

## **BOTCE Minutes March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Members Present: Karen Schultz, Mary Younger, Meghan Whelan, Father Mario, Karen Bunton, Margaret Hoffman, Beth Lachmann, Lisa McDonald, Jim Procaccino, Megan McElfresh, Adam Reed.

Members Absent: Sandy Shay, Kim Kraft, Rob Detzel

Father Mario opened the meeting with prayer.

February minutes were read. Margaret Hoffman made a motion to approve, seconded by Beth Lachmann

**Pastor's report** was given by Father Mario. We are waiting on the diocese for the bid process. The living rosary concerning our building project was held Sunday and was very well attended. There were school kids, CCD kids, adults of the parish, and teenagers in attendance. It went very well. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip has been confirmed. CCD was advised to have a couple more mass days.

**Principal's report** was given via a printed report written by Rob Detzel. Terra Nova testing begins March 20<sup>th</sup>. Blue Ribbon will accept Terra Nova scores. A discussion was held saying it would be nice to have testing later in the school year. Brandon Wells and Will VonHandorf won the essay contest and are finalists.

**RCIA Report** was given by Father Mario. We already have three people lined up for next year who wish to become members of the Catholic faith and St. Cecilia. The Bishop blessed all the current RCIA members and welcomed them into the church. The new members will be rotated at the different masses to be welcomed into the church.

**CCD report** was given by Father Mario. We are on track with CCD. We will have Reconciliation during the 40 hours with the Lord. Reconciliation will last for 24 hours. It will begin on noon, Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> and conclude on noon Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PTO report** was given by Karen Bunton. The next meeting is tomorrow night. We are in the process of looking for a new Vice President and Secretary. Natalie Mulholland will stay on as Treasurer for next year. There will be two going out and two coming in. Maria Hundseder will be President for next year. We are trying to get an ice machine for the cafeteria and a water fountain with a water bottle adapter for the school.

**Sports committee report** was given by Adam Reed. We have finished up basketball. We had a great end of the season with many teams making finals and runner ups. We are in the process of soccer signups. We have more teams than ever before. Practice is supposed to start this week. We are also having signups for people to volunteer to help with the fish fry. We have had more participation this year than in the past. We made \$2500 last year. It is a big fund raiser for us. I attended "Play Like a Champion"

program recently. I like the idea but felt like the people leading weren't as prepared as they should have been. They were also not very enthusiastic. I am hoping for improvement in that program in the future. We will have more to come on that. Archery is still something we would like to pursue but it is an indoor program and until we get a gym that is not a possibility.

#### **Committee reports:**

**Technology-** A whole group discussion occurred on using Chromebooks in the middle school. We need guidelines that a committee can form to present to BOTCE. Whoever would be the chair of the Technology committee needs to meet and discuss. Rob will continue working on this and should address the committee and meet with them on this matter.

**Promotions-** The survey will go out by the end of March. Karen, Kim and Rob met and discussed putting together the survey and removed some questions. There are 10 questions. Added asking for feedback if there is positive or negative responses about something the school would like more detailed feedback. Surveys- parents were given a two week window to complete. We would give this survey the 15<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> and give some time for the response to come out in May. Research is still ongoing with the promo video. An associate professor at NKU is interested in students working on this. Unfortunately she is retiring soon so she has referred Karen to the Dept. Chair of Communications. It is a work in progress.

#### **Communications and petitions-** None

**New Business-** A discussion was held on procedures for dismissal. The group discussed a temporary fix until the new building is built including having a person standing in the lower lot with a stop sign and reflective jacket. A new parking procedure will have to be implemented.

Next to the rectory are two oak trees that need to come down. Those will begin being moved on Thursday. The gravel area will be closed for teachers. Continue to pray for our legislature as they deal with tax credits. We are educating our kids with a caliber education with half of what the public schools are receiving for their children. The Governor is very in favor of the possible bill being discussed. We are on a wait to see if the Senate and House will create a bill. It hasn't been determined how the money will be laid forth. The Feast of St. Joseph will occur March 19<sup>th</sup> but will be celebrated at St. Cecilia on Monday. The Saturday before the Solemnity there will be a potluck dinner based upon St. Joseph Table. A cookbook is going to be published using recipes from parishioners.

Karen Schultz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary younger

Father Mario closed the meeting with a prayer