

Board of Education Meeting

President Jim Goetz called the meeting to order at 6:38

Board Member Participants: Jim Goetz, Doug Janulewicz, Melissa Swiecicki, Craig Ames, and Tim Sasek.

Also Attending: Principal Trish Wallinger, Kellie Kouba, Fr. Dennis Hanneman, Collette Borland.

Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Minutes By: Doug Janulewicz

Craig moved and Tim seconded a motion to approve the minutes from August, with changes. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

School – Enrollment Report

There are 206 Students with inquiries for 5 new students. PreK and Kindergarten lists are started for the 2016-17 school year. Update on Discipline System. Digital copies of old and new will be emailed to the BOE members, input and recommendations welcomed. Activities for September:

- Acuity Testing window begins 9/8/15
- Free Dress and Picture Day 9/11/15
- Grades 4,5,6 to Homestead National Monument on 9/24/15
- No School- School of Faith on 9/25/15
- Terra Nova 3 Testing
- Annual standardized test
- Window is open for 3 weeks starting 9/28/15
- Our students will begin on 9/28/15

Student Council will be coordinating a Food Drive and 6th Graders will coordinate a drive for EPS.

Collette presented a draft of the new tuition policy. She is requesting feedback on overall policy.

Home and School- Back to school night was a success. Food night will be at B&B on September 17, 2015. Trivia night is October 2, 2015.

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School Development- The alumni August Rush been bag toss tournament has 14 teams, half were alums. School development is working on a social event in December, coinciding with youth home on winter break. Looking at a Spartan Showcase, where alum would come in and talk about career to middle school. Also looking into Spartan Share, where alum would come in and read to students. The alter cloth will incorporate designs from 2nd graders for 1st communion-both RE and School. The cloth would then be put into storage and brought out again for Confirmation in 8th grade. Looking into having grandparents help with box tops for kids. There have been 3 Timothy Burlew Scholarships awarded. The parish festival is Sunday, September 12, 2015.

Sports- Volleyball is underway. We have 3 teams this season (4/5th, 6th & 7/8th). All teams are practicing with our first games Sept 8th. Most practices are being held on Monday & Friday's unless there is a conflict with the coach or a school activity. We will be hosting games in our gym on Sunday's starting at 1:00.

Grants- Currently working on 5 grants. One is with Lockheed/Martin. Typically only give to public schools. Also looking into Hearst Foundation. Typically give to college, but will give to elementary school or religious based. Only fund 20% of new applicants.

Finance-No report

Parish Council- No report.

Religious Education- Elizabeth Tomaso reported the following:

Becky McBlain-RE admin, had a baby girl on Sept. 4th. Allison Jamie and Mom are doing well. We welcome Theresa Barta a RE volunteer, who will be covering for Becky on Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesday's. Rachael Tomaso will be in the RE office on Thursday's while Becky is out. Please be patience with us as we move through this transition.

Religious Education

We are still receiving Registrations for RE. At this time we have 210 students registered. Our norm is 230-260. Because of late registrations we will be at these numbers within the next month.

4:30 session is the largest. We are seriously considering splitting the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades due to the amount of students in each of these grades. Will need 6 additional volunteers to do so. Option two would be to add additional Catechists to each grade for a total of 3 Catechists in each classroom.

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- 9-7th grade Parents in-service
Fundraiser ends
- 13-Parish Festival
Confirmation Students Stewardship Opportunity
- 16-8th grade Parents in-service
- 20-Catechetical Sunday
- 23-Catechists Meeting/Training after all sessions of RE
- 30-2nd grade parents in-service

Oct.-

- 3-7th grade retreat-Pro Sanctity
Need Parent volunteers
- 4-7th grade Rite of Entrance 12:30pm or 5pm Mass
- 7-Disciples of Christ awards presented
- 10-8th grade retreat-Columban Fathers
Need Parent volunteers
- 11-Hospitality Sunday
- 14-No RE-Bellevue Parent Teacher Conference
- 21-Fundraiser Delivered
Catechists Meeting/Training after all sessions of RE
- 28- *new* RE 6th grade Vocations Night-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.
Need Parent volunteers and drivers

Catechists Certification- My Catholic Faith Delivered.

Getting the Catechists signed up. Will have up to a year to finish the session. Free at this time. We have 18 Catechists who have signed up at this time. Will present at the Catechists meetings the importance of this Certification training, would like to see all participating in this program. We have one Catechists who has completed her certification. Ellen Gow

Adult Faith Formation

“Prophets” will begin on September 15th 6:30pm- Dave Garrison facilitator

“Walking Toward Eternity, Making Choices for Today-Engaging the Struggles of Your Heart” by Cavins. This study will be presented in October by Deacon Chuck L’Archevesque Wednesday’s afternoons.

“Symbolon-The Catholic Faith Explained” by Dr. Edward Sri.

Dn Gary Bash presents this new release from Augustine Institute, “Symbolon” Knowing the

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Faith, a 10 week study starting September 10th at 6:30pm in the Dominican Center.

Family Life-

++NEW++ Couples in Christ- Being developed by Ted Menzel and a strong core team. Bringing back an old favorite! Young couples meeting once a month in a social setting to committee to Parish Community, Like to Like ministry, Religious Enrichment, fellowship and education.

Oct 24- Hayrack ride/cookout

Nov. 21-Games and Potluck

Dec. 13-Ollie the Trolley and Holiday fun

Offering “10 Great Dates” By Claudia and Dave Arp starting in Jan 2016

++NEW++Building the Domestic Church, the Family Fully Alive” starting in Oct.

A family movie night based on Catholic values with optional service projects for families.

This program would be free for all families. Only requirement would be to RSVP prior to each event.

Safe Environment Training

Safe Environment Training will be offered at St. Mary’s on Thursday, Sept. 17th at 6pm in the DC. Must preregister at www.archomaha.org/safeenvironment. Once on the site, follow the prompts. Select your training date, register as a user and complete Archdioceses of Omaha Policies prior to attending the Safe Environment session. If you have questions, contact the Religious Education office. Additional Session will be held on Oct. 22nd, 6-8pm limit to 20 participants.

Youth Ministry-

- August Rush was a big success! Our best year to date. We raised over \$4,700 this year. Thanks to everyone for volunteering and coming out to support!
- Junior High Youth Ministry starts this Wednesday (Sept. 9th) from 745pm to 845pm in the Parish Center.
- High school youth ministry will begin this Sunday with a “newer” – this upcoming weekend (Sunday, Sept. 13th) is for Freshman/Sophomore’s only from 7-830pm in St. Mark’s. The next Sunday (9/20) is for Juniors/Seniors only from 7-830pm. The final Sunday in September (9/27) is for all grades (9-12). We will begin with 5pm mass, dinner and large group program starting at 7pm in St. Mark’s.

Upcoming Activites:

Saturday, Oct. 24th 7-12th grade Pumpkin Patch trip @ Skinny Bones in Blair, 5pm to 1030pm.

Cost is \$25

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Thursday, Oct. 29th – REBOOT LIVE! – speaker Chris Stefanick, musician Jon Niven will be hosting a night of evangelization for all ages. 7pm-930pm at St. Robert's. Cost is \$20

President Report- Melissa moved and Craig seconded to close regular meeting at 7:24. Jim moved the meeting into an Executive Session.

The Board began reviewing the Bylaws and procedures. Previous Board members will be contacted in order to obtain a full electronic version of the bylaws and procedures. Once they are obtained, they will be compared to the Archdiocese bylaws.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13 beginning at 6:30 p.m.
The meeting was then adjourned at 7:50 p.m.