

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

**Date, Time, and Location:** Wednesday, June 5, 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, Secretary Pam Michel, Incoming Secretary Ann Richardson, Treasurer Mary Aydt, Frank Celarek, Leni Pedres, Michael Mesina, Principal Sonja Keane, and Father Richard Rosinski

**Absent:** Vice-President Kevin Foley, Humberto Perez

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

**Pastor's Report:** Given by Father Richard Rosinski

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of the roof will begin on Monday, June 10, and if all goes well it should be completed by the end of summer. The first installment payment is covered by the Building Fund and Diocesan Appeal overages. Additionally, some funds have been set aside but approximately \$200,000 will be borrowed.
- St. Thomas More Church hosted Immaculee Ilibagiza, the author of Left to Tell and a survivor of genocide. This retreat was well attended by approximately 200 people.
- A prayer garden by the Church chapel was established as an Eagle Scout project by Matthew Brammer, a senior at St. Edward High School.

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

- The Father-Son event on April 28, 2019 was not attended by many.
- The Red Robin No-Cook Night event on May 7, 2019 and the Jimmy John's one on June 6, 2019 were both successful. There is a goal to have one No-Cook night each month next school year.
- The Muffins with Moms event held on May 10, 2019 went very well and was a good time for everyone.
- Sports Awards was held on May 13, 2019 and went admirably.
- The 8th grade trip to DC was May 14 - 19, 2019.
- The Mother-Son laser tag event on May 19, 2019 was fun for all.
- The Cub Scouts had a successful car wash on May 19, 2019.

- The area local school bands came together for a Band Concert which was held at St. Thomas More School on May 21, 2019 since there was a problem holding it at Wing Park due to wet grounds.
- Fr. Gonnella presented a vocation talk for the 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grades on May 24, 2019.
- PTO meeting - at the last meeting for the school year, the President and Vice President both stepped down and new members have filled their positions.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Dinner-Dance was on May 30, 2019; it was beautiful and done very well.
- The end of year School Band Concert and awards was held on May 31, 2019.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation was held during the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, June 1, 2019. The Graduation Mass went beautifully!
- Field Day was held on June 6, 2019. Students were surprised with a snow cone treat!
- Fee Day will be held on August 9, 2019. Help with this event will be needed.
- The TADS tuition company (a partner company of School Speak which is already in place) will accept ACH or credit cards for tuition payments next school year.

#### **Old Business:**

- Guardian Angel Fund - tabled for next meeting
- School Safety Plan - tabled for next meeting

#### **New Business:** Given by Sonja Keane

- Staff changes for 2019: Art, 6<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom JH Math, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom JH Science teachers.  
Kelly Lockard will be the new Art teacher and interviews are being held for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade positions.
- D.C. trip - while successful, the Rockford Diocese will no longer allow the trip due to liability to the school and parish. Other options are being explored.
- Technology Committee - Mrs. Keane mentioned Rosa Borman, the tech teacher, is looking at software and hardware updates, and aligning the curriculum to interface with St. Edward High School. Mr. Martens from St. Ed's will be assisting Mrs. Borman. A technology committee needs to be started to write the technology plan for STM.
- The first day of school for the 2019 - 2020 school year will be Tuesday, August 20, 2019.
- The committee thanked Fr. Rich Rosinski for his wonderful service to our parish as he leaves to head to St. Mary Parish of Byron. Additionally, outgoing Commission members, Pam Michel and Frank Celarek, were thanked for their great help on the School Commission.

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

- Guardian Angel Fund
- School Safety Plan

**Adjournment:** With no further business to come before the St. Thomas More School Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 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 Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the teachers' lounge.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted,  
Ann Richardson Secretary (with much help from Pam Michel - outgoing Secretary)  
St. Thomas More School Commission