

# Board of Education Meeting

President Melissa Swiecicki called the meeting to order

**Board Member Participants:** Jim Goetz, Melissa Swiecicki, Kati Wilwerding, and Tim Sasek.

**Also Attending:** Principal Trish Wallinger, Jen Kreps, Will Targy, and Elizabeth Tomaso.

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, September 13, 2016

**Minutes By:** Doug Janulewicz

## **Unfinished Business:**

**By-Laws-** The By Laws were approved.

The Board Policies will be reviewed at next Board meeting.

## **New Business:**

**School** – There are 5 teachers who are going to St. Marys College for additional training. There was some basic training on the use of the electronic billboard; it is a work in progress but a lot of things that can be done. May send out a questionnaire to parents for feedback on the process.

**Finance-** No report.

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

September-

- 7-7<sup>th</sup> grade Parents meeting
- 11-Parish Festival
- 14-8<sup>th</sup> grade Parents meeting
- 18-Catechetical Sunday
- 24-7<sup>th</sup> grade Retreat
- 25-7<sup>th</sup> grade Rite of Entrance
- 28-2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents Meeting

Adult Faith Formation

Programing starts in September/October

Angels

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## Sacraments Mass

Family Life-10 Great Dates by Claudia and Dave Arp- end, Sept3rd White-facilitators

The Choice Wine by Paradisus Dei- a 7 step program for marriage enrichment

Family Afternoon Movies will resume (with a big kickoff) on Aug. 14 with a premier of “Despicable Me”

Stephen Ministry-renewing efforts to reactivate the Stephen Ministry, a much needed ministry for St. Mary’s. Developing a core team at this time. Ongoing. Training will begin in October

### Sacraments- First Communion/Reconciliation

If you and/or your family would be interested in helping us prepare a family event for those children who are preparing for Eucharist or Reconciliation and their parents, please contact the RE office. We are in the very beginning stages of planning an event for our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students and their parents. We would love your ideas and suggestions.

### Sacrament Dates Announced.

Please mark your calendar for these important dates if your student will be receiving Sacraments this year.

7<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Parents Meeting: September 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:45pm

8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Parents Meeting: September 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:45pm

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat: September 24<sup>th</sup>, Pro Sanctity

7<sup>th</sup> grade Rite of Entrance: September 25<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm or 5:00pm

First Reconciliation Parents Meeting: September 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:45pm and 6:45pm

8<sup>th</sup> grade Retreat: October 8<sup>th</sup>, Columban Fathers

2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Reconciliation: January 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30am

2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Communion Parents Meeting: 4:45pm or 6:45pm

8<sup>th</sup> grade Rite of Enrollment: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 5pm or April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12:30pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade First Communion Practice: April 29<sup>th</sup>, 9-12noon

2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Communion: April 30<sup>th</sup>, 12:30pm or 2:30pm

8<sup>th</sup> grade Night of Reflection and Rehearsal: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm-8:00pm

8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation: May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2pm –Archbishop Curtiss

**Youth Ministry-** No Report.

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**Grants-** See School Development Section below.

**School Development-** Meeting held on 9-6-16.

**Alumni:**

- August Rush Corn Hole Tournament raised \$22.50
- Alumni Board is looking for volunteers
- Next Alumni newsletter mailing planned for October 18.

**Recruiting:**

- New marketing effort-St. Marys to man booth at El Grito celebration (South Omaha celebration of Mexican Independence Day).
- Baptismal card project in the works-3<sup>rd</sup> grade is making an art project that will be used for mailing.
- Coffee with the Principal scheduled for 9/15/16 @8am.
- New glossy marketing book has been created and waiting for approval.

**Military Liaison:**

- Working on a Thank-you to be sent to Fr. Samuel Oloyede for military scholarships given to St. Mary's and St. Matthew's.

**Grants:**

- Archdiocese technology upgrade-work on wiring has begun and hopefully will be done by Christmas
- Still working toward sending a grant to Batchelder Fund for capital/infrastructure needs.

**Friends of St. Mary's:**

- A new marketing effort in the form of a newsletter that will be sent to all donors as a donor relations piece. Also looking into an Annual Report of Donors to be created, which can be distributed in bulletin, on website, etc.

**Adopt-A-Student:**

- \$5,000 was donated to AAs endowment fund by a parishioner.
- Fr. Del's AAS Thank You Celebration is scheduled for 9/20/16

School Website has new BOE page which needs to be updated.

**Athletics-** No report.

**Home and School-** First General Home and School Meeting is Monday, September 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in School Library

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## 2016-17 Activities to Date:

- Fireworks stand raised just over \$12,000
- Led school clean-up effort August 13 prior to the start of classes
- Held Ice Cream Social prior to the start of school on August 15
- Participated in the Arrows to Aerospace Parade on August 20
- Assisted with volunteer recruitment for August Rush held August 28
- Spoke at Curriculum Night August 29
- Cake Walk at Parish Picnic on September 11
- Hosted Teacher “Tailgate Party” themed snacks on Spirit Day on September 12

## 2016-17 Upcoming Activities

- Fall Fundraiser – September 28-October 19
- September Food Night at B & B’s – September 22, 5-8 p.m.
- Family Fun Night at Papio Fun Park – Friday, September 30, 6-9 p.m.
- Trivia Night – Friday, October 7

Halloween Fun Night – Friday, October 28.

**President Report-** Mark calendars for BOE and Pastoral Council Hospitality Coffee on November 13, 2016. We will need volunteers at 7:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11 am masses. Please sign up on volunteer sheet.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was then adjourned.