

Education Commission
May 4, 2010

ATTENDEES: Jo Rhoten, Fr. Larry Tensi, Molly Edmondson, Dave Volk, Frank Haas, Linda Fasola, Amy Maricocchi, Sue Morman, Patty Weaver, John Cummins, John Hill, Paul Madix

OPENING PRAYER: Molly Edmondson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The March 2010 Minutes were approved. The motion for approval was made by Dave Volk, seconded by Linda Fasola and unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. School – Jo Rhoten:
 - Finished Confirmation and 6 First Communions; great examples of teamwork from Parish Office and School.
 - Thursday 5/6 is volunteer appreciation day at school.
 - 8th grade leaves for Washington on 5/13, return on 5/16.
 - PTO has put on hiatus for the upcoming school year (2010-2011) the Student of the Month program, in order to give it a fresh look. Money saved from the Student of the Month program will be applied to the Fine Arts program.
 - Campus Outfitters coming on 5/11. Jo asked PTO to look at other uniform providers just to be sure we are getting the best provider.

2. Pastoral Council – Fr. Larry
 - Working with budget for 2011, trying to guess/gauge donations.
 - Undercroft construction is rolling along! Completion date is sometime in June.
 - Parish office groundbreaking should be taking place soon!
 - Maria Meyer, youth minister is leaving her position at the Parish.

3. Parish Council – Paul Madix
 - Newly elected members: Janet Wentzel, Janet Juengling and Greg Dowd
 - Campaign update – 150 families have given one time pledges; possibility of renewed drive to start in September to focus on gym and school improvements.

4. PTO –Colleen Schultheis
 - New PTO Officers inducted: Emily Venosa & Karen Robinson.
 - Surplus funds will be used for laptops, wireless mikes and desks & chairs.
 - Laurie Carigan will be the PTO/Education Commission liason for the next year

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Fine Arts – Amy Maricocchi
 - Last meeting of year was held last month; Julie Batsch will step down as chair, but stay on the committee. They are looking for more members!

ONGOING BUSINESS:

1. Grant Writing
 - The group met with Doug Brooks on March 19; they were introduced to the grant writing process and brainstormed on the first steps to take.
 - Dr. Brooks' feeling is that the initial grant should be part of an overall, long-term strategic goal (Technology is the focus). Discussion ensued about aligning a long-term strategic plan with the grant writing with the new OCSAA accreditation goals when they are decided upon in (2011-2012). Given where we are in the accreditation process however, perhaps the first grant should focus on a shorter-term need, rather than a long-term strategic plan.
 - The group should reconvene in May to continue with Dr. Brooks' outline, and meet again with Dr. Brooks again possibly over the summer to help get us going in the right direction.
2. 2010 Surveys – Kindergarten, 4th and 7th -- Sub-committee met and reviewed/revise the 2009 4th and 7th grade surveys for both parents and students, and created new surveys for the parents of Kindergarteners. Surveys will be completed on Survey Monkey as they were in 2009.
3. Blue Ribbon Schools – Will meet during the summer and start the process to apply in the fall.
4. Tuition Task Force – Deacon Jerry Sasson will lead the tuition task force; charged with creating recommendations/framework for going forward; goal is to have recommendations by October 2010.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Nominations for 2010/2011 Officers

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next Education Commission meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2010 at 7:30 pm.

CLOSING PRAYER: Amy Maricocchi

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:10 pm