

## **School Commission Minutes – Jan 10, 2023 @ 6:00pm**

Shepherd of the Hills- Coffee House

**Present:** John Laughrin, Sarah Benike-Immel, Barb Grzywinski, Barb Welsh, Jenn Wilke, Becky Pausha, Jennifer Pelz, Corey Pelz, Loretta Ortiz-Ribbing, Ms. Schaalma

**Absent:** Leah Bode, Tonya Achter

### **Opening Prayer**

Come, Holy Spirit,  
Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.  
Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.  
Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.  
May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,  
A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,  
A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,  
A time for growing in virtue and goodness.  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
Be with us today and always.

*Author Unknown*

### **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 (Ms. Schaalma)**

- **School Good News:**

- a. There has been a lot of sickness, but getting better post-Christmas break
- b. Appreciate flexibility with Christmas concert reschedule – has given us an opportunity to look at format and process for future years
- c. Thank you to Home & School Committee and families for the 12 Days of Christmas gifts/activities for teachers and staff.
- d. We've had really great committee involvement from parents/families this year. Appreciate the positive energy and work being done.
- e. 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade did ACE anti-crime program with sheriff's department.  
School Resource Officer has been good with the kids.
- f. Starting to plan for 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. Looking to have them shadow at Springs to encourage continuation of Catholic education.
- g. Middle school field trip to Milwaukee Public Museum was good; children were very well behaved and enjoyed the activities.

- **Principals Report:**
  - a. We've had 6 students from 4 different families depart since beginning of school year
  - b. Will be working on Love and Logic program. Starting with staff training as part of in-service in February to build common language to work with students. Parent sessions will start in mid-February as well.
  - c. Continuing work on the building/facilities to improve safety.
  - d. Planning Catholic Schools Week.
  - e. Planning wellness days in February and April.
  - f. Greenhouse will be used to grow flowers for Parish Mother's Day work. Will tie to middle school science program.
  - g. Starting work on 2023 and 2024 school calendar
  - h. Still looking for middle school science teacher; will plan to repost role

## **Business Reports**

- **Review and Approve November Meeting Minutes: Approved**
- **Parent/Parishioner Comments: All**
  - a. Positive feedback on middle school science and religion engagement, appreciate support from Sarah Haubenschild
- **Pastoral Council: Loretta Ortiz-Ribbing**
  - a. New Chair, Mary Bowe
  - b. New Secretary, Jan Lewis
  - c. New Vice Chair, Bob Tarantino
  - d. Moving cadence to every other month from monthly
  - e. Working on capital campaign and parish crisis plan

## **Committee Reports**

- **Executive and Policy: Sarah Benike-Immel**
  - a. None
- **Budget and Fundraising- Jenn Wilke:**
  - a. Starting 1/11 dinner auction ticket price increased to \$75; still collection donations and reservations
  - b. Poinsettia fundraiser up 15 plants from last year; total profit \$3200, sold 215 plants
  - c. Serogy's profit \$3200; selling remaining candy bars in office and sports events
- **Long Range Planning- Ron Smyczek:**
  - a. Participated in Arch salary survey. Waiting on data back. Doing research on public schools. Looking to prep 2-, 5-, and 10-year roadmap on compensation.

- **Marketing and Recruitment- Ron Smyczek:**
  - a. Sponsored music hours on Sunny 97.7 over Christmas
  - b. Have ad prepared to go out for Catholic Schools Week
  - c. Still looking for social media training and search engine optimization
  - d. Could we hang posters in local daycares for advertising
  - e. Keep focusing on Facebook postings
  
- **Home and School- Barb Grzywinski:**
  - a. Next Meeting Tuesday, 1/17
  - b. Has been a lot of parent support and help which is appreciated
  - c. Catholic Schools Week, Middle School Dance, February/April Wellness days coming up

**Next Meeting:** Tues, March 14, 2023 @ 6:00 pm  
SOTH Coffee House

**Tentative Future Meeting Dates:**  
Tuesday, May 9, 2023  
Tuesday, September 12, 2023