

Meeting Summary

ST. HILARY SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

November 14, 2017 7:00 p.m. RECTORY

As Approved on December 5, 2017

Members Present

Fr. Aloysius Funtilla, Pastor; Kathie Donovan, Principal; Theresa Jovanovic, President; Ann McNabb, Secretary; Pearle Torralba, Member; Mary Kay Donnelly, Faculty Representative; Brigit Isaacson, Alumni Representative; Maria Hensch, FSA Representative; Fr. Tom Libera, Resident Priest.

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of the May minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

Pastor's Report

- To prepare for the Archdiocesan Renew My Church initiative, lay ministers have been invited to an upcoming reflection with Fr. Jason Malave in early December. Fr. Malave will discuss the Archdiocesan effort. The next wave of groupings to go through the Archdiocesan process will begin in July. St. Hilary is expected to be part of the July group.
- The Archdiocesan "Renew my Church" summary of phases was distributed. St. Hilary is currently in phase 0.

Principal Report

- Mrs. Donovan shared information on the State of Illinois' Invest in Kids Act of 2017 which provides income tax credits for taxpayers investing in scholarships for non-public schools in Illinois. In turn, scholarships are offered for eligible Illinois students. Eligibility is based on income.
- Mrs. Donovan has participated in webinars and is distributing information as it becomes available.
- The Archdiocese expects that \$40 million of the \$75 million state-wide program will benefit its families. Tuition scholarship can cover up to 100 percent of costs.
- The 2018 – 2019 school year tuition rates were discussed, information from the Archdiocese was shared detailing St. Hilary tuition vs. its peers. After discussion, the board's recommendation concurred with the Archdiocesan recommendations of a 3 percent increase.

Organization reports

- The *Family School Association* (FSA) held the successful Halloween dance and Trunk or Treat. The Craft Fair was not well attended and will be reconsidered next year. Upcoming events include a Lou Malnati's fundraiser and Christmas party.
- The *Alumni Association* working with Big Shoulders will send out appeal letter after Thanksgiving. Upcoming events include the February 10 Quiz Night.

Old Business

- Review of the Archdiocesan manual for school boards will be discussed next month.