

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMISSION
November 3, 2009 Action Minutes

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

1. PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

- Mike attended the Pastoral Council Meeting to present the written goals of the school along with representatives from all the ministries of the parish. All of the goals will be reviewed and combined into a common format for ease of reading. Mike indicated the combined report might be available on line in addition to hard copies. The council hopes to obtain parishioner feedback by the end of December.

2. PTO UPDATE

- No report since Heidi was unable to attend this meeting. However, Suzanne will be meeting with all of the PTO officers to do some planning.

3. FINANCE

- The School Finance Council did have its first meeting. The revised budget shows the school budget is \$6,137 in the black.
- The group discussed both direct and indirect subsidy of the school by the parish.
- We discussed the idea of making it mandatory for pre-school parents to participate in school fundraising. We all were opposed to the proposal.

4. HARVEST FESTIVAL REPORT

- Thank you to Meg for chairing the event. The Harvest Festival took in approximately \$1,000 and remains primarily a family fun event. Meg reported \$220 was donated toward a swing set for the school, the beer booth--\$29, bingo--\$47, and the bake sale took in \$323. To take the festival to the next level will require at least 6-8 months of planning and a cohesive effort by both the school and the parish.
- Some changes we might make if we keep the current Harvest Festival format, is to schedule it in the evening rather than after mass on Sunday, add music and/or a dance, and plan to have it earlier in the month or late September when the weather is nicer.
- The group also noted the same people tend to volunteer and do all the work.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Suzanne is looking for a person to chair some of the school fundraisers.
- Catia Manual is a new member of the School Commission.
- The school has a new website designed by school parent, Bill Edgar.

5. NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at 5:45 pm.