

School Commission Minutes-October 8, 2024 @ 6:00 PM Shepherd of the Hills – Virtual

Present: Sarah Benike-Immel, Barb Welsh, Barb Grzywinski, Mrs. Petersen, Leah Bode, Tim Harding, Ramsey Immel, Cori Knuth, Sarah Haubenschild

Absent: Jenn Wilke, Father Mark, Katie Abhold, Deanna Miller, Libby Bonen, Matt Immel

Opening Prayer

Mission Statement

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

2024-25 Theme: In the Deed, Find Glory – 1 Corinthians 10:31
“Whatever you do, do it for the glory of God.” Amen

School Reports: Mrs. Petersen

a. School Good News:

- a. We received our \$2,200 check for the 2024 July Fond du Lac Area Foundation Grant and spent it on our newly implemented safety plan.
- b. On Friday, October 4, the teachers had in-service training. Mrs. Petersen’s husband, firefighter Mitch Petersen, for the Fond du Lac Fire Department, trained the teachers on how to use a fire extinguisher.
- c. Nici Colwin, second-grade teacher at Shepherd of the Hills Catholic School was presented with the September Teacher of the Month award on behalf of Sunny 97.7, Marian University, and the Chris Schafer Insurance Agency.
- d. Mrs. Petersen working on applying for more Safety Grants for the building

b. Principals Report:

- a. Church participation has increased with the kids =4th and 7th choir, and 8th grade will soon be joining
- b. 3K/4K Lori Freund, our Kindergarten teacher, has graciously offered to use some of her prep time to do an enrichment program with our 4K students. This will be on Tuesdays for a half hour to work on alphabetic and phonemic awareness. The program will begin next Tuesday, October 15th. Mrs. Schisel will use this time to work with the 3K students on skills they need.
- c. BLAZE program with our middle school 7th-8th grade girls. We are going to run the program on Mondays when it works into our schedules from

2:10 to 2:55. Self-Esteem through Scripture. (Karen, Amelia, Abbey, Katie, and parishioners)

Review and Approve September Meeting Minutes: Approved

Parent/Parishioner Comments:

- a. Calander / Home and School – This year Donuts with Dad falls in the same week as Veterans Day. Can we look into scheduling them in separate weeks for the 2025-2026 school year

Pastoral Council:

- a. No update
- b. Need new liaison

Committee Reports:

a. Executive and Policy: Tim Harding

- a. No update

b. Budget and Fundraising: Barb Welsh

- a. Dinner Auction theme – Celebrating 20 years of SOTH Super Heros. Invitations are planned to go out the week before Thanksgiving
- b. Serogy's – 36 boxes sold – looking for help this Sunday to package after 8:15 mass.
- c. Berres Brothers coffee fundraiser to start next week. Will run to the end of the month and orders will be in before Thanksgiving
- d. Cookbook fundraiser will follow. Planned to be ready in November
- e. Heart Association fundraiser to follow later in the year. This year will have more of a service project focus than in previous years

c. Long Range Planning: Mrs. Petersen (Committee Members: Mrs. Peterson, Jenn Wilke, Sarah Benike-Immel, Tim Harding, Matt Immel)

- a. First meeting is scheduled for October 17th

d. Marketing and Recruitment: Mrs. Petersen (Committee Members: Mrs. Peterson, Steven Knuth, Sarah Haubenschild, Barb Grzywinski)

- a. Looking to re-word what we are sending out to be less lengthy and to the point
- b. Look at the Website (one click)
- c. What programs are we offering that are special for 3K/4K?

- d. Adopt a child during Catholic Schools Week- Students who are registered by March 15th will be entered to win Full Price Tuition for the 2025-2026 school year, Half Price Tuition(a drawing for each)-will be presented to the Finance Committee

e. Home and School- Barb Grzywinski:

- a. First event of the school year is Grandparents Day on October 9th
- b. Teacher conference meals are all signed up for
- c. Trunk or Treat – Safe Environment Training is going well. Messaging going out to let parents know that they can bring treats and someone else can hand them out if they didn't attend the training.
- d. Donuts with Dad will be a sign-up that will be available soon
- e. Next meeting will discuss Christmas

Review Action Item Register

Next Meeting: November 12, 2024 (In Person)

Tentative Future Meeting Dates:

December 10, 2024 (Virtual)
January 14, 2025 (In Person)
February 11, 2025 (Virtual)
March 11, 2025 (In Person)
April 8, 2025 (Virtual)
May 13, 2025 (In Person)