

School Commission Minutes – Nov 15, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Shepherd of the Hills- Coffee House

Present: John Laughrin, Sarah Benike-Immel, Barb Grzywinski, Barb Welsh, Jenn Wilke, Leah Bode, Becky Pausha, Jennifer Pelz, Tonya Achter, Nina Johnson, Mr. Holden, Abbey Carter

Absent: Corey Pelz, Loretta Ortiz-Ribbing

Opening Prayer

Dear Lord, [during this season of gratitude], we bow our hearts to You in prayer. We give You thanks for all You have done, mostly for the gift of Jesus Christ, Your Son. For beauty in nature, in which we see Your Glory, for joy and health, friends, and family. For our daily sustenance, Your mercy and care, these are the blessings You kindly share. So today we offer this response of praise with a promise to follow You all of our days. Amen.

Source: <https://stmargaretmary.org>

Mission Statement

Walking the path of Christ with love and service through a Catholic education.

2022-2023 Theme: Safe in the Shepherd's Arms

Psalm 23:1-6 "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want..." Amen.

School Reports - Ron Smyczek (Nina Johnson, Abbey Carter, Robb Holden)

- **School Good News:**
 - a. Shout out to the H&S committee esp. Barb G. for her leadership and organization
 - b. 5th grade went to Camp Y for bonding and welcoming MS life.
 - c. Ron went to MKE at an Archdiocesan school for 2 days with an accreditation team. Great experience to see how the schools function compared to our own. We are getting close to the midpoint of our next accreditation cycle.
 - i. We are strong in all 4 areas
 1. Domain A, Mission & Catholic Identity
 2. Domain B, Governance & Leadership
 3. Domain C, Academic Excellence
 4. Domain D, Operational Vitality
 - d. VB season was successful. Basketball season started and they need a coach for the boys A team. Games are Fri evenings Dec 2 thru Feb.
 - e. Prepping for Christmas concert.
 - f. Technology is having trouble with lan funds to get 40 new Chromebooks. CDC is being picky with how things are being issued out; department is trying to rephrase its document to get it covered. Current Chromebooks are not working, and supply is low.

- i. 14k cost for these new computers
- ii. Smartboards need to be replaced as well.
- iii. Goal is to get cases for the new computers so the middle schoolers can take home for homework.

- **Principals Report:**

- a. Late departure of the MS teacher was a challenge to the start of the year that left holes in the schedule for religion and science.
- b. Fr. mark Is mtg MS students on Wed after mass for religion.
- c. Mrs. Karen Schreiner helping with MS religion including mass planning. Rosary and other related activities. NOT replacing Karen, she wants to see it through as she shapes and enriches the program.
- d. Ron is still coordinating MS science classes. Sara H is currently running a program on the study of plants.
- e. Ron to focus on 8th graders to help make them feel a bit more special d/t the change in the usual structure of their homeroom they are not getting personal and individual celebratory attentions for their last year.
- f. Job has been re-posted at UW campuses (Marian, Lakeland, St. Norbert's, Alverno, Marquette, etc.)

Business Reports

- **Review and Approve May Meeting Minutes: Approved**

- **Parent/Parishioner Comments: All**

- a. Behavior is being dealt with in MS. Parent teacher mtg went well. Partnering with parents on expectations and plan.
- b. Working on class disruptions and disrespect.
- c. Fr. Mark meets them on Wed after Mass, helps with another voice on behavior and how to embrace some changes. Fr. Mark feels it is more identified and is working on it meeting the kids where they are and supporting them in their growth.
 - i. Discussion to have HS students speak with MS. Coach Hyland come to talk with students. Tom Hoffman, a former student who is a good role model to speak with the kids. Help kids mature and see what it can do for them.

- **Pastoral Council: Loretta Ortiz-Ribbing**

- a. Not present due to their mtg occurring at time of ours.

Committee Reports

- **Executive and Policy: Sarah Benike-Immel**

- a. Opening for one more voting member

- **Budget and Fundraising- Jenn Wilke:**
 - a. Dinner auction invites out next week.
 - i. Online bidding avail but in person will happen this year.
 - ii. No take out meal, need to purchase your reservation.
 - iii. Must be present to bid on live auctions. Live auction will have an auctioneer and bidders will use a paddle to bid.
 - iv. Silent auction is online, avail to see in person but must be bid online.
 - v. Donations started coming in. Deadline is Jan 25th for meals and donations.
 - vi. Frequently asked questions will be avail on the website.
 - b. Discussion to build a gaga pit. Requested by student council. Fundraiser by student council? Lemonade stands with Blue Door in May? Having FUNDA match.
 - c. Candy bar sales are going well. 4 boxes left.
 - d. Poinsettia sales some are coming in. Send a reminder for the return date of 11/28.
 - e. Approved for a garden walk in summer.

- **Long Range Planning- Ron Smyczek:**
 - a. Coordinating with David Miller. The focal point is recruitment, compensation, and retention of great teachers.
 - b. Gathering Arch and local district data to see how we “stack up” financially and culturally. This data will help develop a 3-5 yr plan to keep us more competitive.

- **Marketing and Recruitment- Ron Smyczek:**
 - a. No Update – follow up with Ron to determine if there is still a committee

- **Home and School- Barb Grzywinski:**
 - a. Trunk or treat was a success.
 - b. Donuts with dad event coming up 11/16.
 - c. Cookie social after concert will take place. Need to send out a reminder to have parents bring cookies.
 - d. 12 days of Christmas scheduled this year.
 - e. Movie day before Christmas break is scheduled.
 - f. School supply box being worked on with Sarah H and Heather S. Ron looking at revamping school supply list.

Next Meeting: Tues, Jan 10th, 2023 @ 6:00 pm
SOTH Coffee House

Tentative Future Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Tuesday, September 12, 2023