

St. Therese Catholic School Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2023

5:35 Executive Session

Present: Martha, Terrie, Josh, Janelle, Dennis, Mark, Trish, Deacon Dan, Fr. Carl, Patty

Absent: Fr. Michael

(Carrie and All Access accounting share finance report)

Call to Order: 6:05 pm, regular session

Opening Prayer: Fr. Carl

Agenda: motion Patty, second Laura; approved with changes (Patty wants a vote on finance, Fr Carl wants to add a note about presenting alternative organization of school).

Minutes: motion Patty, second Laura; approved

Principal Report:

Back to school night went well. Many Board members in attendance. Giving day presentation for parents and all.

Bingo is now happening on Wednesdays and first and third Mondays.

The Schedule for the year has been updated per requests from past board meeting.

Staff report. Dennis has a mission to get every grade staffed. He already has perspectives.

Board members desire to bring a teacher now.

Enrollment is at 81 students.

Fr. Godfrey Mullen gave a day of reflection at beginning of school year to staff. The main point is that Catholic School all over and everywhere is declining.

ERC- last payment was about \$5000. We are due to receive our last check for about \$15,000.

TADs- this currently is how we communicate student attendance and grades. It is also how we take payments for tuition.

Board discusses getting rid of the tuition fund collection portion of TADs.

We need a plan in place before we change TADs in any way. Especially we need to get records of payments.

Dennis shares that we have a man who is interested in serving as a volunteer at the school.

We have three pending scholarships. Fr. Carl volunteers to help Dennis to work as the scholarship committee. Committee will report back to board in February.

Giving Day:

Patty and Fr. Carl went out, got donations. Terrie encourages follow up. Dennis shares classroom challenge- coin giving, also "giving day" with student activities. Board says that Business Donor's logos are not posted without that business' permission.

Diocese Report: Deacon Dan states that Bishop is confirmed for mass Wednesday October 4. Pushes giving day, especially that we get video and electronic info out there.

Ace Report:

Laura states that Bronco boards have done well.

Auction committee will be Lindsay Freeman and James Rodriguez. Location for auction is proposed to be at Cathedral. The date is not yet confirmed.

Fall Fest is Saturday October 7. Theme will be about gratitude for all who supported Giving Day. This is arranged with Shrine Parish.

Spirit Fridays: parents can pay a flat fee for the whole year.

Ace is working on thank you cards for giving day donors.

Other Discussion:

Josh motions to move RBC funds to money market, no second. Motion never went to vote. Discussion. Patty motions that we take RBC funds and explore best financial opportunities. Financier committee then makes the financial decision. The Board came to consensus that there is no need for a motion per the endowment policy. Motion removed. Finance committee will meet to determine where money should be moved to obtain the best rates as we are continually losing interest with the current market situation.

Closing Prayer: Deacon Dan

Next meeting:

Tuesday Oct 10 at 5:30pm

Minutes taken by Fr. Carl Wertin

