

Minutes

St. Mary's School Meeting

February 10, 2015

Called to order at 6:31 pm.

Agenda- Change teacher to Amy Kehoe on the agenda.

Motion to approve agenda, Jeff, second, Father- no oppose.

School budget

1. Lunch – Chad- says the budget is in good shape, we are paying Lucy less due to changes in insurance.
2. Matt recommended Rich Johnson (320-287-3395) to come and clean freezer and condenser filters once a year. Father asked if he could service the air conditioners and furnaces. Jeff- says yes- he can do it all. Father mentioned there is someone who does it for the church already- Joe will talk to Corey.
3. Actual profit and loss sheet- Chad conversation with Joe is things seem to be going ok- no major overages. Matt asked if we could see if the budget spending could be done monthly instead of yearly.
4. Chad asked if page 2 other- is the freezer- Joe is pretty sure that is correct
5. No heating expenses have shown up yet. Joe will check on this.
6. Carry forward- discuss how to re-invest the money.
7. Auction- Matt says everything is going well- We only have 119 dinner tickets turned in. Not sure why the numbers are down- 3 day weekend? Should the board consider moving it?
8. Catholic United Financial raffle seems to be well received so far.
9. Public Health called and asked if we did pre-school screening. We decided it's a good recommendation but do not believe it is legally required.
10. Pre-registration went well, encouraged some tuition additional payments, and a few new families.
11. Kindergarten class- we are hoping for 14-15 students. We have approx. 7 pre-registered.
12. Scholarships: Joe would like to create a way to figure a way to award scholarships. It was suggested to have the form online. Change the form to say: After prayerful discernment how much of a financial commitment can you make this year to your child's education.
13. Bob Schneider is building the stage, so money from enrichment will go into investments.
14. The hope/plan is to hire a part time technology teacher. It would be approximately hours a week and would include classroom teaching and also some general maintenance, networking etc- to save money. Morris Electronic costs \$45 a hour. If we had someone on the staff that would be better. We are cutting money out of tech maintenance to help pay for the position.
15. Report on St. Mary's- assessment will allow reporting to MNSA to be easier.
16. Chad asked for teachers to review it.
17. Talk about adding a weekly/monthly Radio show, 20 minutes on KMRS/KKOK. Sounds good.
18. Chad stated motion to approve the State of St. Mary's report- Ryan second- all agreed.

19. Fr. Report- Pope Francis stated this is the Year of the consecrated life Nick Kleespie will talk about religious life.
20. St. Ben's women three GGG girls has spoken in the past, ask them to come to speak to the girls.
21. Sexuality- marriage and family office, Chris Kott head of the office, and her husband would be interested in coming to teach sex education to the 5th and 6th grade.
22. Doug Berry- March 17-Life on the Rock – will be in central Minnesota area- well known speaker.
23. Lent- stations of the cross- Living Stations of the Cross.
24. Bishop is coming to the 9 am mass- with breakfast and go to faith formation, Linda will have the kids sing at the mass with the choir.
25. Assumption will host the World Day of Prayer, March 6th - 5/6th singing- and 4th attending. Maybe all the kids will attend if there is space.
26. Maintenance report-Ryan met with Corey and- issues that they identified: duck pointing, faucets and sinks, computer room – uni-vent, replacing heating vent in computer room, refinish the classroom doors, rusting in bathrooms stalls- have been painted- the wraps on the pipes in the basement, because ugly pipes hurt recruitment, windows need to be replaced mostly in the hallways. Corey is working on getting bids- and then they will decide where to go from there.
27. Education fund committee report- \$5,000 last year was given to the school.
28. Reviewed new budget for 2015- includes technology teacher, teacher and staffs raises. Savings in the hot lunch program Father made a motion to pass, second by Matt- all in favor. Has \$1500 raise for teachers and staff as well as tuition freeze- and depending on parish subsidies would be a \$9,000 deficit at this point (to be made up by increased fundraising and also unrestricted donations).
29. Goal is to create a salary plan- with steps to bring our starting salary to 80% of the public school. MAES starting salary is believed to be 32K.
30. Discussion about percentages instead of raises. Subcommittee of Jeff, Matt and Joanne will meet.
31. Chad brought up lowering tuition \$1750- to get enrollment up to get more income. No further discussion.

Teacher Report- Amy Kehoe

Joe has been great, chrome books great, new teacher is great- they are learning new things – great new environment- all good!!

Chad motion to adjourn- Ryan second-

Prayer led by father- The Angelus