

St. George School Board Meeting September 19, 2016

Those attending were Msgr. Higley, Julie Clingman, Karen Lampkin, Megan Stiers, Nathan Kopp, Teri Weber, Sheri Gerlemann and Anita Ruga and Jeff Englert. Shelly Causey and Donna Gleeson were absent.

Karen Lampkin opened the meeting at 7:02 with a prayer.

Minutes: Minutes of the July 26, 2016 meeting were distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting. Nathan Kopp moved the minutes be approved as distributed. Anita Ruga seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mission Statement Reflection: Mrs. Clingman mentioned Back to School night, Rollin on the River and the 8th Grade coordinating a 9/11 Prayer Service.

Athletic Report: *Treasurer's Report:* Checking: \$2,147 Savings: \$9,811. A coaches' mtg. will be held Wed. Sept. 28th @ 6:00. Workers need to work 6 games total. Bryan Brune is currently working on workers' lists for the basketball season. Reminder to the parents the athlete's dress code is black sweatpants with a SGS spirit shirt, these need to be worn over their uniform to and from the game.

Home & School Report: *Treasurer's Report:* Checking \$50,111, CD's \$18,615. The quilting Ladies donated a quilt to the H&S to be used how they see fit. The Blood Drive collected 79 units of blood. The Rummage Sale Profit was \$4,326 and Donna Morrow will not chair the event next year. At the Fish Fry events they will offer a 50/50 drawings. There will not be a Fish Fry in October but there will be an extra one in Dec. The event is in need of older upper grade students/A+ students/confirmation student to work at the younger classes' fish fry. The Christmas Bazaar is Sunday, Dec. 11th at 11:00-3:00 immediately following clean-up the Concert will be held in the gym. The 10/10 raffle tickets are on sale now with the turn in date in January. The Keepsake Art replaces Art to Remember Fund-raiser. This fund-raiser will be held in the springtime now, close to Mother's Day. It is the same format as in the past. The students will create works of arts and then it is transferred to things like, mugs, plates, aprons, bags, etc. The Horse'n Around fund-raiser made a profit of \$11,840

Scrip Report: Checking \$4,653; Profit to date: \$ 4,888

Parishes Report: *St. George:* On October 2, 2016 a Living Rosary will be held at 4:00 in the church parking lot. The worship committee is looking into organizing retreats. September 27, 2016 RCIA starts up again. Msgr. mentioned how awesome the new bathroom in the cafeteria turned out. So far today \$12,000 has been raised for the chair lift in the church basement. *Church of the Risen Savior:* The Fall Pilgrimage was a huge success, 427 Adults and 12 children were served during the meal. The Shrine is looking at a lighting project. Msgr. is trying to find volunteers to help upkeep the Shrine Grounds. CRS Youth Group is hosting a hayride Oct. 1. Oct 23rd is a youth mass at CRS. Starting in October CRS will be organizing PSR classes after 8:30 mass.

Pastor Report: Msgr. Discussed a program called, Formed, which is a multi-media on-line program. By implementing this program it will allow St. George and Church of the Risen Savior parishioners to continue their Catholic education learning at home. The program will cost the parish \$150/mo.

Principal Report: Allison Grzeskowiask was hired as the full-time custodian. Alex Gleeson and Mary Steiner will replace Donna Morrow as After School Program assistant supervisors. Serve St. Louis: will be Saturday, Oct. 7 9:00-12:00, with a luncheon at 12:00 Rhineland park. Service activities include: baking cookies, cemetery clean-up, a residence yard, Starkenburg clean-up, games @ the nursing home. The Light the Night Concert will be Friday, Oct. 14 5:00-8:00. The students will set-up after school, LRPC bought an ad in the newspaper advertising the event, K of C is doing the food stand, the students will work the games and Home & School approved borrowing their games. There is a new band this year. Upcoming dates: Sept. 26-30~Testing Week grs. 1-8, Oct 6 & 7-Healthy life Styles retreat for our 8th graders at St. Francis Borgia High School, Oct. 10-Oct 14-Mission Week, Oct. 27- P/T/S Conferences 1:15-7:30, Oct. 28 -NO School and

Oct. 31- 8th gr. Cakewalk 12:25-2:25. New guidelines for field trip chaperones were reviewed and approved. They will be implemented in October and distributed via the October monthly newsletter.

Finance: Budget Review. Mrs. Clingman explained the new budget report format. Account balances the School... checking: \$30, 443; Reimbursement: \$44,294; Savings \$76, 463, LRPC: \$48,945; Money Market: \$154,582; School Lunch: Checking \$1,530, Savings \$1,645 After School Care: \$1,804, Pre-Kindergarten: \$39,589 Student Council: \$5,512 The Reimbursements account shows a large balance because it still has the money from the Roll'n on the River Event and Horse'n Around event. Msgr. will be sending a letter to all school families explaining the difference between tuition, tithing and what is a free will offering.

Development: The Student Resource Center is moving slow in order to develop a comprehensive plan to meet the needs of identified students. Mrs. Rogers is working with the Title 1 supervisor and is set to begin September 19th, 2016. Conversations with the public school are taking place because the public school has indicated they want to restructure the service plan and how services are given out. The Student Enrichment Program is full production. Robots are being built, research is taking place on Animal Ally topics. The upper grade classes will be taking a trip to the zoo ~~is planned~~ in order to meet with scientist there and discuss animal allies. Language Arts Curriculum the first In-house curriculum meeting is next week Friday Sept. 30. Because of the many devices accessing the internet at the same time Mrs. Clingman stated the school needs a larger bandwidth what we currently have is not serving our needs.

Marketing: Upcoming events that are planned: Pack the gym night Sunday, Feb. 5; Buddy Night Friday, Dec. 16. A possible new activity is a BARN DANCE April 29. The committee needs to sell SGS signs.

Building & Grounds: Projects to do in the summer of 2017: the north side windows need to be replaced or fixed, the westside fire escape needs to be fixed or removed and displaying the mission statement in the school lobby

LRP: Mrs. Clingman stated that the Rolling on the River event was a success and the committee is still waiting on the final profit number. The cost of this summer's projects totaled \$131,036.80.

Old Business: Students have requested to bring in their own devices. Mrs. Clingman and Mrs. Hoemann discussed this issue and feel it would be best to only use St. George School equipment. Anita made the motion and Nathan seconded that only school provided devices could be used. Motion passed.

New Business: the school board constitution was reviewed and the following changes were offered: Membership section 1 portion needs to be changed. The representative from other parishes needs to be adjusted. Discussion was made on the elected representative from outside parishes. Meeting dates section 1 should be changed also to reflect a yearly decision based on the board's decision at the beginning of the year. Membership Section 3: if not enough candidates come forward, the school board determines the need for an election. Pastoral Plan: Initiated in 2010, the bishop after 2015 wants each parish to see how they are fulfilling the pastoral plan. Priorities were mentioned...Faith being one. Msgr. is starting the "Formed" program as a result of this priority. Parish missions, etc. have been done. Second priority is activities that touch the Family. The activity can be serious or fun. Msgr. started this by the STL Cardinals game, Pool Party, Hayride, etc. The third is Reaching Out, reaching out to immigrants, inactive Catholics, or those unchurched. This can also mean touching our community with a good example is Park Pride, Serve St. Louis, etc. Through all of this, the bishop is now looking for an accountability report. How are we living out our 3 priorities in all areas of our parish/school? The school's focus for 2016-17 will be on the family. Charism and Culture: Mrs. Clingman spoke about the Charism and Culture of our school. Charisms are special graces that the Holy Spirit bestows and are associated with carrying out God's work on earth and the mission of Jesus. The Catechism tells us that spiritual gifts become charism when they are used for the sake of others instead of our own holiness. Charisms are gifts we give away, not gifts we keep. Examples of charisms... faith, hospitality, knowledge, leadership, mercy, service, and teaching. Questions the school board members are to ask families, parishioners, community members and themselves: What is distinctive about our school within the Catholic School tradition? How is the student experience different? What unique gift does our school provide our families, church and local community? What gifts do our graduates bring with them wherever they go? What is compelling and irresistible about our Charism? The board should bring their answers to the next meeting.

Goal Reflection: Msgr. talked about Catholic Identity. Some examples he gave were; First Friday Adoration, the school children planning the liturgies, fish fry's, and more. Mrs. Clingman stated the "Formed" program could also fall under Catholic Identity.

Anita Ruga moved that the meeting be adjourned; Megan Stiers seconded. Msgr. Higley led the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

The next meeting will be October 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Stiers

Msgr. Greg Higley