

St. Lawrence School Commission Minutes
April 8, 2008

Members Present: Tony Bagshaw, Bob Morgan, Tracy Boone, Colleen Pope, Dave McNally, Karen Packard, Connie Leyendecker, Julie Mattlin

Members Absent: Thom Blondell

Ex-Officio Members Present: Dena Steiner, Fr. Joe Feltz

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Sister Mary Cecile

PTO Representative: Kathy Mapes

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm in the lower level of St. Lawrence Church

I. Tracy Boone led the Commission in an opening prayer.

II. School Report:

Dena Steiner reported that Terri Bandenburg will take the school pictures again next year.

Graduation is Tuesday May 20. Mass will be at St. Lawrence and the reception at the Lawrenceburg Community Center due to the size of the class.

May 22 is the last day of school. Four days were missed due to snow; two have already been made up.

Dena requested that the Parent/Student handbook be revised to make the "hair" policy less ambiguous. Dena will draft a new version and forward it to the Commission to be amended and/or approved. The new policy will state that boy's hair must be above their shirt collar. Hair color must reflect the students' natural hair color. Dena told the members to expect a letter from the student requesting her current dyed colors be allowed.

III. Finances:

Father Joe provided members with a draft of a letter he would like to send out the St. Lawrence families and parishioners regarding a second collection on April 19 & 20th. This collection will directly benefit the school since several fundraising efforts fell short of expectations due to the weather. The Fish Fry raised \$8,471.00 which is half of what was budgeted. The Big Kahuna netted \$15,000.00 and was budgeted to bring in \$30,000.00.

There is a current school deficit of \$22,000.00. Monies will have to be taken from the School Building Fund in addition to the PTO transfer.

For the 2008/2009 school year the parish will subsidize the school in the amount of \$275,000.000, an increase of \$25,000.00 from the previous year.

The budget for the 2008/2009 school year is based on the current year enrollment per Archdiocesan guidelines.

Father Joe left the meeting at 7:15 to attend the parish council meeting.

The Commission voted unanimously on a motion, made by Tony Bagshaw and seconded by Dave McNally, to approve “up to a 10% tuition increase”.

The Commission also voted unanimously on a “worst case scenario” budget for next year. That motion was made by Tracy Boone and seconded by Bob Morgan.

IV. Survey

Colleen Pope reported that a letter regarding survey results from last May will be sent home before May 1, 2008. A grade-specific survey will be sent out shortly after.

V. Miscellaneous

There is one member position to fill. Karen Packard’s term expires June 2008. Tony will send a letter to school parents.

Karen reported that the SCRIPS program allows for a percentage of ones purchase to be applied directly against their tuition. She will look into this further. Kroger cards can be used in the same manner.

Karen thanked Beth Murphy for agreeing to continue Bingo which has been tracking better in the recent months.

End of year get together scheduled for June 6, 2008.

VI. Tracy led the Commission in a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday May 6, 2008 at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Pope
Secretary
April 10, 2008