

Saint Dorothy School  
Development Committee Minutes  
January 13, 2020 7:30 PM  
Rectory Meeting Room

In attendance: Fr. Murphy, Joe Dougherty, Alan Pietriwicz, Dan O'Mara, Chris Schumacher, Sue Short, Jennifer Corcoran, Mark Romano, Mrs. Callahan, Mrs. Tomasetti, Nick Caramanico, Kelly Gust, Chris Murray, Carolyn Corr

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of minutes from the meeting on October 18, 2019
3. The Mission of the Development Committee

*The Development Committee focuses on relationship building and fundraising to support Saint Dorothy School. We make recommendations to Fr. Murphy to raise funds and increase school enrollment, to seek ways to strengthen the educational experience of our children at St. Dorothy School, and we work with the parish community to provide leadership and support in implementing these recommendations and programs.*

Committee Reports

- a. School Update – Karen Tomasetti
  - i. Enrollment 411
  - ii. Registration looking positive for 2020-2021
  - iii. Purchase of a 3D printer was discussed and ultimately thought to be a good investment. Requested information on cost analysis of supplies to use it
  - iv. Discussion of painting classrooms this summer and reaching out to Williamson Trade School or getting bids
  - v. Need bunker to be organized as lacking additional storage features –agreed unanimously-Mrs. Tomasetti has bid from parent to perform the work-approved for implementation
- b. Home & School –
  - i. Bag Bingo coming up
- c. Marketing –
  - i. Spring newsletter will be getting underway
  - ii. Will do a spotlight on the honorary chairperson
- d. Catholic Schools week open house
  - i. Registration
  - ii. Student council speakers at Sunday mass
  - iii. Look for signup genius to participate as greeters during the open house
- e. EITC/BLOCS-
  - i. Program has grown and is providing aide to several parish families
  - ii. Need to work on retention and continuing the growth

- iii. Students will be sending donors thank you notes for Catholic Schools week
  - f. Annual Fund-
    - i. 2019 total YE \$73,913.13
    - ii. 2020 Dave DiGirolamo is Honorary Chair
    - iii. Development Members to speak at Mass 2/1 & 2/2 to kickoff campaign
    - iv. Letters to go out early February
- 4. Old Business
  - a. Middle School Retention
    - i. Sue provided several good ideas on what we can do to understand parents concerns and how to address them
    - ii. Proposed to do a middle school focus group and offer outreach to potential families in this grade range and also to current 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at Dot's
- 5. Next Meeting
  - a. Monday March 9, 2020 Rectory meeting room