

## **St. Lawrence School Commission Minutes**

### **April 3, 2007**

**Members Present:** Tony Bagshaw, Thom Blondell, Bob Morgan, Colleen Pope, Dave McNally, Julie Mattlin, Tracy Boone, Nancy Carrier, Karen Packard

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Dena Steiner

**Ex-Officio Members Absent:** Fr. Joe Feltz, Sister Mary Cecile, O.S.B.

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm in the lower level of St. Lawrence Church.

Bob Morgan led the Commission in an opening prayer.

**I. Web Update:** Bob Morgan is still waiting on final approval from Dena Steiner. Once approved, the upload is relatively quick. Tracy Boone noted that the minutes have not been posted on the church website for two years. Colleen Pope stated that she did not know who maintained the church website. Bob was asked to create a link to the school website where the minutes are posted.

**II. Survey:** Colleen Pope asked for additional time to finish off survey content. The survey will be sent home to parents on or before Monday April 16.

**III. Fundraising:** Orscheln Farm and Home is offering a 5% rebate to St. Lawrence for purchases the week of April 9. Becky Barga has proposed a fundraiser involving YAHOO. Julie Mattlin gave her the go-ahead. More information soon. The student actors in "Annie" will be performing at the Fish Fry this Friday. A ticket table will also be set up. Mardi Gras netted \$30,800.00. The Grandparent fundraiser raised \$2,495.00. A \$10.00 donation was given during the meeting increasing the profit to \$2,505.00. The alumni information was returned to Julie Mattlin, who will take another look at it over the summer. The Fish Fry is on track to net \$18,000. Julie re-ran the "Big Raffle" numbers given the percentage of families who participated in the Mardi Gras raffle. Sixty-six out of 193 families sold raffle tickets. This raffle could raise \$20,000.00 and be less laborious than some of our other fundraisers.

**IV. Finance:** Julie Mattlin reported that the parish subsidy to the school will be \$250,000.00. The Hidden Valley Bus figure was lowered on the budget. This is a fee charged to St. Lawrence parents whose children ride the Lawrenceburg school busses but live in the East Central school district. The Grandparent fundraiser was added back in. The alumni and grandparents might be solicited in alternating years. Julie requested that the budget be approved due to the Parish Council meeting this week. Tony Bagshaw made a motion to approve the budget as submitted (6% tuition increase). Motion seconded by Thom Blondell. It was agreed that Fr. Joe needs to hold a meeting with the parents to discuss the financial state of St. Lawrence. Julie will check the schedule of both Fr. Joe and Dena Steiner to find a date. Questions were raised about how the Dearborn County Grant Money can be spent. No one has the rules regarding this money. Thom Blondell has assumed a role in trying to get answers. Questions were also posed regarding the audit process that St. Lawrence will soon be going through.

**V. School Report:** Angelina Busha submitted a grant request to Dena for \$4,400.00. This will allow the purchase of tone chimes for the music department. Discussion followed about the grant money and if the entire staff knows of its availability. The request was approved by the Commission. Graduation will be held May 22 at 7:00. School will be in session May 23 and 24 to make up for two snow days. Dena distributed a draft of the parent service hour form. Discussion about what constitutes service to the school followed. After it is revised it will be distributed to parents.

**VI. School Commission Elections:** There will be one position open on the Commission in June 2007. Tracy Boone and Julie Mattlin will serve three more years (one term). Nancy Carrier was thanked by the Commission for her time and talents during her tenure. A vote will be held at the May meeting. Candidate submissions should be sent to Tracy Boone.

**VII: Old Business:** A motion to approve the March minutes, with the two changes added, was made by Julie Mattlin. Thom Blondell seconded.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 1 at 6:30 in the lower level of St. Lawrence Church.

Bob Morgan led the Commission in closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Pope  
Secretary