a program that talks about giving back to God through sports – it isn't all about the winning. Training will be provided for all coaches, parents and athletes. A new policy will no longer allow donations or service as part of a tithe. We must now pay individuals for services/supplies and the individual/business can return the payment. This applies only if the donation/service/volunteer time is part of a tithe. New standardized testing will be given next year.

Finance: Account balances as of November 23, 2015: Main Checking, \$10,763.52; After School Care, \$811.42; Preschool checking, \$20,585.25; Main Savings, \$76,463.67; Student Council, \$3,073.60.

Non-Catholic Tuition: No report.

Curriculum & Development Committee: No report.

Marketing Committee: No report.

Building & Grounds: Work on the parking lot barrier wall will start any day, weather permitting. The fence will be mounted on top of the wall. A short term safety fix has been proposed for the sagging wall. A meeting will be scheduled with Nick Godat to discuss the playground tie wall, the restrooms and locker rooms.

Long Range Planning Committee: No report.

Old Business: There are 20-25 children interested in learning a second language. The next step is to find a certified teacher. Other children have expressed interest in a chess club.

Goal Reflection: Msgr. Greg did a great job talking about the importance of attending Mass.

New Business: Jocelyn Schluss will be moving out of the district in December and will be resigning her position on the school board. We thank Jocelyn for your help and support in the past and will truly miss her expertise.

Megan Stiers moved that the meeting be adjourned; Nathan Kopp seconded the motion. Shelly Causey led the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next meeting will be January 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Ruga

Msgr. Greg Higley