

School Commission Minutes

April 7th 2016

Attendance: Father Oakland, Sarah Katsandres, Brett Conway, Brendan Kolding, Pat Galvin, Mike Curran, Kevin McMahan, Marithereese Thomas, Mary Jo McFaul, Terry Burns, Christy Tobin-Presser, Mary Moan, Joellyn DeRonghe, Andrea Geraghty, Alison Morton, Ken Tews, Kamila Kennedy

Missing: , Pat, Andrea, Mary, Terry and Mark

Opening Prayer: Brett Conway

March Minutes approved,

Appreciation Cards: None this meeting, likely auction next week.

Brett Report:

Tara Martin has joined the SC and Finance Committee.

Robbery – There is an alarm, has not been used for several months, if not years. Effort ongoing to beef up future prevention.

Pastor Report:

Father not in attendance, left some notes for Brett to convey. Continued effort around the robbery.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Gary Samaniego

- We have a buffer for financial aid, don't feel it's needed as of today. 130k needed, leaving 90k for next year.
- Still working through cleanup of legacy system.
- Budget is typically done by now, has slipped a month or two with cleanup.

Principal Report:

- Parent of 4th grader (dad) passed away last week. Parents Club will reach out room parent(s) to do "something". Suggestion to send a card from the Brett and/or Christy to offer condolences help if/where needed
- Enrollment projection slightly up, and we continue to get more interest. Projection today for 4-5 more students than last year
- Meeting with incoming principal tomorrow. Beginning of the transition from George to Anna
- All Teachers have signed to return, but one (pregnant)

Kamila Report:

- Annual Fund looks promising
 - Pledges \$115k
- Grant writers have been a blessing. Working toward a \$50k grant to secure in August
- April 20th has intro meeting with Anna
- Auction – Ticket sales are slow. At 200 currently, last year was 275. Really need 240 to make it work.
 - Volunteers are low, especially wait staff
 - Christy to reach out to hour-trackers and hit the peeps that haven't done much yet.

Online auction generated 21k to date

Parents Club

- Westfest, found someone to chair a sub-committee if that person in turn will take overall-chair
 - A Chair needs to be identified within 30-45 days or WF may get 86t
 - Suggestion to send an email blast out stating Chair needs to be identified ASAP or WF will be canceled

Communications / Marketing

- Two new members added to the group
- Website photography a point of focus to improve the experience
- Looking at other ways to communicate with the parental community
- Looking to tweak the EFC to draw more attention so it gets read
- Social Media in progress. Investigating Twitter, and what options we have using it
- Jodi Foisy working on Alumni program
 - Considering an Alumni Mass
- Participating at the West Seattle Street Fair and Fall Festival.
 - Parent ambassador along with 8th graders to man the booths

Security/Jodi Underwood Report

- Working with other schools to collaborate on security issues, and how to solve for them
- Stalled slightly as they want to meet with new principal to ensure we're in sync with her vision
- Ideas around a second set of doors beyond the main entry.
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School Commission Recruitment

- We need 12 to be full. Started the year at 16, lost 2, 3 more will be gone as their terms have expired, leaving 11.
 - We have 5 applicants
 - Christy and Brett will talk with all 5 and make their recommendations to the Principal within the next two weeks.

Catholic Identity

- Emphasis to promote our heritage, values and overall perception that HR is a Catholic school
- Committee needs an overhaul
- Brett asks that everyone send a creative idea to foster our Catholic identity, whether as a family, group, classroom or student body.

New Business

- End of year social, Christy considering hosting