

St. Mary's School Board Minutes

March 14, 2012

St. Mary's School Board President Gene Soukup called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. The meeting was opened in prayer by Father Nigli. Members present included: Father Francis Nigli, Gene Soukup, Dorothy Tomjack, Dean Benson, Susie Kramer, Shad Thompson and Mr. Walt Dupre. Absent: Jim Sibbel, Troy Heiser, Sharon Spencer and LuAnn Shields. Visitors present: None. Shad Thompson made a motion to approve the February minutes. Dean Benson seconded. Motion carried. Dorothy Tomjack made a motion to approve the March agenda. Shad Thompson seconded. Motion carried. Sharon Spencer arrived at 5:45 p.m. LuAnn Shields arrived at 6:37 p.m.

Pastor's Report: The spirit of the basketball tournaments was fantastic. There were many compliments from fans and other schools. The prayer led by the team shows great leadership by youth. There was good participation and involvement by the student body, town and alumni.

The senior trip was discussed in general and Father would like to see more structured parameters for this trip. One possibility is to have it later in the calendar year. Father would like to have it put on the April agenda.

We were very blessed with the campaign completion of approximately \$975,000.00, with more coming in. The boiler pieces should be finished very soon. We have had a few other equipment issues show up at the same time adding an additional \$15,000 in expenses. We are currently looking at locker room expansions and now need to look at athletic equipment additions. We would like to send a note out on Sycamore for donations towards the athletic equipment additions.

On March 23rd, the diocese would like to see a local "life" rally at noon to draw awareness to the healthcare reform that is currently in front of Congress and the separation of church and state.

School Report-

Mr. Dupre addressed the items on the business agenda. The first item on the agenda was the planning for the next school year. Tuition and salary issues were discussed by the Finance council. Personnel contracts are currently in process. It is Sister Anita's last year. There is a need for scholarship opportunities for families needing financial assistance. Possible opportunities also include initiating automatic payments and looking at incentives for doing so.

A school bus has been located pending approval by councils. This bus is a 2001 Bluebird and has approximately 97,000 miles and includes air conditioning, storage and 46 seats. Warranty is purchased as is. Approximate cost is \$23,000.

Playground equipment from Norfolk has been approved and we are in the processes of finding ways to get the playground equipment to O'Neill. Dean will try to look at the equipment the next time he is in Norfolk for what is needed.

The co-op schedule set out by O'Neill High School for track practice times are as follows: Junior High students until 4:00, O'Neill High School until 5:00, and St. Mary's High School at 5:30. In other sports-related information, Tony Allen has a Niobrara Valley Conference meeting coming soon. At this meeting will be the discussion of adding 5 schools to join the NVC. The School Board is ok with this addition.

Last on the agenda was the \$10,000 raffle. LuAnn Shields and Sharon Spencer will be in charge of arranging deserts for the evening. Gene Soukup will be in charge of arranging the meal from Westside and Tia Zia. Shad Thompson will be in charge of any decorating for the evening. The raffle will be held on Friday, April 20th. Doors will open at 7 p.m.

Items to be placed on April 11, 2012 agenda: Senior Trip Revisions, Handbook Revisions, and Development Dinner/Alumni Banquet consolidation.

Gene Soukup closed the meeting with prayer. Dean Benson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shad Thompson seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m. **The next meeting will be on April 11, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.**