

St. Francis of Assisi Board of Education Meeting

October 8, 2015

In Attendance: Mike Waller, Jim Hoyt, Lou Flori, Stephanie Drey, Chris Jenkins, Stacey Dorsey, Lori Haigh, Bill Pierson, Lynn Ricke

Administrators: Father Ray McHenry, Tammy Myers, Christen Cota, Deacon Bill Richer

Guests: Chris Doud, Pastoral Council Liaison

Call to Order – at 6:33 by Mike Waller

Prayer – Lou Flori

Approval of Agenda – A motion was made by Lori Haigh and seconded by Stacey Dorsey to approve the agenda. All in favor/none opposed. Agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes – completed electronically

Guest Report – none

Pastor's Report – *Fr. Ray*

- An additional letter was sent to the entire parish regarding the Annual Diocesan Appeal shortage. St. Francis is currently \$75,000 short.
- The track is two weeks behind schedule due to the wet weather.
- Francisfest was well-attended and successful.
- Father has many off-campus meetings and commitments during the month of October.

Chairperson Report – *Mike Waller*

- The Day School is adding one new second grade student.

Day School – *Misty Hade/Jennifer Raes*

- The report was submitted electronically.
- It has been a challenge finding enough substitute teachers.

Preschool – *Tammy Myers*

- The report was submitted electronically.
- All preschool classes are currently full.
- Extensive fall assessments are being conducted.

- Some safety issues outside the church building after preschool were addressed with parents.

RE – *Christen Cota*

- The report was submitted electronically.
- This is the *Year of Mercy*, and many exciting ideas centered on this theme have been generated.
- Enrollment numbers are down this year.
- CONNECT classroom for special needs high school students has been added, and it has been very successful.

Youth Ministry – *Deacon Bill Richer*

- The report was submitted electronically.
- Two to three late registration students are added each week. FISH is currently recruiting additional adult volunteers to help with the increased number of students.
- A group will be attending NCYC in Indianapolis in November.
- The Diocesan Youth Conference will be held on October 25th at Dowling.
- Students will be collecting food for the DMARC Food Pantry on Beggar's Night.

Building and Grounds – *Jim Hoyt*

- The playground project is finished, and it came in \$5,000 over budget.
- The LED lighting project is continuing, and it must be finished before December 31, 2015 to receive an energy rebate.
- The north circle landscaping project is being planned. It will include a statue of Mary and an area for quiet reflection.
- Building and Grounds will work with the faculty to have the summer work list completed next year.
- There are some major gouges in the new Parish Hall floor. The committee is investigating causes.

Finance – *Lou Flori/Lynn Ricke*

- The report was submitted electronically.
- Year-end finances have been finalized.
- Most revenues are in line with expectations. Youth Ministry is higher than expected.
- Some changes are being explored in the day school budget, particularly in the areas of maintenance and textbook costs. The lower enrollment is also affecting the budget.

Home and School – *Stacey Dorsey*

- The report was submitted electronically.
- The next meeting is October 22, 2015 at noon.
- A representative from the initiative for Education Savings Accounts will be speaking at the next Home and School meeting.

SIAC – *Lori Haigh*

- No report.
- The first meeting will be held on October 21, 2015.

PPAC – *Stephanie Drey*

- The report was submitted electronically.

Pastoral Council – *Chris Doud*

- Francisfest was successful. It was well-attended and families enjoyed the events.
- Visioning is continuing. There will be a Pastoral Council retreat on Sunday, October 11, 2015 from 1:00-3:30 to further collaborate and discuss the vision.
- Catholics Come Home is a diocesan-wide campaign that will begin in 2016. It includes marketing materials, and a special collection will be conducted.
- A concern was brought forth that more volunteers were needed to help with Francisfest. It would be beneficial to divide the workload and include more adult volunteers, especially for set-up, take-down, and patrolling the school hallways during the event.

Old Business

- Pastoral planning conversations are continuing.

New Business

- Small groups are meeting and working on the visioning process.

Executive Session

A motion was made at 8:04 PM by Stacey Dorsey and seconded by Jim Hoyt to enter Executive Session. All in favor/none opposed. Motion approved.

A motion was made at 8:18 PM by Stephanie Drey and seconded by Lori Haigh to exit Executive Session. All in favor/none opposed. Motion approved.

Closing Comments/Good of the Order

None

Adjournment--A motion to adjourn was made by Lynn Ricke and seconded by Bill Pierson. All in favor/none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.