

## **St. Dominic School Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 1, 2010**

Board Members Present: Marie Wilson, Scott Schallon, Jennifer Mize, Harold Robinette, Dan Simpson, John Goglick, Debbie DePollo

Others in attendance: Frances Ashley, Karen Schallon, Joanie Hrivnak, Traci Strohm, Ed Ginty, Karen Lewicki

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm with prayer by Scott Schallon.

Previous meetings minutes approved with typo changes. Motion made by Scott, seconded by Harold, and accepted.

Action Items: Brochure compiled, but not ready for publishing

Joanie reported on date for 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as February 26 or 19. Committee really does not want to share the date with the Ecumenical dinner or Catholic Schools Week dinner. Other dates to avoid: Operetta-March 24, Spring Break, Christmas Program-December 16. Looking like February or to coincide with Catholic Schools Week.

Debbie reported that Mrs. Mullen will be asking the 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade to write a poem about their school to create a school song for Catholic Schools Week. Those not chosen will be made into a book. Debbie has no objections to sharing that event with the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Wish list items have not been coming in so may drop it for now.

Scott reported that there are grants out there, but do not seem to apply to our situation. Has looked at the DOE website, but will investigate further on TN sites. Has not found anything easy or quick yet. Marie suggested asking AEP. Harold reported that we have 130 bulbs donated.

Mulch – not much done on this so far. Have not found a source of free mulch yet. Marie will call Dale Bruhaski. John noted that the Knights used to be very active in doing the grounds at the school. May need to ask Father about possibly reinstating those responsibilities/talents/time.

Jennifer started parking lot signup by email. She and her husband will do Friday. Harold will be working there so Christine will do first shift and Marie will come down for second shift.

Anne Elpers told Marie that list is pretty much complete.

Marie drafted communication to families and sent it around by email.

Susan is still working on calendar of upcoming events.

Mary Jo contacted Ruth Ann about playground fund, but has not gotten a response.

Potential board members: Father suggested several parishioners: Sheila Eanes (former DRE), Judy Weinhold (former RCIA leader), and Nancy Lukach (former principal of the school). Proposal to approach Sheila, Nancy, & Judy to see if they would be at all interested in serving on the board.

Upcoming events – welcome breakfast for Preschool, Kidspo, Back to School night

HASA Report – If your child has a uniform, please have them wear it to Back to School night. All volunteers have been secured. Need to make sure Mary Jo has the order form for the logos. \$400 was donated for logos on shirts (\$5 per shirt). Jennifer will develop the order form to be copied by the office. Need to make sure that there is an option to donate your free logo to someone else. **Marie, Jennifer and Debbie** will speak to everyone. The event starts at 6:00 pm.

Uniform Policy & Enforcement – The infraction policy will be talked about this next time. Repercussions need to be gradual and not harsh. First time Debbie will talk to the child, second time parents will get the reminder, and then parents will be called to bring the proper attire. Debbie will draft something for next week. Father would like to see more of the kids in their uniforms. Proposal to develop an incentive program towards a reward from the School Board.

Angel Hour Volunteers – Add faculty & staff to the Who at the top of the page. On #3 under the How: change from HASA table to Welcome table. Add an appreciation statement at the bottom. Buttons have been donated. Only need to take pictures of Kindergarten. Find someone who has a truck that would be willing to come haul things from place to place.

Building & Grounds Committee – Runs from 10 am – 2 pm on Saturday, September 25. Need to know from teachers what they would like to grow/take care of in their areas. **Debbie** to Check with Mrs. Thompson for art project that could be yard art.

Marketing – Kidspo still needs volunteers. It has been put out on Facebook. Need greeters on Tuesday and Wednesday when preschool comes back in next week.

Principal Report – new 3 yr. old preschool student for a total of 50 and elementary enrollment still stands at 54. John O'Keefe, the cook, resigned. A new cook has been hired, but still learning the ropes. Dan thanked Debbie for the staff presence at the front door in the mornings welcoming everyone as they come in. Iowa testing results are in and Joanie passed out the annual progression by class to everyone. She and Debbie were very please with the results. The school will continue to look for opportunities to improve. What is appropriate to report academic development in the future?

Communication plan – Marie read the Grow St. Dominic Catholic School family letter and changes were made. Plan is to have it ready by Tuesday for distribution in the children's folders with the Tuesday Tidings. The next letter will be more financial in nature. Scott Schallon made a motion for the changes as read, Harold seconded, and passed by voice vote unanimously.

Board Retreat schedule for September 12 has been canceled. Regular meeting has been canceled for next week. Suggested alternating regular business meetings with strategy meetings.

Marie and Susan attended Parish Council last week and volunteered to be the note taker. When she gave the report, there was a lot of story sharing among the members. It was very positive, and Marie recommended to keep going.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.