

# Board of Education Meeting

President Jim Goetz called the meeting to order at 6:35

**Board Member Participants:** Jim Goetz, Doug Janulewicz, Melissa Swiecicki, Craig Ames, Jennifer Kreps, and Tony Huerta.

**Also Attending:** Elizabeth Tomaso, Will Targy, Kellie Kouba, and Joanne Sjostedt.

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, May 12, 2015

**Minutes By:** Doug Janulewicz

Craig moved and Jennifer seconded a motion to approve the minutes from April. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:** Susan Gold was willing to serve a term on the Board. However, she did not want to go through an election process as both Doug Janulewicz and Jim Goetz were willing to serve another term. There are going to be at least two open positions next year and Susan is willing to fill one of those open positions. An invitation will be extended to Susan to attend a board meeting so that she can be introduced.

**New Business:**

**School** – Eighth grade graduation is on Sunday, May 17. Awards for the individual grades will be handed out the week of May 18, 2015. Interviews for Mrs. Castle’s position are planned for this week (week of May 11, 2015). Concern was expressed by several members of the board that they were not notified of Mrs. Castle leaving prior to the announcement in the newsletter. Members of the Board were contacted concerning her leaving and could not answer any of the questions. Several members were not aware of other faculty that was leaving/moving on. Members expressed some concern that there seems to be a lack of communication between the school and the Board.

Mrs. Lewis will be returning to the school as the Kindergarten teacher (Mrs. Middendorf is moving out of state).

Funding and/or the difficulty to get funding for staff development was discussed. Grants are looking into getting funding for some of the staff development expenses. Jennifer suggested there might be a line item in the school budget for staff development but no one on the Board could answer what that amount was and the mechanism for distributing to the faculty.

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**Home and School-** Working on year end planning. Still have slots to fill for the Storm Chasers baseball outing. Home and school is still looking for a Secretary.

**Sports-** Registrations for volleyball will be on the website. Practice will start at the end of July. The volleyball program will be run differently than last year. It was decided that the St. Marys gym will only be available for games after 1 p.m. on Sundays.

**Grants-** The \$21,000 grant from Kelloggs for level readers for all classrooms will be sent out this week. Will find out 45 days after submittal if getting it. Working on grant for science lab through Unsung Heros-will hear sometime in fall. Working on a request to request a grant from Fitzgerald Foundation. Have not been declined as of today. This would be a matching funds type grant. Collette will be assisting with this to make sure we could do a matching funds type grant. Menzels are also writing a grant for the Budding Botanist club.

**Finance-**No meeting

**Parish Council-** Received two applicants for the Pastoral Council. Will likely take both applicants. Mike Cook discussed the preparation of the Parish Picnic Planning and Guidelines workbook. Has a draft outline of the Planning and Guidelines workbook. Have not decided on a picnic leader as of yet. There will not be an alternate date for the picnic. Would likely use the school if weather is bad. Father introduced Collette B. to the group. Easter and the Parish Mission were good. There was a smaller 1<sup>st</sup> communion class this year. Confirmation is coming up. That Man is You is over; will be starting a 4<sup>th</sup> year with a new program in August. The KOC did well at State. Made about \$12,000 with the fish fry's; approximately 3300 people served. Pete Peterson was chosen as Knight of the Year and Walt & Mary Jo Husten as Family of the Year. Ended up collecting 94% of the goal for the Annual Appeal. The Garden Committee is in the process of sprucing up the grounds and is open to donations and volunteers to help maintain the grounds. A discussion was held on the strategic plan associated with communication. Collette was very pleased with what was presented in the plan. She has been utilizing high school students to help out with gathering information (social media, internet, etc.). She is going to look into forming a communications committee. The next meeting will be May 26, 2015.

**Religious Education-** Elizabeth Tomaso reported the following:

May

Registration for RE and VBS continues

RE scheduled 6th

Confirmation Relection/Rehearsal 7<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7pm, 7-8pm

Confirmation 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm reception afterwards

VBS sign up 9-10 and 15-17 after all masses

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RE scheduled 13<sup>th</sup>. Last RE, prayer, awards, ice cream social, registration has been extended by one week due to snow days.  
Catechists volunteer appreciation dinner-20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

Vacation Bible School-June 22-26

First training of station leaders completed. Materials forward on. Volunteers are signing up. Can not use web page for sign up this year and this maybe reason for lower number of registrations so far.

Elizabeth will need help putting together the “Mount Everest” in school gym (for VBS).

## **Youth Ministry-**

Final meetings for Junior High and High School have been completed.  
Summer activities for 2015 include:

Worlds of Fun - Tuesday, May 26th (open to current 7th - 12th grades). Will is looking for additional help with this.

New Orleans Mission Trip - June 1st-June 10th (open to current high school students, 16+)

Stebenville High School Youth Conference in Rochester, MN - July 10th-12th

Youth Serve 3-day mission camp in Omaha - July 19-21 (open to current 7th & 8th grades)

**School Development** – Will be getting a recruiting banner to place in front of the school. St. Marys will also have a display on the Galvin Road billboard. St. Marys, Gross, and St. Mathews are splitting time on an electronic bill board. Alumni scholarship winners will be announced at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade banquet. Looking at expanding the scope for alumni at the auction (having alumni more involved). Will be holding an Alumni Summer Alumni Relations Sponsored Bag Toss Tournament on August 23, 2015 (part of August rush). Alumni will also have a service project in November 2015; looking at giving career talks and/or mentoring students. Have raised \$12,452 for adopt a student so far.

**President Report-** Jim indicated there would be a June meeting. Melissa inquired about elections for the upcoming year. Jim indicated we can discuss at June meeting and hold an election then. Jim indicated he would look through the by-laws and verify the length of terms for positions.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was then adjourned at 7:36 p.m.