

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2009
ST. HILARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Present: Dr. Patricia Nugent, Father Steve, Karen Alestock, Todd Stock, Maura Bozzelli, Molly Scantling, Dan Sollenberger, Barbara Monteleone, Barry Thoman, Mark Demechko

Also Present: Debbie Sinopoli, Jean Hohfelder, Shelley Bohrer, Wendi Lawson-Gissinger

Fr. Steve opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. with a prayer.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Father Steve reported that one of the components of the cluster plan with Guardian Angels and St. Victor is to provide for the long-term support and stability of St. Hilary School. Fr. Steve would like to create a "Blue Ribbon Commission" composed of both parishioners and non-parishioners who support Catholic education. This group would develop ideas and plans that would involve all three parishes in providing for the long-term financial stability of the school. Both Dr. Nugent and Barb Monteleone have agreed to be members of this Blue Ribbon Commission.

October is Stewardship month at St. Hilary, and the 2009 Stewardship campaign will begin the weekend of October 10 and 11.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dr. Nugent reported that several field trips are scheduled for the month of October. The 6th grade is scheduled to go to Morley Health Center on October 15 and 16th, while the 8th grade will travel to Pittsburgh on October 16. The first graders will see a performance at the Magical Theater Company, which also happens to be the first field trip subject to the new booster seat law for children 8 and under.

There was positive feedback for the 5th grade camping trip at Cuyahoga Valley Environmental and Education Center.

As of October 13, 2009, there were two confirmed cases of H1N1 illness in the school, but also a number of student absences due to illness. A lot of area schools are also reporting a lot of flu-like illness.

The first quarter will end on October 23. At that time, one of the assistant teachers in Kindergarten will be leaving and Dr. Nugent will be replacing that assistant teacher.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report from the Business Manager tonight as Lou Camerato was not able to attend the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was not a separate report from the President, Dan Sollenberger, this evening, other than New Business.

MARKETING REPORT

Debbie Sinopoli reported that she has placed new ads for Catholic Schools Week and Kindergarten Kaleidoscope in area print publications. The ads will appear in November.

Work has begun on the registration and enrollment process for the 2010-2011 school year, with an effort being made to project the enrollment for kindergarten.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION REPORT

Jean Hohlefelder reported that there were about 40 tickets left to sell for the 200 Club Raffle tickets. The first drawing is scheduled for October 17, so everyone who has not bought a ticket yet is encouraged to buy one. Four drawings will be held during the school year.

The Family Halloween Festival will take place on Saturday, October 17, 2009 in Horning Hall from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per family in advance or \$20 per family at the door.

The Annual Basket Raffle will be held from November 6 through 11, 2009, with tickets on sale at school during lunch periods; after mass in the Spiritual Center the weekend of November 7 and 8; during Parent – Teacher conferences on November 11 and 12.

Grades K-4 will participate in a Science program conducted in the “Agricultural Van” in the parking lot at school. The emphasis of the program will be on farming and making food. Parents' Association is currently looking for an age-appropriate science program for grades 5-8.

Karen Martin has graciously agreed to be the Chairperson for Celebration 2010, with several committee chairs working with Karen so that work for the event is delegated among several people—all volunteers are welcome. Jeanne reported that a Parents Association is looking for a “shadow” for Karen this year so that there would be a person in place to chair Celebration in 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

Barb Monteleone attended the Parish Council meeting in September. She reported that Parish Council is concerned about the condition of the hymnals in church because they have to last for a few more years. Fr. Steve explained that the hymnals have to last at least two more years because the final translations of Eucharistic prayers are in progress with the Vatican. Once the new translations are finished and approved, new hymnals will need to be printed.

Barry Thoman and Todd Stock reported that they were unable to attend the first meeting of the 50th Anniversary Committee because it was held at 3:30 p.m. on October 21, 2009. Dr. Nugent and Mrs. Alestock advised that the committee will make every effort to accommodate the schedules of the committee members when planning meetings. The goal now is to decide on a list of events that will occur monthly during the 2010-2011 school year, and assign committee members to plan the various events. The events will most likely have a “50’s” spin.

NEW BUSINESS

Dan Sollenberger reported that the Ministry Fair will be held the weekend of October 17 and 18th. He also set up a schedule of School Board members who would represent the School Board after each mass that weekend.

Dan also attended the Finance Council meeting in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Maura S. Bozzelli

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