

St Gerald School Advisory Board Meeting
February 11, 2016 – 7:00pm

MINUTES

Present:

Lissette Alvarado
Brenda Ochoa
Dan Cerceo
Theresa Munoz
Gail Stearns-Hussein
Nicholas Suh
Cindy Vega
Anmarie Waters

Father Malcolm
Mr. Theis

Absent – Carlos Delgado and Paula Bednarek

- I. Call to order
Call to order at 7:00
- II. Opening Prayer
Father Malcolm led us in opening prayer
- III. Approval of minutes
Motion to approve the minutes by Gail – Brenda seconded
- IV. Pastors Report
 - Tomorrow is the first soup supper
 - Currently involved in To Teach Christ Campaign – goals from the campaign are: roofs, windows and make the front of the church accessible
 - 6 new nuns will be moving in
 - Goal is 1 million dollars in pledges within the next 5 years – Goal is to have \$200,000 pledged before we go to the whole church. Goal is figured by Sunday, Christmas and Easter collection timed by 130. 40% goes to the Archdiocese. 60% will stay with us. There will be special envelopes
 - Anything over the pledged amount will go to us.
 - Currently owe \$220,000 on gym
 - Teacher's salary is going up 3%. Health Care is going up 5%. This will be reflected in tuition for next year.
- V. Principals Report (3 handouts) 1. Archdiocese Questionnaire, 2. SXU Athletic Basketball game and 3. Family Health and Fun Fair Flyer from District 123.
 - Went to a meeting this morning at Oak Lawn Management.
 - On March 3rd – from 9:00-2:00 - first responders and schools are involved to participate in a train derailment tabletop discussion in the Christ Hospital auditorium. The village's goal is to be prepared in the event that a derailment would occur. If 5 tanks were burning on 98th and Central – all resident/schools would be evacuated up to 1.5 miles. Plan in the tabletop drill is to say that everyone north of tracks would go to Oak Lawn High School. South of the tracks would go to Richards. Everyone would need to evacuate 12-15 minutes after the derailment. We would 1st evacuate to Oak Lawn High School. Our second is Thompson and Kuenster but due to this scenario, would not be an option. Mr. Theis will contact the principal of Covington to be our possible 3rd safety site.
 - Mission boxes were given to children

- Mission nights – encouraged to attend
- Mr. Theis reviewed all 3 handouts
- Dinner Dance – audition on February 23rd

VI. Presidents Report

- Dan thanked everyone for their help during open house
- Dan touched base with Margie in terms of tuition payments – last month was most late payments.
- Brenda will reach out to Mrs. Reardon in terms of a preschool evening open house.
- Nick asked about the success of open house. Mr. Theis said that not many signed up on the day of open house but have had a few since then (only a handful).
- Dan suggested we speak to Margie in terms of the current registration for next year.
- Father said that next Thursday 7 new families will be coming for baptism class.
- We need to track next year the amount of people for open house. Suggest a sign in sheet with names, numbers and emails.
- NJHS was a great help at open house
- Lissette suggested that more of our students participate (possibly wax museum) or the upcycling projects on display.
- Have refreshments
- Have each club make a poster to showcase about the club and what we offer here at St. Gerald's
- Nick suggested that Mrs. Marcinkowski, school counselor, be present at open house for possible school transfer students
- Gail said that we had 60 spirit wear orders – she will need more help next time around. Another spirit wear order will go out in approximately 2 months.
- Nick suggested that we look into accepting credit cards – possibility the St. Gerald Marketplace or set up a PayPal account.

VII. SAB committees Reports

- Budget & Finance
- Marketing & Public Relations
- Planning & Policy
- Development
 - Cindy found a grant – need to speak with Mr. Theis to move forward on details
- Building & Maintenance
- Legislative Action
- Technology
 - Dan asked for the clarification on the purpose of manna for technology. Mr. Theis said that we would speak to Debbie Janicke regarding any technology for the school. Computer Lab received a new re-furbished lab, 2 years ago. Our outsourced IT company is also paid through manna. Ben is still with the company but CJ will be our new contact person. Also, is going toward technology in Ms. Connelley's fund. Dan asked if we wanted to make technology recommendations – who should we speak to? Mr. Theis told Dan that he could speak to him or Debbie Janicke. Father will bring a report next month regarding technology and manna. District 123 gave us 2 charging carts but do not have the devices. District 123 has also been through a number of devices and can give us advice or what works/doesn't. Lissette looked into a Chromebook & Tablet Grant and Google for Education information.
 - Nick said that we do not have a full time dedicated individual. Mr. Theis said that our IT company comes in once a week to fix issues. Mr. Theis hopes in the future that we will have someone for that position.
- Safety & Security
 - Board can make a recommendation by next meeting

VIII. Old Business

- Schedule next coffee with the principal – next meeting at 6:00 before the next meeting 3-10-16
 - Dan is willing to present an online safety course
 - Possibly have another in May – Gail suggested a summer informational seminar – give helpful educational websites and activities to do with your children.

IX. New Business

- Open house debriefing
- 1st annual entrance to the SOUTHSIDE PARADE

- Huge tradition on the Southside –This year will be March 13th, which also St. Gerald of Mayo Feast Day. AnMarie has the paperwork and information. We have been accepted as a late entry. AnMarie would ask other committees: Mother’s Club and Holy Name and Sports Committees to participate. There is a \$300 entry fee. AnMarie will work on a sponsor. Nick gave a motion to recommend – Gail seconded
- c. Foreign language discussion – table until next time
- d. Lunch food discussion – table until next time
- e. STEM/STEAM update – Event we are sponsoring on March 16th is the Sally Ride Presentation (astronaut). This is a school wide presentation. Mrs. Woulfe is coordinating. We need to discuss our commitment level. Parent survey will go out to parents discussing stem.

X. Announcements

XI. Comments from the Floor

XII. Motion to Adjourn

- Motion to Adjourn 8:27 – Dan was first and Theresa seconded

XIII. Closing Prayer