

## St. Columban Parish – Education Commission

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### Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 1, 2018 7:00 P.M.

**Call to Order:** Adrienne Stella

**Opening Prayer:** John Zazycki

**Attending:** Jo Rhoten, Joe Crachiolo, Father Larry, Adrienne Stella, John Zazycki, Jim Whicker, Matt Sokany, Christine Hiller, Katie Marshall, Sarah Thompson, Andrea Flagg, Becky Noel

**Approval of March 2018 Minutes:** Approved via email

Welcome to new members Jim Whicker and Matt Sokany

#### Updates

**A) Parish Council:** John Zazycki

- Met last week and discussed the boiler system. There is an ongoing evaluation of the system. The old boiler system had to run the entire building and it would leak in various places. Most of the leaks have been fixed. There's a new system over the gym that serves the majority of the building, with the goal now being to put a new gas roof system in for the Administrative wing.
- All LED lights have been replaced in and outside the school. Almost finished replacing the lights on the whole campus-Church, Preschool, Parish Office.
- Collections remain strong after the end of the year and through the first quarter of this year.
- Have been part of the Discernment process. Losing three members and gaining three.

**B) PTO:** Sarah Thompson

- New Board was elected. They will be sworn in at next Friday's meeting
- The school fundraiser this year will take place over two weeks.
  - 1) Teasers will be sent out in the school newsletter or the school's Facebook page after the next meeting
  - 2) There will be incentives for the fundraiser along the way to get everyone involved.
  - 3) This fundraiser will take the place of the Fun Run
  - 4) Will take place the beginning of the school year.
- PTO is looking at updating the drinking fountains to units that allow for water bottle fill up

- Will be purchasing a new Smart Panel that will be on wheels and used for Mrs. Richardson's Religion class with the understanding that PTO will get to use it for various events
- Parents love to see what PTO helps with and there is always a question of what PTO pays for and sponsors. So they will start advertising what they help with by having signs/plaques stating, "This program (etc) was sponsored by PTO" so that everyone can see
- They will be doing the school supply kits again this year but with a different company. The form will be going out in the next few weeks after teachers finish making their lists. There will be more time to place your order this year. Paper products will not be included, but will still be offered separately through PTO as in the past.

**C) Pastoral: Father Larry**

- Discussed the Vision Process, how it came to be, the meetings with Staff, Councils, Commissions and two groups and where the Parish wants to be in the next few years, with Vision 2021 stating "We will be more actively living our faith, in family, in parish, in community."
  - 1) The three priorities for 2018-2021 were set
    - a) A vibrant, faith-based school
    - b) Youth and young adult engagement
    - c) Journeys to deeper faith
  - 2) With four of the five goals from the 2008 parish plan met, they will focus their energy on meeting goal 5, the new Parish Activity Center
    - a) In September a Committee will be formed to start looking at the goal and come up with a plan.
    - b) In order to build on the Archdiocese, the Parish is required to reach 75% of their total goal. We are currently at around 55%.
    - c) The Committee will start to meet before that 75% is met in hopes that by the time that goal is reached we will have already done the homework and have everything in place to start the project as soon as the goal is reached
  - 3) The next steps will entail entrusting the Vision 2021 Plan to the care and protection of St. Joseph, having Cathy Nagy serve as point person for the plan and its priorities, forming a Vision Implementation Team (5-6 people) to oversee progress and report to the Pastoral Council a plan they come up with to decide what data will be tracked over the next 3 years.
  - 4) The next steps of Vision 2021 will be sent out by May 11 in the Parish Newsletter
  - 5) May 20 and May 27 Father Larry will plan his homilies to focus on Vision 2021
  - 6) By May 31 Father Larry, Sister Ellen Doyle and Cathy will decide who will serve on each of the 4 teams: Parish Implementation Team, the Vibrant, Faith-Based School Priority Team, the Youth and Young Adult Engagement Priority Team and the Journeys to Deeper Faith Priority Team
  - 7) In early summer liaison decisions for Pastoral Council will be made
  - 8) Summer newsletter will have more information on the Parish Activity Center

- 9) Early fall the Priority Implementation Teams will meet
- 10) There are over 200 people from St. Columban involved in the Vision process

**D) School: Jo Rhoten**

- There were four First Communions over two weekends
- Upcoming Events
  - 1) No school May 4
  - 2) The week of May 7 will be the end of course math exams
  - 3) State Science Fair May 12
  - 4) 8<sup>th</sup> grade DC trip May 18
  - 5) 8<sup>th</sup> grade Awards coming up and will only be with the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades in attendance this year
  - 6) Great Performances are coming up, with one session for K-4th and the other for 5-7<sup>th</sup>
  - 7) Graduation is May 30<sup>th</sup>
  - 8) Field Day/Awards for rest of school and last day is May 31<sup>st</sup>
- Held a School Safety Meeting for parents on April 30<sup>th</sup>
  - 1) 25 parents plus 6 staff attended.
  - 2) There was a PowerPoint presentation with some great questions from attendees
  - 3) Seemed to be well received and parents were surprised at all the school does for the kids safety
- Received the IOWA scores. The goal is to send them home with students the week of May 9<sup>th</sup>. AIMS testing is going on this week and will send results of both tests together next week

**E) School Building/Grounds Subcommittee:**

- No members present with an update, but Mrs. Rhoten would like a list of wants/needs and safety issues for the group to address

**F) Tuition Assistance Fund: Adrienne Stella**

- Unable to hold Bunco night due to lack of interest, concerns of it being a Game of Chance, and trying to figure out how to work around that while following the rules of the Archdiocese
- Would like to do something more for Grandparents Day next year, maybe a personalized note/card to raise more funds for Tuition Assistance
- Have had \$4,500 donated for next year

**Officer Votes:** Voted for next year's Education Commission Board members

Chairperson: Katie Marshall

Vice-chairperson: Nick Warnecke

Secretary: Andrea Flagg

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 4, 2018; 7-8:30 P.M.

**Closing Prayer:** Nick Berning via Adrienne

8:30 P.M.

