

## LaSalle Catholic School Board Meeting Minutes

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Present:** Father Diehm, Susan Hucker, Angie Katrichis, Julie Deutmeyer, Shannon Brimeyer, Roberta Smith and Cindy Hunt

**Absent:** Jake Cota & Sara Wilgenbusch

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Father who led the group in prayer.

Addition to last meeting minutes was made to add the Fall Cash Raffle drawing will be done on December 18<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made to approve the minutes with that adjustment by Shannon and seconded by Roberta.

### **Finance Report:**

-Balltown, Rickardsville and Holy Cross are current on their subsidy payments; Sherrill and Luxemburg are behind.

-The office equipment line-item was high on the budget but that's because of increased copies.

-A check was just cashed by Carol Bries for Building and Grounds upkeep.

-Recast Budget:

- There was an original net loss of \$70,000
- The recast budget is now showing a net loss of \$31,143. This did leave art and music teachers in the budget
- Milk caps from Prairie Farms are still being entered by Michelle Jeanette and nets us about \$300.
- There was a motion to approve the revised 2020-2021 school budget by Cindy and it was seconded by Shannon.

### **Facilities:**

-There are 2 windows in the gym that are cracked; Susan will call and get someone to come out and look at them for repairs

-Angie will follow-up with Jake regarding the leaking windows in the furnace room

-Angie and Susan has worked on getting estimates on projectors for the classrooms. The first estimate they received were for 7 basic projectors which would cost \$7586.00 and the second estimate they received were for 4 upgraded projectors at \$6127.00. Holy Family is upgrading their technology due to COVID and having to teach virtual so Susan will contact them and see what they have available, if anything. There is a possibility of using "facility" funds since this is an upgrade. Cindy also said that we could do a "fund-a-need" at the spring social and pay back

the facility fund, or at least a portion of it. We have estimates from 1 company at this point. There was a motion to approve the purchase of projectors according to the needs of the teachers by Father and was seconded by Julie.

### **Recruitment & Enrollment**

-The committee recently met and brainstormed ways to recruit new families/students

-“The Guardian Angel” program will debut shortly.

- Volunteers will be “assigned” to new families in the area (possible new baptismal families) and new-to-the-area families. The volunteers will be encouraged to invite them to parish/school activities and be their “buddy”.
- The committee discussed possibly increasing “out-of-parish” tuition; the school board isn’t sure it’s worth it, as 1/3 of our students are in that category. We don’t want to risk losing what we already have!

No one had comments or participated in the board-in-service piece.

### **Principal’s Report:**

-From past behaviors, the school anticipates more COVID exposures from home, rather than school

-DHS certification is moving along; Bev has taken charge on this and they are expecting their certification visit to happen at any time. It does have to happen on a Friday while the 3 year olds are in the building. This limits the time left. Board members should expect a copy of the Preschool handbook to be emailed in the coming days. Please take the time to skim/read through it and offer any changes/suggestions. This is a large piece of the certification. There is a potential of receiving \$8000 from a grant that will help recoup the costs that have already been paid to help in the certification process.

-There is \$4720 left in Esser funds that must be spent by year-end. This must be used for technology. There is thoughts of using it for possible hot-spots for families without internet access or for more chrome books.

### **Pastor’s Report:**

-Three parishes are currently behind on their subsidy payments which again is pointing to the fact that this is going to be a very “lean” year, fiscally.

-Father will continue to encourage mitigation practices, as we should all be doing.

-Father is continuing to encourage the board/school to look for other options for fundraising instead of relying so heavily on the parishes support

### **Old Business:**

-Fall Cash Raffle drawing will be held on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

- We cannot mail tickets so we must rely on local businesses, after-mass sales and student selling to get the tickets sold

-Great Gobble Galore

- We have lost the window for a fall event, as shipping times have increased for many vendors and their products; vendors cannot guarantee that items will arrive before Christmas
- Cancelled for the year

-Can sorting: Cans and bottles; Roberta has several bags that could be picked up. They have been sorted already. Next sorting date will be held on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>.

-Spring Social

- Virtual silent auction that will be held using a virtual portal called Bidding Owl. The auction will be kicked off on April 5<sup>th</sup> and run through April 17<sup>th</sup>. A Super Silent silent auction will be held for 24 hours for the bigger ticket items that are usually sold at the live auction. There will be a drive-through dinner held on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup>, catered by Neumann's which will include a 3-piece fried chicken dinner and the fixings. We will still be collecting donations.

### **New Business:**

-Advent/Christmas Program – Most families responded that they would like an in-person event, it allowed; 2-3 shows will be held with a possible show for senior citizens only. There will be pods with 6-ish family members, all 6 feet apart. Susan is looking at Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>. All audience members will be required to wear a mask. The school will borrow Chris Errthum's sound system and he has agreed to set it up the day before the actual program. Marti and Mrs. Ellerbach will start practicing the following week.

-A Report to the Community letter went out to parishes last week. The report was filled with information about the school and our activities that have taken place, or that have been planned.

A motion to end the meeting at 8:09 was made by Julie and seconded by Roberta and Father.

The next meeting is set for Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Cindy Hunt