

Dec 15 – St. Dominic School Board Minutes

Members present: Harold Robinette, Susan Giddings, Jennifer Mize, Dan Simpson, Scott Schallon, Marie Wilson (notes), Nancy Lukach (alternate)

Others present: Ed Ginty, Joanie Hrivnak

Opened at 7:06pm with a prayer by Susan

Prior meeting, Dec 1, minutes: Harold moved to accept with action items removed, Susan seconded, passed unanimously

Calendar: school Advent program Dec 16; Jan 30 Bishop is saying Mass for Catholic Schools; Jan 2 Catch the spirit

Board membership: Marie reported that John Goglick submitted his resignation. All were concerned and saddened by the news. We decided to postpone decision to accept his resignation until January, hoping that we can iron out the conflict.

Saratoga technologies report (Joanie & Dan): The company president reviewed their report with Debbie, John, Joanie, and Dan and left several copies with them. The report was comprehensive with a lot of good ideas for improving our web presence, lowering our technology cost and addressing technology risks. Joanie and Steve are already implementing many of the web improvements. All considered the technology review as a good way to get additional free advice, validating much of John's plan. Dan asked for a price to address the high risk areas as a data point and to complete the report and continue to bolster our financial savings efforts. No plans or need to move forward with any of this, just understanding the option.

Marketing (Dan) – no new news. Chamber dinner is Feb 4 – **Dan** will send follow ups for buying tickets to dinner.

After school program (Ed) – Ed analyzed the attendance and state ratio requirements and estimated how many adults are required for each half hour block on each date. 2-3:00 on Wednesdays is a peak time with earlier dismissal. There is a bump in September when preschool starts. **Ed** agreed to continue his analysis, working with Carolyn and Debbie. The objective is to understand how the program is being utilized and make recommendations to maximize the service and cost efficiency.

Building & Grounds – Brush pile was shredded up in the parking lot – THANKS to Ed, Scott and Harold for working in the rain! Leaves were raked, but probably won't get picked up. **Mary Jo** to call the city to see if they will pick them up – if not, let **Scott** know. Pipes have been freezing again this year – even after insulation was installed last year. **Harold** is working on a solution. Progress is being made on the light bulb changing. The lift from the church is now at the school and so are the light bulbs. **Scott** to solicit helpers for time slots this weekend.

Lunch program – last we heard from John, the state program documentation is up to date, Don is trained and engaged with the state. THANK YOU JOHN for getting us back on track! We discussed Don's great work taking lunch to the next level including engaging Sysco to help save costs. He is cooking more meals from scratch and also using more fresh ingredients. Kids and staff are really enjoying the lunch. **Jennifer** to send an email out to the distribution highlighting what Don's up to for lunch and that Don is soliciting lunch menu ideas and also a FaceBook post.

New 1st grader is starting in January. The 2 new Kindergarteners are doing well! We just need to get more parents in the door to see what we have. **Susan** to ask Ward if he will video tape morning circle without focusing on kid's faces to post to FaceBook and other uses.

HASA (Jennifer) – We made \$920 on the greenery sale including \$204 in donation. Definitely want to do this again next year with opportunity to do it 2 weekends in a row. Easter lilies are coming up. **Jennifer** to talk with Fr. Mike to coordinate the lily purchase for the church's use. Another idea is to sell flowers for Mother's Day. Breakfast with Santa was very well attended – the Knights were worried about running out of food! It was probably break even from a financial perspective. Great exposure and fun for all! Ramping up Angel hours program in the spring to get ready for the 2011-2012 school year. **Jennifer** to follow up with Traci to wrap up the buttons. Jennifer reported that she heard many encouraging comments about the most recent Teacher Appreciation luncheon.

Susan raised the question that we need to determine our classroom capacity because we are facing a large Kindergarten and 1st grade class and we may be facing maxing out K and 1st. **Debbie** to discuss with staff and make a decision/recommendation.

Marie attended the faculty meeting this afternoon. It was very upbeat.

Facebook – We need more information flowing to Traci to be posted on Facebook. Also, need to have more than 1 person as an administrator so that more people can do the initial posting. Anyone can comment, but only the administrator can post. **Traci** to set up **MaryJo** as an administrator who can post. **Jennifer** to ask Alicia and homeroom parents if they can be on the lookout to highlight something each week going on in the classroom so Traci can concoct something to post. Joanie suggested a 'mailbox' for Facebook submissions and ask teachers to circle and stick into the mailbox. **Joanie** to check into the mailbox idea.

Harold to work with Jim Ginder to swap signs at the church to the new snowy day signs.

The new brochure is almost ready for printing. Thanks to Scott for accumulating the text edits and Andy Barnes for his creative services.

Boy Scout projects... the nature trail is definitely worthy to be an Eagle project and could possibly be broken into 2 projects given the magnitude of it. The ceiling tile painting project is questionable as an Eagle project, but has a chance to qualify if the sale / custom painting aspect of individual tiles is included. **Scott and Ed** continue to work with the Scouts on these.

St. Anne's SCRIPS processed \$20,000 worth of gift cards in mid-December – incredible! Dan is continuing to pursue. It might make sense to spend some time setting up the program and kick off in the fall with the new school year.

Adjourned at 9:12 motion by Dan, seconded by Scott. Closed with a prayer led by Nancy