

School Board Minutes January 24, 2012

Attendees: Kim Murphy, Sherrie Bransky, Christine Rivera, Patrick Browne, Father Tom, Karl Williams, Sharon Ross and Paul Cochrane

Absentees: Mari Johnson, Nikki Barbour

Motion to accept minutes from November 8, 2011, Father Tom motioned, agreement by all.

Start 6:35 pm

- Thanks for the snacks, Karl
- Opening prayer – 5 mins
 - Father Tom
- **Financial Review and Summary of Finance Council Meeting;**
Bingo Revenue Update
 - Bingo is still behind on projected historic budget. Recovery of bingo but attendance is low. To have recovery, need attendance to be 140 to 150 people. Average attendance is 120 to 125 people. Still not running as a well oiled machine but noticeable recovery is recognized with responsible and accountable captains in place. The captains are still performing their duties on a learning curve with Chuck's supervision.
 - Marketing bingo is important. How can we increase attendance?
 - Advertising – radio commercials, newspaper
 - Gorilla marketing – flyers, signs and brochures
 - Kim Murphy, Paul Cochrane and Sharon Ross will form a plan and have it ready for approval by February. Ready for execution March 1, 2012.
 - Looking to increase maximum to 160 attendees.
 - For the coming year 2012-2013, tuition will increase 2% to cover the mandatory salary increase set by the Archdioceses.
 - Parish subsidy for each student is \$500.00 based on weekly contribution. We need to increase the weekly attendance for those families who indicate that they are parishioners. There is no distinction between parishioner and non-parishioner rates. We want families to support the entire OLH community.
- **Principal's report – State of the School**
 1. Many Academic Contests in Jan– spelling bee, geography bee, Mathalon and Handwriting contest-all very successful
 2. OLH is testing students 3x a year in math and reading – of entire student body 11 below in math and 19 below in reading (national norms)
 3. Auction update - April 28, 2012 – A Knight for the Kids, information went to the school families last week.
 4. Feb 7, 2012 – pre-school and kindergarten registration begins
 5. Special Persons Mass, 8:45 AM February 3rd
 6. Parish Family Mass 5:00 PM February 4th
 7. Passed asbestos testing in school building-this was a three year reevaluation
 8. Haylee Bjorn event Friday, February 10th 4:15-7:30 PM. Please encourage people to purchase tickets in advance.
 - a. Please provide items for raffles
 9. State of the School Address March 6

10. Fun Fair, March 23

- Survey questions – Kim Murphy
 1. 68% is a good response
 2. Hard copy of survey to go out with Jean's Day incentive. Kim will work with Sherrie on the questions.
 3. Christine and Sharon to tally results

- Fundraisers
 - New ideas for fundraisers, church picnic or carnival – MUST HAVE A HARDELL TO FATHER TOM. Fundraiser must raise more than \$16k.
 - Agree to not increase the mandatory family contribution from \$60.00 to \$\$\$.
 - We will evaluate next year.
 - Expand casino night fundraiser to increase revenue.

- Father Tom Update:
 1. Student Aid committee for 2012/2013: Laura Jones, Janet Jones, Sheila Pope and Noreen Paulsen. The assistance form is anonymous to the committee. Only Mr. Browne will know who is submitting the form.
 - Discussion of assets requests on the form. Are the questions appropriate?
 - What is the average \$\$ requested per family? Request for larger \$\$ amounts. These are grants.
 2. Boilers are no longer an issue as the boilers are not old and are still in good shape. Thanks to Paul and Karl for recognizing that we did not need new boilers.
 3. Mobiles are in bad shape. Laura Jones, Mr. Browne and Father Tom will evaluate by August 2012 to decide the best approach for replacement with a permanent structure attached to the building. We need to have money secured.
 - Karl had some ideas for options for materials and sizing.
 - Contact architect