

LaSalle Catholic School Board Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2020

Present: Angie Katrichis, Susan Hucker, Father Diehm, Sara Wilgenbusch, Julie Deutmeyer, Cindy Hunt, Jake Cota, Shannon Brimeyer and Roberta Smith

The meeting was held via zoom and called to order at 7:02 by president Angie Katrichis and Father led the group in prayer.

The minutes were approved with the following changes by: Roberta Smith and seconded by Julie

- Change meeting date from 22th to 28nd of October
- The information on the Beckman high school website needed to be corrected with the date
- Change the sign out at the Avalon with the correct date

Finance Report:

- Subsidy payments are up to date except for Sherrill and Luxemburg
- The re-cast budget does not have the money included from the cans
- The lunch account is (-\$2378) but the money we should receive from the federal reimbursement funds should bring our account almost back to even (\$0)
- The Finance committee is ok with the STO fee being paid by family and then a \$25.00 scrip of choice coupon being issued back to the family to help off-set the cost

Facilities Report:

- Susan will get pictures of the broken windows in the gym for Jake
- Sara was able to procure the phone number for Jake for Ross so we can hopefully get a quote on fixing the leaking window well in the freezer room

Recruitment & Enrollment:

- The committee is focusing on reaching out to younger families
3rd and 4th graders are making birthday cards for 1-4 year olds in the pastorate; we have received great feedback with this so far
- The committee is working with Cindy Roberts on getting a list of new baptisms and families in the pastorate with young children so we can “buddy-up” and encourage them to come to Mass and learn more about the school and what we have to offer; the program is called “Buddy Angel”

Principal's Report:

- DHS certification has been completed! Bev worked VERY hard on this; there were a couple of things that will be done soon that were recommended by Heidi; pea gravel will be delivered and need to be spread in the small playground and some work needed to be done in the handbooks but we should have our certificate soon!
- Our current substitute art teacher has given her notice after the first of the year; Xavier is interviewing other candidates
- Remote learning:
 - Not many student cases; some have been quarantined because of a parent or someone else in the home that tested positive
 - Staff cases have been difficult
 - Susan will work with teachers next week on a plan for “remote learning” and get a schedule created in case we need it in the future
 - School board members wanted to know if there could be an option for having the building “open” for kids to come and do their lessons so parents could still work; this would have to be something Susan

works out with teachers because there would have to be adults in the building and enough of them to cover the child care

-Is there a possibility for rapid testing that a teacher/principal could administer on the school grounds?

-There is a possible option for sack lunches to be sent out or available for kids if we are remote learning; Susan will send this out via a survey or question from teachers to gauge interest in this possibility

Pastor's Report:

- Father wanted to know what other fund-raising options we have?
- Father is still projecting a very lean fiscal year and isn't sure parishes will be able to meet their subsidy payment budgets as there isn't enough money coming in from tithing
- He is encouraging Susan and the school board to come up with a way to get any back-tuition paid in full to help bridge the gap; we will have to become a pest!
- He is encouraging us to find other fundraising avenues and possibilities for "matching fund" programs; Possibilities included a pizza fundraiser, matching fund dinner or breakfast with Catholic Order of Foresters

Old Business:

- Fall Cash Raffle – currently at \$2340 total; Angie still has to collect monies from local businesses; will need volunteers to sell tickets after mass
- Discussed the possibility of contacting Beckman and seeing if they would consider promoting or selling tickets for us too
- Spring Social update: committee meeting set for Dec. 2nd; plans are in motion and will have more to report at Jan. board meeting
- Can sorting has been set for Saturday, Nov. 21st to hopefully finish up so they can be taken to the redemption center
- Advent/Christmas program – this will NOT be held in person due to rising COVID numbers; it will be recorded and then shared via streaming link; the teachers are working on getting music permissions so it can be recorded
- Facilities Rental: Per the Gov.'s proclamation, no large gatherings or youth sports are supposed to be held at this time so the board tabled the discussion until the restriction has been lifted; this will be re-visited at another time. Susan did talk with Carol Vorwald on disinfecting options

New Business:

- Principal Appreciation Week is coming up
- Teacher/Staff Christmas gift collection – motion to approve the collection was given by Angie and seconded by Sara
- Angie is asking for school board members to donate the prize for the Scrip Contest winner; please let her know if you can/will donate to the prize basket
- A motion was made to approve a \$25.00 scrip of choice to families that complete the STO application process to help off-set the \$31.00 application fee by Sara and seconded by Cindy

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 by Roberta and was seconded by Father

The next meeting is set for Jan. 21st at 7:00 PM.

Meeting minutes were submitted by: Cindy Hunt