

SAINT CECILIA PARISH BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

October 6, 2009, in the North half of the Adult/Youth room

Members Present: Tim Simodynes, Nathan Pelzer, Diana Thatcher, Mark Hanson, Rick Hoenig, Corrine Breitsprecker, Pat Stahr, Fr. Jim Secora (until 8:30)

Administrators Present: Tom Budnik, John Hayes, Anna Steele

Ex-Officio Members Present: Megan Wolf (Family School Association), Deacon John McCully

Recorder: Carolyn Thogerson

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Tim Simodynes. Nate led the group in prayer. Rick moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting as presented. Mark voiced a second to the motion which passed. It was agreed to add the Leadership Ames Conference to the agenda under New Business. Nate presented a review of the October edition of the *Faith Formation & Education BdGram*.

Administrative Reports:

Director of Religious Education: In addition to his printed report, John thanked Pat for calling parents of youth who had not registered for programs. He asked why posting of Board minutes on the parish website are not up to date. Tim and Tom said they would take care of getting minutes posted.

Coordinator of Youth Ministry: Anna provided a printed report and expressed appreciation for adult participation on various teams. She will investigate options for a summer service trip.

Principal: Tom highlighted portions of his report, corrected the number of days of the school year which have been completed (33), and provided additional information about the Iowa Department of Education Accreditation Site Visit scheduled for October 27-28. Salaries for substitute teachers have impacted the budget but the teachers have done excellent jobs and have been well-received by students. Information was provided about Archdiocesan partnership with the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation.

Acceptance of Reports:

Parish Council: Pat reviewed minutes of their September 22 meeting.

Finance Commission: Tim reviewed minutes of their September 8 meeting.

Family School Association: Megan said that the recent fund raising project had a high level of participation and that profits will be greater than last year. She complimented the work of Co-Chairpersons Angie Nespore and Susan O'Brien.

Facilities Commission: Rick said that repair to the concrete in the front entryway to the Narthex dominated attention at the last meeting. Bids are sought for repairing the roof over the parish office.

School Expansion/ Space/ S.E.E. Update: Tim said committee members are needed, especially persons who are not connected to the school. Three recommendations were made.

Gala: Diana said information related to the Gala, scheduled for February 5, 2010, is available at their web site, and people may also sign up on-line for e-mail updates.

Budget: Rick intends to e-mail budget information to BOE members.
(8:45pm John H., Anna, and Megan were excused.)

Marketing: Nate announced that a "Passport to Kindergarten" event is planned for November 10. Other ideas are being considered to increase the visibility of St. Cecilia School throughout the community.

School Tuition Organization: Tom said that Director Jamie Henley is seeking a volunteer to stump for STO on behalf of the Archdiocese.

Unfinished Business:

Faith Formation Commission and Catholic School Boards: Segments of an Archdiocesan DVD regarding changes from Board of Education to a Faith Formation Commission and a Catholic School Board were viewed and discussed.

Play and pray Committee and Construction Needs: Plans are underway for playground equipment delivery and installation on October 8-10.

School Improvement Advisory Committee: Tom said that goals from the past 2 years have been reviewed and new goals will be set. No further Board action should be required this year.

New Business:

Nomination and Election Committee: Pat and Corrine agreed to serve on this committee to seek parishioners for nomination or appointment in the Spring.

Iowa Department of Education Accreditation Site Visit: Tom expressed confidence that the visit will go well. Board participation will be needed on October 27.

Leadership Ames Conference: Pat will present the facts and highlights of St. Cecilia School at this conference on October 27.

Closing Thoughts: None were stated.

After a prayer led by Deacon John McCully, the meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Submitted by Carolyn J. Thogerson