

St. Lawrence School Commission Minutes
Monday March 12, 2007

Members Present: Colleen Pope, Tracy Boone, Julie Mattlin, Dave McNally, Tony Bagshaw, Nancy Carrier, Karen Packard

Members Absent: Thom Blondell

Ex-Officio Members Present: Dena Steiner

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Fr. Joe Feltz, Sr. Mary Cecile

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

II. Dave McNally led the Commission in an opening prayer.

III. **Fundraising Update:** Julie Mattlin stated that she received a fundraising proposal from Mike Kramer - Bunco. This idea has the potential to generate two to four thousand dollars annually but the question of the gambling license arose. Julie will look into the license and this proposal will be studied for next year. The Big Raffle has substantial profit potential. Julie provided the Commission with figures based on several different scenarios. The Grandparent letter has raised \$2,395.00 to date. A similar letter for the alumnae was discussed. This idea was initially discussed during the school expansion and most recently, Mardi Gras. The Commission would like to find an older graduate familiar with the names to take on this project.

IV. **Financial Report:** Julie Mattlin presented the 2007/08 budget (draft) to the Commission. Tuition figures are based on a 5% increase. Julie stated that she is still expecting the parish subsidy to be \$250,000.00. The tuition increase in 2005 was 6% and 10% in 2006. Julie was asked by the Commission to run the numbers again with a 6% increase. Dena answered that 6 families receive financial aid. A teacher might have to be added to the staff for the 2007/08 school year. There are currently 24 students in the 3rd grade with 5 on a waiting list.

V. **School Report:** Dena reported that 32 students have registered for Kindergarten. The 8th grade girls basketball team lost in the finals of the Dearborn County Tournament. The 7th and 8th grade Academic teams competed at LaSalle High School on March 6 & 8th. The 7th grade made it to the second round. The 8th grade made it to the finals. On Friday March 23, JR Todd (a St. Lawrence graduate), will be here to talk to the students about helmet safety. The ramp repair has to be re-scheduled again due to the Fish Fry. Dena will also begin working on a service hour sheet for parents to keep track of their service hours.

VI. **Survey:** Colleen Pope presented a draft of the parent survey to the Commission. It will be finalized by the next meeting for school distribution. During survey discussion, Dena stated that St. Lawrence cannot receive a Blue Ribbon status again.

VII. **Old Business:** Dave McNally requested an answer on the E-bay fundraising idea. Tony Bagshaw made a motion to approve and this was seconded by Karen Packard.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 3, 2007 at 6:30 pm in the lower level of church.

Dave McNally led the Commission in a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Pope
March 19, 2007