

**Saint Mary School Commission**  
**October 13, 2009**  
**MINUTES**

1. Prayer & Welcome – Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Calling of Roll  
Members Present: Lynn Magoon, Angela Britt, Kay Ames, Deacon Webster James, Penny Ragan, Dave Kierski, Pam Hammond, Vicky Le, Liz Dove, Richard Conger, John Heeden, Jill Nielsen, Doug Davis, Muin Dugom. Excused absences: Randy Guthrie, Rebecca Kinsey.
3. Approval of Minutes—available online
4. Reports of Membership
  - Pastor & Faith Formation—Deacon Webster
    - i. Fall Festival more successful this year than last!
    - ii. First Communion preparations are underway now and in the next month. Confirmation is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in May 2010 here and in several surrounding parishes. We have 36 students at SMS to be confirmed this year.
    - iii. Ski Trip for middle and high school kids is being planned.
  - Sports—Soccer—Dave Kierski
    - i. Soccer season coming to a close soon. Games held at SMS fields have worked well for the soccer teams and the parish.
  - Sports—Basketball & Cheering—Lynn
    - i. Team sign-ups are done. We have the most cheerleaders we have had in some time (16). There are currently 6 girls signed up for JV basketball. Other schools not having JV girls' teams last year may have negatively impacted our numbers. All other teams are going well. Games start in mid-December at home vs. St. Peter. We will use WCDS gym again this year with thanks for their generosity.
  - FSA—Kay Ames – No Report
  - Staff—Pam Hammond
    - i. PK-3 are going on a field trip to Fayetteville to see Disney on Ice 10/29.
    - ii. 7<sup>th</sup> grade science students have been studying weather and have enjoyed being junior meteorologists, especially making it rain in class!
    - iii. Upcoming field trips to Rocky Mount (7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> grades) for presentations regarding Short Stories and Math Concepts.
    - iv. 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are going on a local field trip to see “Where the Wild Things Are.” Group discussed the film’s PG rating and reasons for it. Lynn confirmed our policy for

- checking Catholic School sources for reviews regarding the film's suitability for a school field trip before making plans.
- CLC & Reverse Drawing—Rich Conger (Reverse Drawing Wrap-up & CLC Update)
    - i. Raised more money than anticipated (\$6,000), which brings the overall CLC funds raised to \$100,000. The CLC committee is now ~25 members strong. The group will form into 4 subcommittees to address various areas of planning. Subcommittee meetings should begin in the next 2-4 weeks.
  - Principal –

### **October Principal's Report**

- We've won most of the battle against sickness, although we've lost a few of the "skirmishes"!
- 7 students and 2 adults currently taking music lessons; 4 more interested. Space available for 20 from Mr. Aycock.
- Thanks for everyone's support of the CLC Reverse Drawing—it was a success with over \$6000 profit. Congratulations again to the winners.
- Watch for a number of "gentle" fundraisers in the next months to help buy instructional materials—lollipops, "fun Friday" t-shirt, Principal for a Day raffle (CSW), staff bakesale.
- Please try to attend the Fall musical for grades 3 – 6 on 10/27
- Everyone is encouraged to participate in Parent/Teacher conferences. Middle school conferences will once again be held "arena style" to make as many appointments as possible available
- All Catholic school teachers in the Diocese of Raleigh and the Diocese of Charlotte will attend a two-day conference at the Raleigh Convention Center on Monday, 11/9 and Tuesday, 11/10. There will be no school these days.
- There is also no school on Veteran's Day, 11/11. Be sure to take the time to thank a Veteran for all the freedoms and opportunities we have in the U.S.!
- Our first experiences with our new photographer were very positive. Optional Christmas photos will be available for individuals and groups on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. More information to come.

## 5. Business

- Illness Update
- New photographer
  - Mostly positive feedback. The photographer has expressed his willingness to “reshoot” any photos if parents request.
- Website Update—anything you’d like to see added/changed/updated?
  - All positive feedback. Group discussed getting photos of events (sports, Fall Festival, etc) on the site. Dave will check into this.
- Long Range Planning—examine info. to date (copies will be provided)...what next?
  - Core group to review the overall plan and organize the school goals according to priority and feasibility. The core group will consist of Lynn Magoon, Dave Kierski, John Heeden and perhaps one more person.
- Group discussed Candy Man versus other vendors for fundraising. SMS has remained with Candy Man in a concerted effort to remain socially conscious in our use of Catholic and/or family-based businesses. We commit to all of our outside vendors (photographer, fundraisers, food vendors, etc) on a year-to-year basis.

## 6. Announcements

- End of Quarter: 10/20
- Educational Outfitters visiting/fitting 10/22 in the Lounge
- Noon dismissal/Teacher Workday: 10/23
- Report Cards 10/26
- Musical grades 3 – 6 10/27 at 7 p.m.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences 10/30
- Winter Uniforms begin November 2 (no more shorts; skorts are fine)
- Diocesan Teachers’ Conference—No School—11/9 & 11/10/09
- Veteran’s Day—No School—11/11
- Optional Christmas Pictures—11/13
- **11/17: Next School Commission meeting—7 p.m. in Faith Formation Meeting Room—\*\*Note change to 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday this month only**

## 7. Adjournment at 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Ragan, Secretary