

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

Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. in the teachers' lounge

Meeting called to order by President Bob Brown at 7:10 P.M.

Attendance: President Bob Brown, Vice-President Kevin Foley, Secretary Pam Michel, Treasurer Mary Aydt, Leni Pedres, Michael Mesina, Humberto Perez, Principal Sonja Keane, and Father Richard Rosinski

Absent: Frank Celarek

There were 9 members in attendance; a quorum was reached. No guests in attendance.

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

Welcome: President Bob Brown

Approval of Minutes: Leni Pedres motioned to approve and Michael Mesina seconded the motion to approve the April 4, 2019 STM School Commission Minutes.

Pastor's Report: Given by Father Richard Rosinski

- The Rockford Diocese signed the contract and forwarded it to our Parish today to finish the roof replacement for St. Thomas More School. The roof project should start on Monday, June 10, 2019, as soon as the school year has finished. The contract was awarded to the same roofing company that had done the first phase last summer. The roofing project should take about 8 weeks to complete.
- Fr. Rosinski announced to the School Commission that he is being transferred as pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Byron, IL. His assignment will begin on Monday, June 17, 2019. A Farewell Event is being planned for Fr. Rosinski on the weekend of June 8 & 9, 2019. St. Thomas More Parish will be welcoming Fr. Ryan Browning, as our new parochial administrator, starting on Monday, June 17, 2019. Fr. Browning has been a priest for 6 years - 3 years at St. Patrick's Parish, St. Charles, IL and the past 3 years at St. Bridget's Parish, Loves Park, IL. After a year of being the parochial administrator, Fr. Browning will be installed as pastor of St. Thomas More Parish.

Principal's Report: Given by Principal Sonja Keane

- Mrs. Keane announced that a past 7th grade teacher at St. Thomas More School, Mrs. Danielle Kamp, passed away this morning, Wed., May 8, 2019. She was presently an 8th grade teacher at Cambridge Lakes Charter School in Pingree Grove, IL. She was 43 years old and is survived by a husband and two children. The STM staff has been mourning her loss and asks for prayers for Mrs. Kamp's family.

- The Second Annual Talent Show, sponsored by the Student Council, was a great success. It was held on Thurs., April 18, 2019.
- The Student Council Family Sock Hop was enjoyed by many parents and students on Fri., April 26, 2019.
- Portillo's No Cook Night on Tues., April 9, 2019, and Red Robin No Cook Night, on Tues., May 7, 2019 were both successful.
- Of the 3 projects (6 students) that went to the State Science Fair, each earned one of the following: bronze, silver, or gold medal. The students, who won gold, also won a \$100 award. Of the 18 History projects that went to the State History Fair, there were 7 Superior awards. We had no National awards this year.
- Judges Christine Downs and Elizabeth Flood from the Kane County Circuit Courts did a fine presentation for the 7th and 8th grade students on Wed., April 17, 2019. Their presentation was geared for Internet Safety with actual news clips of shootings and examples of real cases. The goal is to increase awareness of the dangers of social media. Mrs. Keane would like to invite these two judges next year to present this program again and every year thereafter.
- On Tues., April 23, 2019, the full time teachers and Mrs. Keane attended the NCEA Convention in Chicago. The day began with Mass being said by Cardinal Blase J. Cupich. The staff attended many seminars and brought back good ideas to use in their classrooms.
- On Thurs., May 2, 2019, Mrs. Caughlin, our Art teacher, was in charge of the First Annual Fine Arts Festival. There were artwork pieces from each student on display and the band, directed by Ms. Rome, played music for the attendees. The PTO supplied goodies.
- On Tues., May 7, 2019, May Crowning was held at the All School Mass. Two 8th grade students crowned Mary and the 2nd graders were dressed in their First Communion outfits. After the Mass, the 8th grade students received their 8th grade graduation ribbons.
- Muffins with Mom, sponsored by the Student Council, will be on Fri., May 10, 2019, from 7:15 A.M. - 7:45 A.M. Coffee will be served with the muffins.
- The Sports Awards Event will be Mon., May 13, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. There was a t-shirt design contest voted on by the school staff. Madison T., a 7th grader, was chosen as the winner of the t-shirt design. T-shirts will be worn by students and staff.
- The 8th grade students and Mrs. Craig will be leaving for their Washington DC class trip on Tues., May 14, 2019, and will return to Elgin on Sun., May 19, 2019.
- The Mother-Son event will be on Sun., May 19, 2019, at LazerMaxx Family Fun Center in Elgin from 3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.
- The Cub Scouts will be doing weeding and placing mulch around the school property on Saturday, May 11, 2019. The troop will also be having a car wash on Sun., May 19, 2019, from 12:00 noon - 3:00 P.M. in the driveway along the school.
- The Final Band Concert will be on Tues., May 21, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. at the Wing Park Band Shell.
- There is no school on Mon., May 27, 2019, to celebrate Memorial Day.
- The 8th Grade Dinner-Dance will be on Thurs., May 30, 2019.

- The 8th Grade Graduation will be on Sat., June 1, 2019, during the 5:00 P.M. Mass. In this way, the parish and school will have a connection.
- Field Day will be on Thurs., June 6, 2019, during the school day.
- The last day of the 2018-2019 school year will be Fri., June 7, 2019. It will be a half day of school which will include the final School Mass and the Kindergarten graduation.

Old Business:

- The Guardian Angel Fund will keep its name and will be run by the STM School Commission. The fund will be need based and it will be presented to the parish for any donations made will be used by the school.
- The STM School Commission continued to work on updating the School Emergency and Crisis Response Plan.

New Business:

- Principal Sonja Keane, Secretary Pam Michel, and 2nd Gr. teacher, Valerie Ricotta, attended an Active Shooter Presentation on Tues., April 16, 2019 from 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. at the Kane County Sheriff's Office Training Room in St. Charles, IL. Lt. Kevin Williams presented important information about active shooters and how to "Train our Brain" to become more knowledgeable about crisis situations. Notes from the presentation were given to all School Commission members. Items were explained that were presented at the training. Mrs. Keane plans to discuss safety protocol for St. Thomas More School with Lt. Williams.

Topics for Next Meeting:

- Finish updating the School Emergency and Crisis Response Plan.
- Introductions and welcoming of two new School Commission members to replace two outgoing School Commission members.

Adjournment: With no further business to come before the St. Thomas More School Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M. A closing prayer was led by Father Richard Rosinski.

The next meeting of the St. Thomas More School Commission will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. in the teachers' lounge.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted,
 Pam Michel
 Secretary
 St. Thomas More School Commission

Treasurer Mary Aydt moved and Frank Celarek seconded the motion to approve the May 8, 2019 STM School Commission Minutes.