

## St. Mary's School Board Minutes

January 11, 2012

St. Mary's School Board President Gene Soukup called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. The meeting was opened in scripture and prayer by Father Nigli. Members present included: Father Francis Nigli, Gene Soukup, Troy Heiser, Jim Sibbel, Susie Kramer, Sharon Spencer, LuAnn Shields, Shad Thompson and Mr. Walt Dupre. Absent: Dean Benson. Shad Thompson made a motion to approve the December minutes. Troy Heiser seconded. Motion carried. Dorothy Tomjack made a motion to approve the December agenda as amended. Jim Sibbel seconded. Motion carried.

### **Pastor's Report**

**Campaign Information:** The Campaign is going forward and approximately 80% of the goal has been reached. A list is being rendered with the following projects being put forth with priority: Grade School Roof, Broilers in Grade School, Handicap entrance at St. Patrick's Church, Connection between Grade School and High School and the Cry Room. Families have come forward requesting a consideration for an addition to the current weight room on the west end. These families would be willing to donate a portion of the cost for this addition. This is being brought under consideration as well as looking at the current locker situation for boy's and girls' sports teams. We are also looking at additional transportation modes for St. Mary's and what options are available. At this time we are putting out a large amount of money in bus rentals for the quantity of student's that need to be transported to different academic and athletic activities.

**School Report-** Mr. Dupre addressed the items on the business agenda. The first item on the agenda was the school improvement update. The AdvancEd team for our school improvement assessment will be coming into town on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> and leaving on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Dupre passed out an agenda that portrays the schedule of the team while they are here. Mr. Dupre talked about his plans and what will be needed from school board members. Information has been posted on Sycamore for those interested in reading assessment information.

Second on the agenda was the Beast Feast update. Father Jeff was not present and the item was tabled. The poster looks great.

Following on the agenda was discussion on new students/At-Risk Student programs. Upon request, Mr. Dupre is looking into different protocol programs for new students and at-risk students that are considering or attending St. Mary's Schools. After consultation with other individuals, Mr. Dupre has suggested a three-fold process in which the following items would be involved. An entrance interview would be performed where standards and expectations of students would be discussed. A mentoring program that would involve student and adult mentors would be implemented. Criteria for a transitional period would also be developed for this program.

Last on the agenda was the Co-op meeting with O'Neill Public Schools. A meeting has been set for January 27<sup>th</sup> at Noon at the O'Neill Public Schools administrative offices. Representation will be present from St. Mary's in the form of coaches and members of the school board and administration.

**Items from the floor-** General discussion was held on behaviors during St. Mary's sponsored and unsponsored events. No action taken.

**Items to be placed on February 8, 2012 agenda:** Senior Class trip.

Shad Thompson closed the meeting with prayer. Sharon Spencer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. LuAnn Shields seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. **The next meeting will be on February 8, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.**