



# SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

## Minutes: Thursday, August 24, 2017

### Attendees:

Father Cliff	Patricia Opon
Pam Steinkirchner	Annette Vela
Debbie Reed	Gilberto Aguilar
Angela Baldwin	Paula Allgood
John Garvey	Bill Wray
Jeff Hoke	Jeanne Rickert
Eric Valasquez	

**Opening Prayer:** Father Cliff

**Minutes:** Approved

### Father's Report:

- 23% of Catholics go to church on Sunday (9% in Italy)
- 70% of Catholics leave church by the age of 27
- Need to continue to welcome returning Catholics, as well as existing parishioners and continue to work on hospitality within the church
- Currently have the most number of seminarians we've had in 50 years
- Over the last three years STMC has always had at least one seminarian, continue to pray for more
- Sustained another flood last week with 1-2 inches of rain in a short period of time
- New speed bumps to be added
- This is the last year for the NET team, they arrive the week of the 16th

### Principal's Report:

- Introduced new SAC members:
  - Jeanne Rickert – STMC parishioner and has been in charge of altar care at the church for the last 10 years
  - Eric Velasquez – STMCS parent and fireman in Dallas
- Officer nominations held with the following officers elected:
  - John Garvey: President
  - Jeff Hoke: Vice President
  - Angie Baldwin: Secretary
  - Committees:
    - Technology Committee: Jeanne Rickert/Gilberto Aguilar/John Garvey
    - Finance Committee: Paula Allgood/John Garvey/Angie Baldwin
    - Facilities Committee: Bill Wray/Jeff Hoke/Eric Velasquez
      - Group will reach out to JPII head of facilities to do a safety survey of our facilities
      - Eric will also use his expertise to do the same

- N. TX Giving Day (9/7-13/17): Set a goal of \$50k
  - Funds raised will go towards financial aid
  - Updates/promotion to take place on Facebook/Twitter/along with email updates and track to goal emails the day of
- STMCS has the highest retention rate in the diocese of Dallas with a rate of 92%
  - Lots of positive chatter regarding STMCS
  - Need to advertise our retention rate
- Receiving great comments regarding after school care and new move to former Ava's Place facility.
  - Thanked Father for allowing us to use Ava's.
  - 140 students enrolled in after care
- Positive feedback continues on the STEM lab. K through 2<sup>nd</sup> will attend the lab in conjunction with STEM projects they are working on in class

**Finance Report (Annette Vela):**

- Outside Auditors in last week and agreed upon procedures review was last week
  - No concerns and no findings

**Assistant Principal's Report:**

- Duke Tip:
  - 45% of 7<sup>th</sup> graders qualified for talent search
- Spelling Bee
  - STMCS will host the diocese spelling bee on 1/11/17 in the Parish center
  - Spelling bee will be sponsored by Golden Chick and Dallas Sports Commission

**Marketing Report:**

- School tours and shadowing continues

**Closing Prayer: Father Cliff**

**Adjournment**

**Next meeting: Thursday, September 28, 2017**