

Minutes BOTCE, Nov. 13, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Karen Schultz. Fr. Mario led us in an opening prayer.

Those not present were Lisa McDonald, Meghan Whelan and Megan Mcelfresh.

We suspended the reading of the September minutes until the next meeting.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Mario reported that for the Thanksgiving Mass, parishioners are urged to bring in groceries for the food bank. Excavation has begun for the new Parish Center and it was discovered that the soil consists of "fatty clay" which is not solid enough for the foundation. The problem will be corrected by adding lime to the soil to make it solid enough so it will not rise and fall under the building. The footers are scheduled to be poured within the next week. It has been decided to change the character carving that will be on the exterior of the building from St Cecilia to a Crusader. This will be done to save cost. The St. Cecilia character was too detailed. We are investigating security systems for the entrance of the new building.

Principal's Report: Rob Detzel reported that the Veteran's Day Mass and school program had a good turnout of veterans and their families. Grades K-3 will have free eye screening this week sponsored by the Lions foundation. The International Learning Society will conduct testing on Kindergarteners for comparison on an international level. Awards Day for the first Trimester will be on Nov. 21. The program will include Mass, Celebration and Awards. Thanksgiving break is next week. Preparations for the Blue Ribbon School Application are ahead of schedule. Teachers and administration have completed essays and other items for the Dec. 15 deadline. The goal is to have the packet completed by Dec. 1 and mail in Dec. 7.

RCIA report: Fr. Mario reports that the program is underway and there are so far 9-10 people participating. A family with three children will be baptized.

CCD report: CCD is underway and off to a good start.

PTO report: The Walkathon raised over \$17,000 for new technology. The goal was \$15,000. The PTO provided breakfast and lunch for the teachers who were preparing for the Blue Ribbon application. PTO will provide breakfast for the teachers for Christmas. St Nick at night is scheduled for Dec. 9

Sport's Committee Meeting: The Committee will be reporting at the PTO meetings in order to promote and recruit coaches and get volunteers. Revenue generated from the fish fries amounted to \$3500.00. Fall Soccer has ended. Cheerleading has begun. We had six teams that participated in the Blessed Sacrament Soccer Tournament and three teams won their division. Basketball is beginning. We will be adding volleyball with two parents who will be making arrangements. Volleyball is scheduled to begin in Feb and will practice at Summit View. Cheerleading will be led by Karen Bunton but numbers of participants are low. The Spirit Wear sale went well. A new program named Play Like a Champion will certify our coaches. Deadline for Certification is Jan.1. We are looking for a person to certify our coaches. The cost for certification is \$35.00/coach.

Technology committee: There is a Technology conference on Nov. 14, 2017.

Promotions committee: Karen Schultz has the final plan for the building construction sign that will be set in front of the rectory. The school essay contest was conducted with good participation. Six winners were chosen and they will receive an out of uniform day and their essays were published in the church bulletin. Channel 12 news will be filming a promotions video that will air on their station. We will be able to keep the video and use it for promotional purposes.

A motion was made to close the meeting by Dan Davis, seconded by Beth Lachman.

Fr. Aby led us in a closing prayer.

Submitted Dan Davis