

Saint John the Apostle Catholic School
School Advisory Board
Minutes of the February 3, 2009 Meeting

- Dave Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the assembled group in an opening prayer.
- Members in attendance were: Dave Smith, Karen Fittler, Jennifer Edwards, Rob Parker, Vivian Uthe, Sue Skoczynski and Rich Arnold. In addition to the members of the Board, George Sorrentino, School Business Manager, and several guests attended the meeting.
- The minutes of the January meeting were presented and approved.

Pastor's Report – no report given.

Principal's Report – Jennifer Edwards reported the following:

- The current status of the 2009-2010 re-enrollments is at 156 students, not including the “Mini-Rays” 3-year old preschool program.

Chairman Dave Smith reported the following:

- Dave welcomed Rich Arnold to the School Advisory Board. Rich is the parent of a 4th grader and has been asked by Joe Badali to fill the position opening created by Cathi Reade's resignation.

Finance Report – Rob reported the following:

- George noted that he is working on a project assigned by the diocese to gather financial information from the end of the year. This survey is approximately 97% complete.
- Rob discussed the gala, which provides a substantial contribution to the budget. This year's event will be held in the school gymnasium, rather than at a rented site elsewhere.
- Last year at this time, we were losing students. Currently, our tuition levels are remaining constant. We are at the same number of students as at the beginning of the year, indicating that new enrollments for this year have offset departures. Additionally, we anticipate new students joining the school in April.
- Expenses are down slightly, so we are able to maintain our currency in bills even with the downturn in income.
- The gas meter has been replaced, so the utility bills are returning to a normalized level.

- Father Biber held a meeting with the parents regarding the use of space in the school building. The discussion was lively.

Strategic Planning Committee – Sue requested a meeting with Joe Badali to determine how this committee can best assist him.

Development & Grants Committee reported:

- Dave reported that he has asked Marilyn Ertel to fill in on this committee until a new chair is in place.

The Physical Plant & Building Committee – no report given.

Legislative & Advocacy Committee - no report given.

Old Business

- No old business.

New Business:

- Karen provided an update about 2 upcoming PTO events: Monte Carlo Night on February 21st and the students' Variety Show immediately following the March 6th PTO meeting. She urged all Board members to attend the event and show support for the PTO.
- Wayne Lombardo, Facilities Manager, reported that a parent has donated a white board which will be permanently mounted in the 5th grade classroom.
- A guest queried whether the SAB made a recommendation regarding the proposed move of the Parish office to the School building. No such recommendation was made.
- The dedication of the new organ in the Church will occur on Friday, February 6th. The organ was the gift of a family of the Parish.

There was a prayer requests made for the repose of the souls of Carl Mays and Pat Phillips.

The next meeting will be held on March 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 6:49 p.m.