

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMISSION
December 1, 2009 Action Minutes

In attendance: Suzanne Siekawitch (Principal), Mike Therrell, Heidi Pike, and Nancy Finkeldei (Chair/Recorder)

1. FULCRUM GRANT SUBMITTAL

- Jack Stiegler and Suzanne authored and submitted a \$20,000 grant proposal for scholarships to St. Michael School with a focus on our Spanish-speaking population.
- For those interested in sending their children to St. Michael School, the last date for applying to the Fulcrum Foundation for tuition assistance is January 29, 2010. Information about this deadline will be in the December School Newsletter, which will be included in this weekend's church bulletin.

2. FALL FUNDRAISING

- Suzanne reported the Entertainment Books and Sally Foster fundraisers were not very successful this year for a variety of reasons.
- Suzanne proposed participation in these two fundraisers be a part of the school tuition contract for the 2010-11 school year. Parents/guardians would be required to earn \$200 for the school through these fundraisers and/or use the buyout option. The members present at the meeting agreed to the proposal, stating it is a common practice at most other schools.

3. PTO UPDATE

- Heidi reported the bylaws are being revised to include the oversight connection of the pastor.
- Low attendance at the PTO meetings is an issue to be addressed.
- The PTO also needs to fill the Vice President and Secretary positions.

4. CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

- The school Christmas Program will be on December 10 at 7 pm in the church. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Fr. Jay will be handing out candy canes to the children after the program.

5. SCHOOL WEBSITE

- The website is being updated on an almost daily basis, thanks to the attention and work of Bill Edgar.
- Suzanne asked the School Commission to look at the Spiritual Life component of the site and make recommendations for additions or modifications to its content.
- It is our goal to have every section of the site at least 99% complete by registration time for the new school year.

6. CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

- Suzanne is working with the youth minister at Archbishop Murphy High School on a student service program.
- The theme for this year's Catholic Schools Week is "Dividends for Life." The group made some suggestions to supplement the theme to better explain the meaning behind it such as, "Changing lives forever" or "Impact the future of Catholicism."
- Suzanne asked for suggestions of parents who might speak at the masses at Holy Cross, Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Michael's churches. Suzanne will follow up on the people named by the group.

7. NEXT MEETING

- Tuesday, January 5, 2010, at 5:45 pm.