

Holy Rosary School Commission Minutes

Thursday, December 4, 2014

6:00 p.m.

Attendance

Members attending: Fr. John Madigan, George Hofbauer, Mary Simpson, Terry Burns, Tracy Honner, Brett Conway, Marithereese Thomas, Pat Galvin, Mike Curran, Mark Golubiec, Mike Hooks, Christy Tobin-Presser, Amy Huber, Blair Carter.

Thank You

The Commission thanks Mike Go for his work with the school website.

Approval of November Minutes

The draft November Minutes were approved, with the addition/clarification that the Commission specifically thanked the Westfest leadership team and the Italian Dinner team.

Playground Security

School Commission President Michael Hooks reported on progress with respect to playground security. The last of four bids relating to security cameras has been received. A small group will be formed to compare the bids for purposes of making a recommendation. It will be Father's John's decision whether to implement. In addition, there will be a tarping system implemented by Frank Podeny on a volunteer basis. To the extent the decision is made to replace the existing fence, the installation of the tarping system will be postponed until after the fence replacement.

Development Report

Annual Fund. Terry Burns reported that to date, there has been \$153,500 pledged to the Annual Fund which is approximately \$20,000 more than had been pledged at the same time last year. The sum of \$67,000 has been paid to date.

Centennial Fund. There has been \$423,461 pledged to the Centennial Fund of which \$170,753 has been received. Commission members, as leaders, are all urged to pledge.

Magazine Drive. The Magazine Drive grossed \$133,603 with a net of approximately \$67,000, a slight increase over last year.

Tree Lot. Pat Galvin reported that the Christmas Tree Lot will likely be slightly more profitable than last year. The Commission discussed the appropriate percentage of proceeds to be donated to charities.

Westfest. Terry Burns reported that West Fest generated \$33,431, slightly more than last year.

Auction. Auction planning is well underway. Each family will be required to contribute \$175 in value. The theme is 50's Rock Around the Clock.

School Website

Brett Conway reported that the final structure of the website has been resolved and the developer is putting content into the new format. It is anticipated the new website will go live on January 1, 2015.

Pastor's Report

Subsidy. The subsidy from the Parish to the School will be \$201,282 for next year and the following three years. It was discussed that if there are significant developments which negatively affect the school budget in future years, the amount of the Parish subsidy may be revisited. To the extent the School has a surplus at the end of a given year, it may retain it. In general, if the School has a shortfall at the end of the year, the Parish is not going to cover the shortfall.

Relationship between School and Parish. Commission members shared their thoughts as to the relative importance of worship in their lives.

Celebration Evening. On December 18, 2015 after the Reconciliation Service, there will be an opportunity for the Pastoral Council and the Commission to gather for hors d'oeuvres and conversation. Father John would like both groups' mission statements.

Meetings with Faculty and Staff

Most of the interviews with faculty and staff have been completed and all should be done by the end of December. Blair Carter and Brett Conway will provide a summary of the findings to be presented at the January meeting. The Commission discussed the timing of commencing the new principal search.

Budget/Tuition

Mark Golubiec provided the Budget overview and proposed tuition increase information which the Commission discussed at length. Ultimately, the Commission approved the following proposed tuition increase with eight members voting in favor, one member voting against and one member abstaining.

TUITION 14-14	2014/2015	% Increase	2015/2016	12 monthly
In-Parish				payments
1 child	5,677	8%	6,131	511
2 Children	10,193	10%	11,213	935
3 children	13,402	10%	14,743	1,229

TUITION 14-14	2014/2015	% Increase	2015/2016	12 monthly
4 Children	16,732	10%	18,405	1,534
Out Of Parish				
1 child	8,206	2%	8,371	698
2 children	16,413	2%	16,741	1,396
3 children	24,619	2%	25,112	2,093
4 children	32,825	2%	33,481	2,790

The Finance Committee will work to complete the Budget in the February/March timeframe which folds into the budget process for the Parish, to be finalized in early spring. Multi-year tuition will be discussed in upcoming meetings.

Principal's Report

Marketing. Principal George Hofbauer circulated a brochure created by Bret Conway to be forwarded to potential student families.

8th Grade Test Scores. Principal Hofbauer provided a Commission with the information relating to the Holy Rosary 8th graders' historical high school choices. Data was provided reflecting the HRS 8th graders' favorable test scores relative to the Archdiocese.

Motion. The Commission passed a Motion that the School Commission recommend to the Endowment Committee that the Father Mallahan Endowment Funds be used for financial aid. Nine members voted in favor of the Motion, one member opposed the Motion.

Upcoming School Commission Vacancies.

The Commission discussed the need to bring in a Commission member with a 1) background in technology to shadow Chris Hengeler, 2) a member with an accounting background to shadow Mark Golubiec and 3) a member with a construction background to fill Ken Tews' position. Members should pass their ideas/recommendations for new members on to Brett Conway and/or Pat Galvin.

Upcoming Open Meeting

The open Commission meeting scheduled for January will be moved to February.

Lego Robotics

The Commission determined that it would not undertake a vote at this time as to whether volunteer hours relating to Lego Robotics should count as fundraising hours.

The meeting adjourned.

