

School Committee Minutes

March 14, 2016

Present: Ed Brady, Jeff Bajczyk, John Shanahan, Cindy Gaudion, Matt DeMarais, Barb Romanello

Absent: Pat Donahue, Joe Siekierski, Rachel Plymesser, Dick Stevens, Rita Boroski, Fr. Ralph, Fr. Chuck, and Parish Rep.

Begin: 7:10

Recruitment: Jeff will put a notice in the church bulletin that the School Committee is looking for new members. It is good to be actively searching now so members can begin. Our new members do not have to be school parents, but have a variety of interests and skills.

Auction: All planning for this night is coming along. The committee is researching the possibility of hand-held bidding (electronic) devices. It has proven to generate more revenue, but costly to provide. Baskets from school families are in the process of being put together. There has been a low return from the school families and the organizers are hoping by next week this turns around.

Golf Outing: The first planning meeting will be in April. Set your calendars for August 8

Committee to Hire: A search committee consisting of Father, Rita Boroski, Laurel Hopkins, Lisa Hendricks (St. Bruno's principal), 1 teacher, 1 Home and School rep., and 1 School Committee member is forming to review incoming applications for principal. Jeff agreed to be the School Committee member on the hiring committee with Ed as back up. No times have been set for interviews.

Principal's Report: Our art work has been in the Metropolitan area: Milwaukee Art Museum, County Court House, and Pewaukee Library. Jen Arpin has worked tirelessly giving our students creative art skills. The art is amazing and top notch. We should be extremely proud of Ms. Arpin's skill in teaching our students.

The Middle School has been practicing for the Passion Play on March 18 at 2:00 and the band will be competing in the Solo Ensemble in Oconomowoc (Saturday March 19) with a preview concert Tuesday March 15 at St. Paul.

Our 8th grade boys' basketball team participated in the Serra Padre tournament last weekend. It seems like all of our liberal arts have been showcased this past week.

4K classes have taken the Pals test and academics have a large number of students achieving benchmarks set for end of school year.

John exclaimed, "We can see success everywhere we look at St. Paul."

Choice Program: St. Paul currently has 1 application for the program. There is a mountain of paper work slated for Choice Schools and budgets need to be aligned with State requirements (St. Paul does not align with State). Our costs of an audit would over run the cost of one student application. The Finance committee is meeting to vote on whether to continue with the process of Choice and adopt the new financial system needed by the government.

School Budget: Ed and John have submitted a balanced budget to parish. The budget projects having two 4K classes, a full time 3K teacher, and extra secretarial hours. This budget is balanced because of the resources gained by the Golf Outing and the 4K partnerships with Mukwonago and KM.

Building and Grounds: no report

Technology/Communication: Matt assisted in the new operating web site. There is current news and links to Facebook. It looks good. Thank you to Matt and helpers.

Peggy Smith, Jen Arpin, and students have been keeping Facebook updated. Let's be careful of too many people with the log in access.

Long Term Committee: The committee met last week and discussed their 3-5 year goals one being the creation of a \$40,000 endowment (\$5,000 yearly increase) to help with tuition assistance.

Marketing: Kudos for all who turned out for the fish fry. The money earned goes directly into the marketing budget. The 2016 Souls Walk posters are out and we made a splash with our name on it.

Home and School: The scrip program is being revitalized so no one person has all the work. The program hopes to continue selling after masses and at school.

Adjourned at 8:10

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Romanello