

# St. Michael Catholic School Commission

March 2, 2010 Action Minutes

In attendance: Suzanne Siekawitch (Principal), Mike Therrell, Meg Krikawa, Nancy Finkeldei, Chair/Recorder)

## 1. CLASSROOM REPORT

- Mrs. Stephanie Konold spoke to the commission about teaching Grades 2 and 3. The students are grouped according to their educational needs resulting in very individualized levels of learning.
- Mrs. Konold enjoys teaching, especially religion. She also teaches religion to grades 4 and 5. She explained the students of St. Michael will be participating in a Tenebrae service on Good Friday. We suggested this be announced to the parish at large so that others might also attend the service.

## 2. PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT – Mike Therrell

- All ministry groups were asked to write a 75-100 word article on their ministry for the Good News Newsletter. The council provided no other details such as a due date.
- Youth Ministry, under the leadership of Kelsie Franzel, has increased participation and more activities.
- The parish is looking for qualified people to assist with the upcoming Building Committee.

## 3. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Suzanne reported folks were very busy with the last minute details for the Auction on March 13. The auction team is doing a great job and is very organized. As of right now, there aren't as many items for the silent auction, but there are a good number of outstanding items for the live auction. The Fund-A-Need for this year will be in support of school scholarships.
- We were encouraged to invite folks to attend the dinner/auction.
- Suzanne voiced her appreciation to the volunteers who spoke on behalf of St. Michael School during the weekends of Catholic Schools Week. They all did an outstanding job. Rich spoke at Holy Cross resulting in a potential increase of 6 students to the school.
- Currently the enrollment is at 50, not including pre-school. We will provide staffing for the following combination grades for next year: K-1, 3-4, 5-6. As of right now, we do not have a second grade.
- Suzanne and Jack Stiegler wrote a proposal for a grant to help support the enrollment of children from Hispanic families (both parents must have Spanish as their primary language.) St. Michael School was awarded a \$20,000 grant to support this endeavor to retain the children of Hispanic families we already have and to attract new families that think St. Michael School is not an option for them.

## 4. SCHOOL BUS

- The group discussed the status of the newly acquired gift of an 11-seat bus. Adding addition seats to the bus is not an option. The bus is in great shape, with low mileage for a used bus.

- The commission members present liked the idea of using the bus for student transportation to St. Michael School from the Granite Falls/Lake Stevens area. They thought we should keep the bus for a year to see how useful it might be rather than sell it right away.
- Suzanne expressed her concern that she needed someone to take on the school bus project to flesh out details (such as insurance, financial support, licensing and drivers) and put a plan into action as she did not have enough time in her schedule to do of that research.

5. PARISH GOALS

- Mike reported that the Pastoral Council needs our action plan in regard to parish goals by March 15. We were still unclear about the expectations of this action plan. Suzanne will find out who is the chairperson of the Pastoral Council and contact the chair for specific details and clarification.

6. COFFE AND DONUT SUNDAY

The School Commission will sponsor “Coffee and Donuts” on May 23. We will need 2-3 commission member volunteers to pick up the donuts, prepare the coffee and donuts, and be present after the 8:30 and 10:30 masses. There will be someone from the parish Welcoming Committee to assist us with the coffee and details. Nancy will send out a separate email explaining the event and asking for your help.

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Formation of Commission Committees

8. NEXT MEETING

April 13 at 5:45 pm.