

Saint Mary School Commission August 18, 2009

1. Prayer & Welcome
Meeting called to order at 7:07 pm
2. Calling of Roll—welcome of new member Liz Dove; Doug Davis excused tonight due to injured wife. Members Present: Lynn Magoon, Penny Ragan, Deacon Webster James, Jill Nielsen, Randy Guthrie, Dave Kierski, Rebecca Kinsey, Kay Ames, Richard Conger, Pam Hammond, Muin Dugom, John Heeden and Liz Dove.
3. Approval of Minutes—N/A following May dinner
4. Reports of Membership
 - Pastor & Faith Formation—Deacon Webster
 - *Announced BBQ & Bluegrass event on 08/29-09 following the 5 pm Mass (approx 6:15 pm). Knights of Columbus will serve the food. Samantha and Daniel Casey will perform.
 - *There is now a screen in the gym/auditorium that is suitable for showing movies
 - *TYM starts this Saturday, 08-22-09. Confirmation process is changing. It will begin in 9th grade and confirmation will take place in 10th grade.
 - *Preschool program to take place Saturday 08-22-09
 - *High School youth ski trip being planned for President's Day weekend 2010.
 - Sports—Soccer—Dave Kierski
 - *Coaches meeting (soccer) scheduled for Saturday, 08-22-09 at 9am in the cafeteria. 1st soccer games are the week of 09-14-09.
 - FSA—Kay Ames (thanks for the new laminator!)
 - *FSA provided funds for the purchase of a new laminator.
 - *FSA will plan and serve the Thanksgiving lunch and the Pancake lunch this year.
 - *Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Night scheduled for Tuesday, 08-25-09.
 - *Mary Wiggins has agreed to collect prizes for the Bingo/Spaghetti Supper fundraiser again this year.
 - Staff—Pam Hammond
 - *Thanked FSA for new laminator.
 - *Commended the team for the school website improvements.
 - * Lunch programming is changing. Monday – Wednesday lunches provided by WAGES. Thursday – Friday lunches provided by Pizza Inn.
 - *Kim Heeden is heading up the after-school program this year.
 - CLC & Reverse Drawing—Rich Conger
 - *CLC Reverse Raffle and Dinner scheduled for Friday, 09-18-09 at the Steak Barn. Tickets are \$100 and include 2 steak dinners and chance at the \$5000 jackpot.
 - Principal

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Principals' Report—

1. We've had a wonderful start to the year! Special thanks to Joe Farris of St. Peter in Greenville who led a daylong staff retreat to kick off our school year. Give God permission!
2. Thanks to Dave for all of his hard work on the website. Please visit often!
3. We welcome Kim Heeden as supervisor of our After School Program.

4. We welcome WAGES & Pizza Inn as our new lunch vendors. Thanks also to those volunteers who will assist us in the kitchen this year, and to FSA for agreeing to continue our "special" meals (Thanksgiving and Fat Tuesday).
5. We are currently looking for soccer coaches—and for Varsity Boys Basketball coach(es). Commitment: 2 evenings and Saturdays.
6. Annual Campaign being kicked off on a small scale this year to help with school costs—in the future could be designated for support of a special area (like teacher salaries or tuition support) and endowment growth. I am looking for help with this project. This project will focus on alumnae and falls under Dave Kierski and John Heeden's Committee.
7. CLC Project "ramping up" this Fall with an expanded committee. Please support the Reverse Drawing if you are able. If you are interested in this very important committee and haven't been asked, also let us know.
8. We have purchased a new reading series, grades K – 5...but we are struggling with delivery promises that aren't being met.
9. Enrollment as of 8/18/09:
 - a. 8th grade 20 students
 - b. 7th grade 21 students
 - c. 6th grade 22 students (1 military move this Fall)
 - d. 5th grade 28 students
 - e. 4th grade 21 students
 - f. 3rd grade 20 students (1 will return soon)
 - g. 2nd grade 21 students
 - h. 1st grade 26 students
 - i. Kindergarten 19 students
 - j. Preschool 17 students

Current Total: 215 + 1 returning = 216

10. Melissa Harrell will lead a "SMS Prayer Partners" prayer group at SMS on Mondays at 8:15 am.
 11. The church paid for treating the fire ant problem on the school grounds over the summer.
5. Business
- Membership roster review – reviewed by the group
 - Bylaw review – reviewed by the group
 - Enrollment Review – reviewed by the group
 - Spanish & music questions
 - *Due to financial reasons, Spanish program has been downsized. Spanish will not be a graded subject. PK – 2 will get some Spanish after Labor Day.
 - *Grades 5-8 will have Study Hall in place of formal Library time.
 - *Music will take place in the classroom for PK – 2. Grades 3-8 will get Music class outside the regular classroom.
 - Lunch Program—thanks Liz Dove and Ginny Wolf, Brownie Doss & Sean Nielsen
 - *Healthy options and kid-friendly options combined in the new lunch program.
 - Food sources: WAGES (M-W) and Pizza Inn (Th-F). Cost \$3.40

- Website Review— major improvements in how much information is available to parents and prospective students. The inside educator piece of the site is working well so far. Thanks Dave!
- Long Range Planning—where are we now?
 - *The group will continue to assess our progress toward short-term and long-range goals.

6. Announcements

- Safe Environment training from 10 – noon Saturday, 8/22, if anyone needs it
- 8/24: Fall Fundraiser (Candy Man) kicks off
- 8/25: Chuck E. Cheese Night
- 8/26: Fall pictures
- 8/28: Soccer sign-up ends—coaches needed!
- 8/29: Blue Grass and BBQ after mass
- **9/8: Next School Commission meeting—7 p.m. in Faith Formation Meeting Room—plan on discussing Long Range Planning final document**
- Rich Conger posed the question of how best to address H1N1 Flue concerns at school. He has written a veterinary-perspective letter. Dr. Dugom agreed to write a physician-perspective letter. Both letters may appear on the school website in an effort to dispel common misconceptions regarding the virus and to promote the notion of “stay at home if you are sick,” good hand washing practices, etc. Dr. Dugom stated that the CDC has announced that vaccines are projected to be available by 10-15-09.
- Clubs for Middle school grades will resume after Labor Day. The students will recommend club areas and then vote. The clubs will meet on selected Friday afternoons.
- The Jump Rope group continues to meet on Mondays.

7. Adjournment at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Ragan, Secretary