

BOTCE Minutes August 23, 2016

Those members present: Karen Schultz, Mary Younger, Lisa Foltz, Kim Kraft, Karen Bunton, Stephanie Zappa, Beth Lachmann, Rob Detzel, Father Mario, Meagan McElfresh, Sandy Shay, Lisa McDonald, Jim Procaccino, Father Thomas.

Those members absent: Adam Reed, Margaret Hoffman.

Father Mario opened the meeting with a prayer.

Jim Procaccino called roll.

May minutes were read. Karen Schultz made a motion to approve, seconded by Mary Younger.

June minutes were read. Sandy Shay made a motion to approve, seconded by Kim Kraft.

Pastor's report was given by Father Mario. Rob Detzel was introduced and welcomed into the meeting. In recent weeks, visits to the school by an architectural firm have occurred. They are taking measurements to go forward with the building. There is no reason that the proposals should be rejected. We have another meeting in November. The potential date for ground breaking is April of 2017. There is a house on the grounds that will need to be demolished before beginning the building. It may be torn down before the festival. Prep thus far has been done. The cafeteria floor will be level with a passage to the new building. The main passageway to the new building will be through the current teachers lounge but will not actually be attached to the school. There will be an entire school year where the new building will not be in use until the following school year. The old steps to the cafeteria will be removed and an elevator will be installed.

The festival is rapidly approaching. We are in need of volunteers for both adult and kid booths. We are in need of more sports items for the game booth.

Three weeks ago, the State Legislature signed into law stating that alcohol can be a part of baskets, ring toss, etc., therefore, we also need more alcohol donations.

Mass will be held at 4p.m. on Saturday night of the festival.

Matthew Kelly will be presenting Saturday, Oct. 1st. Mass will be held in a classroom in the school. We will be setting the church up for the presentation.

Principal's Report was given by Rob Detzel. It has been an interesting four weeks. There is not a lot of training for a principal. Things are going smoothly. I am impressed with the faculty. I spent the last 23 years teaching English at Newport Covington High School. Elementary school is a big change but God

was telling me to go here. The Pokemon Go problem was solved. Thank you to Mr. Blair for updating computers to Microsoft 10. That has been really beneficial. Thank you to Meagan McElfresh for taking the new classroom. She did an excellent job turning the room into a classroom for the kids. Two interactive projectors have been ordered. These devices don't actually need a board but can shine on the floor or the wall. Map testing is occurring right now for the fall. We welcome our new teachers: Kathy Wuestefeld is our new fifth grade teacher and has 27 years experience in Catholic schools, Cheryl McCann is our Religion and Social Studies teacher, Nicole Polaski is our new Preschool teacher and has 5 ½ years experience. A person from Kenton County, the Title 1 coordinator, came into the school today. The money we get from Kenton County is \$500-\$600 per school. She was hired as coordinator for our school. She has offered to come in once a week for professional development. Holy Cross has started an early bird Algebra class. It would occur Monday through Friday from 7-7:45a.m. This would begin Sept. 12th and run through May 5th. Those that test 90 or above would qualify as accelerated or for advanced geometry when entering Holy Cross. There is a \$200 fee for this class. The negative part of this would be students would miss at least an hour of class each day and they would be late for mass. This is open to other feeder schools as well. There is concern about opportunities at St. Cecilia academically so this is seen as a benefit for the school to offer this.

Congrats to everyone new on the school board. Orientation for new members will be on September 14th.

RCIA Report was given by Father Mario. The first meeting will begin next month on September 21st.

CCD Report was given by Father Thomas. CCD started up this past weekend and ran smoothly. Registration is down about 20 students from last year. We got all teaching positions filled and all classes have a helper. Safety procedures are in place to make drop off and pick up easier. We are putting together a handbook for teachers and students. We are short on volunteers for CCD. We have enough to get us through the year right now. Financially we are doing well. We are operating on a good budget.

PTO Report was given by Karen Bunton. September 13th is our first meeting. We purchased two new interactive projectors for 3rd grade. It was less expensive to purchase these vs. the smart boards. We are in the planning process for the Walkathon which will occur on October 21st. We are working on a t-shirt design and theme.

Sports committee report was given by Karen Schultz. Fall soccer season started. It is going well. Basketball registration has begun. I am not sure of the status of the volleyball team. Working to get a team started. During the Bluegrass State Games, three teams walked away with a trophy. U12 boys came in first place; coached by Brad Saalfeld and Mark McDonald, U10 boys came in second; coached by Adam Reed, Jason Voight, and Andy Spinks, and U8 girls came in second; coached by Matt Saalfeld and Trent Saalfeld.

Technology Report was given by Jim Procacino. Jim passed along information on Compass Learning which had been previously researched by Kendra McGuire. The cost would be \$11,500 for math and reading. You can buy for individual students as well. Where would we receive the money for this? It may be something we can discuss in the future for next school year.

Budget Report was given by Father Mario. School is operating in the red. We are praying that the festival helps us with this. We were able to finish the last school year but did not make budget at the end of the school year. This is why we had to increase tuition. We are paying for extra teachers now and not bringing in income to do that. Our tuition is the lowest in the diocese. We have tried our best to keep the cost down and provide assistance as best as we can.

Promotions committee was given by Karen Schultz. We are taking a look at results from the parent survey. We are discussing homework amounts and what should be given. It has been discussed that 10 minutes per grade is sufficient. There was an issue with weekend homework as well and complaints of slow response time from teachers when contacted by a parent with concerns. We are going to meet and discuss the details of responses from the survey.

New Business- Our school is live on Twitter! A Twitter account is now active. We are going to continue to grow but need to talk about all the wonderful things that are going on at St. Cecilia. We need to come up with strategies to promote what is going on at St. Cecilia. We need a third member for Promotions Committee since Dan Davis has stepped down. Kim Kraft and Father Thomas have volunteered as new members on the Promotions Committee.

Sandy Shay made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kim Kraft.

Father Thomas adjourned with a prayer.