

St. Columban Parish – Education Commission

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 9, 2018 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order: Adrienne Stella

Opening Prayer: Joe Crachiolo

Attending: Jo Rhoten, Adrienne Stella, Carol Newton, Joe Crachiolo, John Zazycki, Sarah Thompson, Nick Warnecke, Becky Noel

Approval of November Minutes: Approved via email

Updates

A) Parish Council: John Zazycki

- At the November meeting, Patrick discussed tuition. Father Larry makes the final decision and it will go out to families in the school's January 10 Weekly Newsletter
- The Vision process was discussed
- Discernment was also discussed. There will be a Discernment Committee meeting January 11 and then the Discernment will take place April 17 and April 28.

B) PTO: Sarah Thompson

- There is a Board meeting this Friday, where the upcoming fundraiser will be discussed. PTO is also hoping to get some feedback from the teachers on how to get 100% participation and any incentives. A meeting will be held with teachers on Jan. 15th.
- The new fundraiser for next year will be unveiled next month.
- There are two Board positions still available: Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary
- Christmas Gift Fund
 - 1) Due to IRS laws, teachers are no longer allowed to receive gift cards through the gift funds. Bobcat Bucks were started. Teachers make a wish list at the beginning of the year and the room parents can get actual gifts for the teachers.
 - 2) Gift Fund was down \$1100 this year

C) School: Jo Rhoten

- There was some water in the building, specifically room 3A, from a broken pipe from the old boiler
 - 1) All furniture and materials were moved out for the cleanup
 - 2) Mrs. Rhoten and Patrick discussed how to eliminate that old boiler system, possibly converting to gas in the Admin wing
- Still working on hiring an Enrichment Teacher for grades 2-6

- 1) A few resumes have been received and an offer was made, but the applicant turned it down.
- 2) There's another interview set for January 10.
- Received the Provisional License for Pre K. Mrs. Rhoten thanked Mr. Crachiolo and Lynn for their hard work. The next step in the process will be the full license.
- Pre K and Kindergarten Prospective Parent Night is January 19
- January 26th is Science Fair
- Catholic Schools Week kicks off on January 28 with Open House
- February 4th is First Communion Candidacy Mass
- A check for \$526 was received from RP Diamond in Loveland as part of their kickback program from proceeds from Spirit wear. The money went to Tuition Assistance
- Tuition is going up \$200 for grades K-8, with information being published in the weekly news on January 10.
- 1) There is no multi child discount for Pre K, Kindergarten or non-parishioner families
- 2) New student registration will begin January 28
- 3) Current student registration will begin February 7

D) Vision Team: Nick Warnecke

- Input of the Parish Vision was gathered using the mission statement as a guide
- They named six possible priorities for the next several years and are bringing those priorities to the Councils, Commissions and other groups of the parish community to try to narrow the priorities to three
- It is felt that it's more important to focus on what the vision does than what it says
- Using communal discernment to work towards this vision
- Education Commission members were asked to reflect on three questions in regards to the vision, "Actively-Lived Faith, In Family, In Parish, In Community" and share a response to one of the three questions. Notes on the discussion will be taken back to the next Vision Team meeting on February 5.
- Commission members were then asked to choose three of the listed six priorities to help the Parish achieve this vision in 2021. A poll was taken to see the priorities chosen. This will also be taken back to the next meeting.

E) Tuition Assistance Fund: Adrienne Stella

- Brainstormed with Cathy Nagy on how to draw attention
- Contacted a few restaurants to see about doing a fundraiser at their facilities after masses.
- Looking into having a Bunco night, possibly in February or March
- Researched some numbers on tuition assistance from the past years.
- 1) Contributions have gone up, but would like to bring more attention to the needs.
- 2) In 2009, the Parish Council set the aid limit at \$45,000.
- 3) Last year, \$30,000 was raised for tuition assistance, mostly from a few families in the parish and Grandparent's Day. The Parish and school then contributed the \$15,000 needed to bring the total available to the \$45,000 limit.

- 4) If contributions continue to rise and surpass the set limit now, Parish Council can look at the numbers and decide on raising the limit.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 6, 2018; 7-8:30 P.M.

Closing Prayer: Becky Noel

8:15 P.M.