

Minutes of the Muscatine Catholic Board of Education
2/18/08

Members Present: Ciony Metz, Mike Morgan, Laurie Ludman, Mark Rauenbuehler, John Miller, Brian Meyer

Members Absent: Robert Bolton, Scott Noll, John Wunder

Also present: Sister Cheryl Demmer, Rev. Jason Crossen, Chris Weber, Michele Lane

Call to Order: Laurie Ludman called the meeting to order

Opening Prayer: Sr. Cheryl opened the meeting with a prayer.

Previous Minutes: Mike Morgan motioned to approve the January Minutes with corrections and Ciony Metz seconded.

Correspondence: Fr. Jason sent a thank you note and stipend to the Bishop. Then he received a letter from the Bishop wanting to thank everyone who made Catholic Schools Week Mass so beautiful and prayerful.

Sr. Cheryl received a letter from John Ihle who was truly impressed with the children's singing at the Catholic Schools Week Mass. She also received a nice letter from the Salvation Army for the gift from the Red Kettle.

Visitors/Open Session: Lory Mealy and Mary Anne Kessler from Parish Council

Administrator's Report: Sr. Cheryl submitted her written report. Survey for preschool is just coming in. Jan Fasse, one of our preschool parents, will help market the preschool program for next year. Sr. Cheryl commented that she received all of the letters of intent. On our web page the ad for our early childhood is running across the top of the web page. The Elks Chanters has invited the children to sing with them at a concert here on Mar. 29th and two-thirds of what they receive is coming back to Bishop Hayes. This came from one of our parents who is an Elks Chanter. Dave Fowler will be talking to the Board of Ed about a new sign and he said the sign would be at no cost to Bishop Hayes.

Fr. Jason: We put the Finance Statements in the bulletin last week with the Parish on one side and Bishop Hayes on the other side. We sent out the feasibility letters. Lent is underway and reconciliation is already scheduled for Bishop Hayes and Religious Education. On February 24th is First Reconciliation. The Parish Retreat is Mar. 8th & 9th. There is a Chrism Mass, Mar. 10th at 5:30 at St. John Vianney in Bettendorf, anyone is welcome to attend.

Chris Weber: He has been busy with the TEC retreat which was held at All Saints in Davenport this past weekend. Chris put together a report on the building project and Fr. Crossen, Sr. Cheryl and Chris presented it to the Diocesan Building Commission on

Jan. 31st and was given their approval. Chris passed out the report for the Board to look at. Last month Chris met with the architect, Dennis Kelly to redesign and bring the price down to the recommendations of the steering committee which were adopted by the Parish Council, Board of Education and Finance Council. The steering committee recommended to move forward with a search for a fundraising consultant. Three consultants have already been interviewed.

Committee Reports:

Discussion of Board Planning Night: The board decided that the chairs would come together with their subcommittees and meet at different times and not have a Board Planning Night.

Finance Committee: Sr. Cheryl is waiting for the surveys to come back from the preschool parents.

Curriculum and policy: Sr. Cheryl mentioned that the School Improvement Meeting will be in March. She also commented that the Wellness Policy will need to be approved by the Board.

Personnel & Public Relations Committee:

Brian Meyer will get in touch with Dave Fowler about the sign. Laurie Ludman commented that we need to do the Administrator evaluations and the Teacher evaluations and then get the contracts out.

Home and School: Report is in the packet. Sr. Cheryl shared with us that Michelle Spellman has updated the web page. Michelle is marketing for Chris to take over the web pages for next year. John Miller commented that he would like to see events that are set posted on the web page.

Scrip Report: None

Old Business:

a. Catholic Schools Week – Review

The Bishop's reception went very nice. The soup supper brought in approximately \$1200.00. Lory Mealy took care of the flowers for the church and school which were donated. The reception was a great connection to the parish and the school. Next year if the Bishop is coming we need to plan ahead.

New Business: We will need to start the selection process to fill the positions of Scott Noll, Laurie Ludman and Mike Morgan for next year. We will talk about it in April. There is no Board Meeting in March due to spring break.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Jason led us with the closing prayer.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. Mark Rauenbuehler motioned and Brian Meyer seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Lane