

St. Therese Catholic School

DATE

Board meeting

Feb 7, 2023

Martha Nogare, Fr. Michael Chrisman, Mark Hearing, Josh and Janelle Bruggerman,  
Trish Ackerman, Patty Brockman, Dennis Vigil, Fr. Carl Wertin

Absent: Terrie

Others: Deacon Dan

5:30pm. called to order

Agenda: Josh moved to approve agenda, Mark seconds this

Motion carries

Minutes: moved to approve by Josh, Patty seconds

Ace report-

Janelle, books provided

After school program-

The demand has gone down

We will provide the program through Feb.

Lately there have only been 2 children.

Dennis would like to revisit the idea of an after-school program for next year.

Read-a-thon. This will be in March- brings in around \$4000

Auction is in the works.

Information sent home to student families.

Friday night- April 14. \$65 per person

Cherise Johnson is the head of the auction

Field day. Janelle is looking at an event at city park or YMCA???

Janelle resigns as ACE president starting the end of this year.

Josh B, presents on Universal Preschool.

Open to qualified children, the child must meet one of three qualifications. The school would get around \$6300 per participant.

Dennis is looking into this and reviewing the application.

Deacon Dan says that a student must have a IEP number.

Patty mentions that since our school couldn't help these children after preschool then should we start to help them at all??

## Principals Report

Dennis-

BOCES program- Dennis has contacted Snowberger.

We are waiting for feedback on possible revisions to our application. Then we will know by April if we get it or not.

State mandate testing, Dan Snowberger says that state testing is not required (Martha says that we will continue with IOWA testing).

Dennis suggest that we increase tuition to 4500 (current it is 3800)

Mark cautions that if we start it but then must stop it, then we will have to address tuition. Concerns of inflation. Maybe we offer that there is no tuition increase if a person signs up for this BOCES homeschool option program (tuition remains at 3800 for those persons). Tiered volunteering credits, and a family would get money back for volunteering (maybe bingo volunteer hours count for 2 hours credited for every hour that is served). Maybe we need a clear written policy for volunteer hours.

Mark strongly suggests that we need to be very clear about the homeschool option program.

Josh says we need to clarify that tuition doesn't cover all expenses. Reiterate the real state of expenses and be transparent about cost of expense/teacher salary/etc. Speak of the fact that the diocese doesn't give any money.

Board members should all be at a meeting where we share all this with the parents.

Martha says we have three things to decide:

Tuition raises

BOCES

Volunteer hours

Fr. Carl mentions that we need two subcommittees. Volunteer document put together by Josh and Janelle and Trish. Operating cost and comparison put together by Martha, Mark, Patty and Fr. Carl. Fr. Carl and Josh call the sub meetings together.

Patty motions that we raise tuition to 4500 with the tiered reduction for multiple students- pending approval by bishop and information from subcommittee concerning operating expense and comparison.

Mark seconds.

All in favor. Motion carries.

Dennis also speaks of employer retention funds.

Bingo. We are still unable to operate because we lost our gaming license. We are paying \$350 per week to hold our spot.

Bingo Casino wants us to get back as quickly as possible.

Super Bowl board and some other fundraisers are happening.

Josh B. Reports that Guided portfolios with RBC are performing and holding their own. 80% invested. Diversified over bonds.

Deacon Dan reports that catholic masses have been going well and that the Catholic Schools mass with Saint John Neumann will be this Friday Feb 10th at 1pm at the Cathedral.

New process is now in place for Letters for tax purposes.

Please review by-laws for March meeting.

Next Meeting March 7th.

Closing prayer by Deacon Dan

Mark motions to adjourn.

Josh 2nd.

Meeting adjourns around 7pm

