

St. Lawrence School Commission Meeting Minutes June 6, 2007

Members Present: Thom Blondell, Colleen Pope, Dave McNally, Julie Mattlin, Tracy Boone, Karen Packard, Bob Morgan

Members Absent: Tony Bagshaw

Ex-Officio Members Present: Sr. Mary Cecile, O.S.B.

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

I. Karen Packard led the Commission in an opening prayer.

II. Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm by Tracy Boone in the lower level of St. Lawrence Church.

III. New Business:

A. Karen Packard reported that Paula Castronuevo is moving from the area and that Pat Stanton is stepping down as a bingo operator thus leaving bingo short two operators. Karen is appealing for volunteers. Erik Edwards will be the back-up for Lenny Grossman. An operator meeting is planned for June 20 to discuss viability at least until August. The bingo license is in the renewal process. A \$2,500.00 fee was due June 1. As of today, without the income from bingo, tuition would increase \$100.00 per student. It was asked if Father Joe would ask the parish if anyone would be willing to step forward to assist. Karen stated that Joey Lynch has tentatively volunteered.

B. Sr. Mary Cecile reported that the rummage sale made \$2,385.50.

IV. Old Business:

A. There were 47 surveys returned. Sister asked that Father Joe be given copies of surveys. The surveys reflect satisfaction in the lower grades and a significant drop off in satisfaction in the upper grades. The majority of the respondents favor parental accountability for service hours, favor utilizing the website to its fullest extent, favor the current fundraisers, are not in favor of the proposed "big raffle".

B. If all fundraisers were dropped, per student tuition would increase \$432.00 as stated by Julie Mattlin.

C. Julie will attend a budget meeting at the end of June. She should have all of the financial numbers by then. Regarding having no bingo, Julie stated that if this were to happen and tuition was raised to cover the shortage, then the parish subsidy would most likely decrease.

D. Tracy Boone presented the school report. Enrollment stands at 270 for the 2007/2008 school year, with 41 of those in Kindergarten. A new ramp has been installed. Service hour forms were returned by 70% of the families. Kara Tsuleff will now be a 5th grade homeroom teacher. Tammy Marro will have a 4th/5th grade homeroom. Dena is still interviewing for a P.E. and a Language Arts teacher. She needs to hire someone part-time for Latch Key W -F 2:00 - 6:00.

E. Sister Mary Cecile , in reference to the tuition costs, stated that Fr. Joe does not enforce the use of contribution envelopes. Coffee and donuts for Fr. Whittington after 8:30 Mass June 10th. June 13 is the "Town Hall" meeting. There is "a little thing" for Sister after 5:30 Mass on June 16. She has requested that the focus be on vocations. Holy Hour June 22 6:00. Fr. Michael arrives July 3. Vacation Bible School is the third week of July 6:00 - 9:00.

V. Karen Packard led the Commission in a closing prayer.

VI. Next meeting is July 10, 2007 in the lower level of St. Lawrence Church. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Pope
Secretary