

# ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2006

I. Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm in the lower level of St. Lawrence Church.

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

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

**Ex-Officio Members Absent:** Sr. Mary Cecile

II. Colleen Pope led the Commission in an opening prayer.

III. Chamber of Commerce

Suzzi Romines attended this meeting to provide the Commission with the benefits to St. Lawrence that Chamber membership can offer. Benefits include advertising, website space, bulk mail prices, and over 400 community contacts. Annual membership is \$175.00 with additional services adding extra cost. The Commission will follow up with Suzzi after discussion.

Julie Mattlin thanked Suzzi for chairing the Parent Bowling Night, scheduled for November 4, and asked that she return to the October meeting to give a status report.

### **School Report:**

The school report provided by Dena Steiner, principal, is attached.

There are 264 students currently enrolled and 25 new families.

Dena will try to have the ISTEP rating for St. Lawrence, “**Exemplary Progress**”, recognized in the local paper.

Crisis planning details are not yet finalized. Dena will notify Commission when she hears from Officer Lacey.

Uniform sweatshirts will now be blue. Gray will be phased out over the next two years. The skort will be an option for the girls and can only be worn until October 31 and from April 1<sup>st</sup> until the school year ends.

There has been no Blue Ribbon notification yet. Dena hopes to hear by the end of September.

VIRTUS training to be held again although no date is set. Oversight is to be done by the Archdiocese.

The entire school is going to Tall Stacks on October 4 thanks to a grant written by Dena Steiner and Camela Oyler.

#### IV. Old Business

Dena reported that the school has received a \$10,000.00 grant that covers the tuition for students displaced by last year's hurricanes. Julie stated these funds go towards operating expenses. Julie also reported that the parish increased the school subsidy of \$250,000.00 by \$29,319.00. These figures are for fiscal year 2005-2006.

There are two new fundraisers set for the coming year: Parent Bowling Night and *Annie, Jr.*, the school musical. The chairs of every fundraiser will be asked to attend the School Commission meeting prior to the event to give a status report and notify the Commission of what can be done to help.

The Commission officers, Julie Mattlin, and PTO met to share information and ideas. The PTO Treasurer, Nicole Ullmann, will sit on the fundraising committee.

Dena has been providing out of uniform passes to the students whose parents fulfill their bingo obligation. To streamline the distribution, passes will be given monthly rather than weekly. Dena will send home a letter with further explanation. Karen Packard reported that 25 parents attended the bingo training and Lenny Grossman provided tips to maximize profitability.

Bob Morgan is working to finalize the school brochure for the Marketing Committee.

A response letter to the parents with survey results was sent home Tuesday 9/5/06.

Thanks to Rita Stanton for her dedication to the school library.

Fr. Joe invited all to attend a 9/11 service Monday at 9:00.

#### V. Colleen Pope led the Commission in a closing prayer.

Next meeting is October 3, 2006 at 6:30 in the lower level of church.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Pope, Secretary

September 9, 2006

Sent via e-mail for member approval