

## February 2, 2010

**ATTENDEES:** Jo Rhoten, Molly Edmondson, John Hill, Dave Volk, Frank Haas, Linda Fasola, Patty Weaver, Ralph Maresco, Amy Maricocchi, Paul Madix, Sue Morman, Larry Tensi, Colleen Schultheis, John Cummins

**OPENING PRAYER:** John Hill

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The January 2010 Minutes were approved. The motion for approval was made by John Hill, seconded by Amy Maricocchi and unanimously approved.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

#### 1. School – Jo Rhoten:

- Fine Arts Sampler at school was today with dance, pottery, voice presentations for each grade.
- Open House – Thursday, February 4. There will be art displays of students work, and different student groups will be performing 15 minute presentations throughout the night.
- Mexican student exchange – the students arrived on Saturday, January 30. They have been visiting classrooms and will go on field trips.
- Returning student registration begins February 10.
- All weekly news will be going home in home folder and on e-mail via one-call now with a link to ed-line to get the appropriate forms.

#### 2. Pastoral Council – Fr. Larry

- Undercroft is well under construction and will be done by May. Hope to break ground on new Parish Offices in April or May.
- School/Parish budget – School tuition raised \$300/student.
- School funding task force will be created (see notes under New Business).

#### 3. Parish Council – Paul Madix

- At last meeting discussed how to communicate school news to Parishioners who don't have students so they feel included in the school community.
- Reviewed by-laws and mission statement.

#### 4. PTO –Colleen Schultheis

- Spring Fundraiser – April 27 at 8 PM. Local authors from Loveland will come and talk. They have donated their books for sale.
- There are some PTO positions that are going to be open for the next school year.

### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### 1. Fine Arts – Amy Maricocchi

- Fine Arts day was a success!

**ONGOING BUSINESS:**

1. Grant Writing – Frank spoke with Dr. Doug Brooks a few times since the January meeting and Dr. Brooks is interested in working with us. During the month of February, we will do research to narrow our focus for potential grant targets. Frank Haas, Patty Weaver & John Hill will conduct the initial research.
  - a. Dr. Brooks has March 19, 22, & 26 available for us to administer the (2) day training session.
  - b. Julia Grasso, Amanda Geil, and Jo Rhoten will be the school representatives. Ruthy Trusler will be one of the Parish representatives. Dave Volk and Amy Maricocchi will be the Education Commission representatives.
2. Technology – Report from Linda Fasola, John Hill and John Cummins regarding the area grade schools (14) and high schools (5) that were questioned. Armed with 25 questions from Samantha Howell they surveyed the schools. As a whole, they found out that St. Columban is ahead of what the other grade schools are doing, and the students are well prepared with the skills needed for high school. Jo Rhoten and the technology team met to review the results and were pleased with what they found.
3. Blue Ribbon Schools – Discussion about beginning the process of applying now so that come November we are ready for presenting the application. Patty Weaver, Sue Morman and Molly Edmondson will help get ready for the process.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Tuition Task Force – Paul Madix
  - o Pastoral Council/Finance Commission would like to create a committee to review & revise the overarching guidelines and principles to help Parish Council/Finance Commission set tuition rates. The last set of guidelines were written in 2004. Ralph Maresco will be the Education Commission representative on the committee.
2. Terra Nova results – Jo Rhoten
  - o Grades 2,4,6,8 summary results were given. St. Columban results were above the national average and the Archdiocese averages in all categories, achieving beyond expectations in 23 of 23 categories and 13 of the 23 categories showed an “educationally meaningful” difference
3. School Surveys will be discussed at the March meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The next Education Commission meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2010 at 7:30 pm.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** John Cummins

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 9:10 pm