

La Salle Catholic School Board Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2020, via ZOOM meeting

**Present:** Angie, Roberta, Shannon, Jake, Sara, Father Diehm, Cindy, Susan and Julie

**Absent:** None

**Called to order at: 7:05 by President, Angie Katrichis**

**By: Prayer by Father Diehm**

**Reports:**

**Finance:** All subsidies are up to date, but there is a concern about next month's subsidy payment since there is no Mass and no formal collection.

The finance committee did reluctantly approve the budget for the 2020-2021 school year. This budget included a deficit of \$77K. They did agree that this is a crucial time for our school...we need to do something drastic or lose it altogether. There was a discrepancy with the budget numbers so Susan will get back to us with the correct numbers at a later date.

**Facilities:** The new stoves were installed. Projections show that with the cash raffle and matching funds donation from the Catholic of Forrestors, the stoves will be paid for in full and reimbursed back to the school. All classrooms have been deep-cleaned. Susan will look at options for large projects that need to be completed. If school is NOT called back, then those projects can be completed when weather is a bit cooler and the school isn't so hot, like in the summer.

**Recruitment & Retention:** Angie is still trying to work on committee members. She has decided to target parish members with children in the 1 ½-4 year age group. She intends to work with Ms. Ambrosy to get age-appropriate worksheets that can be mailed to families. We will also include a short letter about the school, letting parish-members know how our school is handling the pandemic crisis. There will be a series of mailings done. With the older age groups, there will eventually be an enrollment form sent out for families. Literature will also include information about the school's Facebook page. The board feels that there is tons of information as well as an inside-look at what our school is like on a daily basis. The mailing will also include a copy of the updated mission statement.

**Board In-service:** No one had a chance to actually watch/read the information but it did have a COVID-19 title and how to cope.

### **Principal's Report:**

- We learned the grant for science and math was awarded. Each classroom will be awarded a set of math/science related manipulatives and teachers will receive an in-service sometime next school year.
- A third offer for a music teach was declined.
- 11 families submitted applications for STO
- Susan will start working on recruitment for a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher.
- School closings will be announced tomorrow during the Governor's press conference. The school is prepared, either way, to take kids back or continue e-learning.
- The application for the small-business relief fund/loan did NOT get sent in on time. Susan had been working with DB&T but did not get adequate service. She connected with Fidelity bank in Luxemburg and had better results. The application is ready to go if there is a second round of funding available. Susan is also working with Fidelity to switch all of the checking/savings accounts over from DB&T. The bank is closer and satisfaction levels with DB&T has been VERY low since the branch in Holy Cross closed.

### **Pastor's Report:**

- Father admitted that he is worried for our parish's finances due to the cancellation of masses. There is no formal collection of donations/tithes at this time, unless a family already tithes by EFT.
- He said he will continue to ask for support and will post the Archdiocese "Giving Portal" page to both his personal page as well as the pastorate page.
- Bulletins are still being printed. They are placed in each church, in their normal spots. You can also download a copy of the bulletin or Connie is willing to mail, one for anyone that desires a hard copy.
- Father requested that Susan periodically post the "giving portal" link to the school's Facebook page.

### **Old Business:**

- The report for the fire marshal is ready. However, it can take 4-8 weeks to get a response from them. Nick, who is working with the architect, is trying to get it submitted and following up with the submission.
- From Nick's perspective, it looks like we should only have to include 2 fire extinguishers. However, we will have to wait for the official report from the fire marshal.

### **New Business:**

- The school board should start thinking about new board membership.
- Susan would like for us to brainstorm ways to ask people, and people to actually ask to join us. Board members can send suggestions to Susan.
- Susan is working on options for summer cleaning. In the past, we did not get a great turn-out for work nights and we didn't get all of the cleaning finished. She is going to check with the confirmation leaders and see if students need service hours. We also have the option of a temporary hire. Angie actually suggested contacting Clarke University and see if any of their sports teams would offer up their teams. The Mount has the men's volleyball team help us on various projects.

**There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 by Roberta and seconded by Shannon.**

**Minutes submitted by: Cindy Hunt**