

**St. Thomas More Catholic School Commission  
April 2019 General Meeting Minutes**

**Date, Time, and Location:** Thursday, April 4, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. in the teachers' lounge

**Meeting called to order by** Vice-President Kevin Foley at 7:04 P.M.

**Attendance:** Vice-President Kevin Foley, Secretary Pam Michel, Treasurer Mary Aydt, Frank Celarek, Michael Mesina, Leni Pedres, Humberto Perez, and Principal Sonja Keane

**Absent:** Father Richard Rosinski and President Bob Brown

There were 8 members in attendance; a quorum was reached. No guests in attendance.

**Prayer:** Prepared by Leni Pedres - School Commission recited together.

**Welcome:** Vice-President Kevin Foley

**Approval of Minutes:** Leni Pedres motioned to approve and Frank Celarek seconded the motion to approve the March 7, 2019 STM School Commission Minutes.

**Pastor's Report:** Given by Principal Sonja Keane

- STM Parish Mission will be held at the church starting at 7:00 P.M. each night on April 7, 8, and 9, 2019.
- Be Reconciled - A Diocesan Day of Penance will be on Wed., April 10, 2019, from 9:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. There will be 2 priests available for the first part of the day and 2 priests available the last part of the day; at least 1 priest for every hour in between.
- Olga Pomella, the Parish Business Manager, has received three quotes to replace the rest of the school roof. The first part of replacing the school roof was done in the summer of 2018. She will be submitting the chosen quote to the diocese for approval. The roof project will tentatively start Mon., June 10, 2019, right after school has ended for the summer. The new roof should take approximately 8 weeks which will be close to the start of the new school year.

**Principal's Report:** Given by Principal Sonja Keane

- The Book Fair was a grand success. With the \$2,000 that was made from the Fair, some books were bought now for the school library and the rest will be purchased later.
- The Daddy-Daughter Dance had a good turnout. The dance had a Red Carpet-Hollywood theme this year. The event chairman hopes to get more 8th grade girls to attend next year.
- Panera No-Cook Night fundraiser was very successful.
- Portillo's Night fundraiser will be Tues., April 9, 2019, from 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
- STM School sent 10 science projects to the Regional Science Fair on Sat., March 23, 2019, at Northern IL University. Three projects (6 students) from our school will now proceed to the State Science Fair in Carbondale, IL on Sat., May 4, 2019. The State

History Fair will be in Springfield, IL on Thurs., May 2, 2019. STM School is sending 18 projects to that fair.

- Fourth quarter started on Mon., April 1, 2019, and will run until the last day of school on Fri., June 7, 2019. Third quarter report cards will be online on Fri., April 5, 2019.
- The next Junior High (7th & 8th Grade) Dance will be held at St. Thomas More School on Fri., April 5, 2019.
- The PTO sponsored Family Bowling event will be Sun., April 7, 2019, at Elgin Bowling Lanes @ 2:00 P.M.
- The 8th Gr. Drive-Through Bake Sale will be held during the entire week of April 8<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the bake sale will help with the 8th gr. trip to Washington DC.
- On Thurs., April 18, 2019, a Talent Show will be showcased for the students.
- The 8th graders will be performing the Passion Play on Tues., April 16, 2019, at 6 P.M. in the church, Wed., April 17, 2019, at 6 P.M. in the school gym, and on Thurs., April 18, 2019, at 10:30 A.M. for the student body and parishioners at church.
- Holy Thursday, April 18, 2019, is a 1/2 day of school and there is no school on Good Friday, April 19, Easter Monday, April 22, and Easter Tuesday, April 23, 2019.
- There is no school on Easter Tuesday, April 23, because the school faculty will be attending the NCEA (National Catholic Educational Association) Convention & Expo at McCormack Place in downtown Chicago that day.
- The Student Council Family Sock Hop has been rescheduled for Fri., April 26, 2019, from 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
- The Father-Son Event will be Sun., April 28, 2019, from 1:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M., for glow-in-the-dark dodge ball.

#### **Old Business:**

- There is no new information about the video partnership with Judson University and ECC. Vice-President Kevin Foley has received an updated list of Marketing Strategies from Mrs. Keane that the STM School Commission has done this past year and a list of future marketing endeavors to be brought forth for future meetings with the two colleges.
- Before Care will be offered, along with After Care, on a single sheet entitled "Extended Care" for the 2019-2020 school year. An information sheet will be in folders for people who take tours of our school. On the school's website is the registration form to be typed and submitted.

#### **New Business:**

- The proposed Guardian Angel Fund will be run by the STM School Commission. Further discussion of the name of the fund, the goals, and the set-up will be done at our next monthly meeting on Wed., May 8, 2019.
- The STM School Commission members discussed and worked on updating the School Emergency and Crisis Response Plan.

#### **Topics for Next Meeting:**

- Further discussion on guidelines and name for a tuition assistance fund.
- Finish work on the School Emergency and Crisis Response Plan.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to come before the St. Thomas More School Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. A closing prayer was led by Mrs. Keane.

The next meeting of the St. Thomas More School Commission will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. in the teachers' lounge.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted,

Pam Michel  
Secretary  
St. Thomas More School Commission

Leni Pedres moved and Michael Mesina seconded the motion to approve the April 4, 2019 STM School Commission Minutes.