

## BOTCE Minutes January, 14, 2019

The January meeting was called to order by Chairman, Karen Schultz.

Fr. Mario led us in an opening prayer.

Members Present: Karen Schultz, Jim Procaccino, Kim Kraft, Mary Cherry, Meghan Whelan, Dan Davis, Troy Cherry, Jamie Shelton, Maria Hunseder, Beth Lachmann, Fr. Mario, and Rob Detzel

Members absent: Lisa McDonald, Megan McElfresh

November 2018 minutes were read and approved with corrections by Maria Hunseder and Seconded by Kim Kraft.

Pastor's Report: Construction continues, the roof is on the building and the walking track is being constructed. All rooms have walls in place. Today begins Ordinary Time and will run through Ash Wednesday.

CCD: no report

RCIA: Classes are underway and going well.

Principal's Report: The Accreditation Update packet is completed and finishing touches are taking place. The date for accreditation visit is March 20, 2019. Principal Rob Detzel thanked Fr. Mario, the board and school families for supporting the Ebacher family after the death of Mr. Ebacher. The school showed much support for the Ebacher family by providing dinners and gift cards. Catholic Schools Week is Jan. 28-Feb.1. Open House is scheduled for Feb. 6 from 6-8pm. The board is to have a few members attend Open House to aid in greeting visiting families. The School Report Card was sent out to families. We will publish the School Report Card in the Parish bulletin the week of Catholic Schools Week. The Geography Bee is being held for St. Cecilia students on Jan. 15, 2019 in the Undercroft. The Diocese will have a Day of Prayer and Penance for Life on Jan. 18th at 9 am. The day is intended for the entire diocese to say the Rosary. Confirmation for 8<sup>th</sup> grade CCD and school students is Jan. 29th, 2019. Bishop Foys wishes to visit our school on Friday Feb. 1, 2019 during Catholic Schools Week. The Bishop enjoys the warm welcome that he gets from our school and parish. ACRE testing is ongoing from Feb. 4-15. Feb. 22nd, 2019 marks the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester of school. The Awards Ceremony for the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester will be on March 1st, 2019. Everybody Counts program will take place on Monday Feb. 25th, 2019. Amy Lea, owner of Larosa's and Skyline restaurants offered to feed the entire school Larosa's pizza for one meal during Catholic Schools Week. She also will sponsor two \$500.00 scholarships (one boy and one girl) based on financial need. A very generous contribution to support our students. Lifetouch Photography provided our school with a large banner stating that St. Cecilia is a nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School.

Technology Report: No report.

Communications Committee Report: The committee will meet after the meeting to design a yard sign for Open House. Board members were again asked to attend the Open House to promote the school and greet visitors. We will run an advertisement in the Messenger for 2 weeks promoting our Open House. We discussed running an ad in the Kenton County Recorder. We discussed the importance of advertising on Social Media so as to keep up with the most viewed media by family aged parents. We will look into advertising on the Independence social media page known as "What's Up Independence". It was mentioned about advertising in surrounding church bulletins that don't have their own schools.

PTO Report: The Texas Roadhouse gift card sale generated \$5,290.00 in sales for a profit of \$793.00. Great job. The Dine to Donate generated a profit of \$995.50. Teacher brunch was provided by Chef Joe Schultz. Gift Certificates were provided to teachers for \$50.00 each. The next PTO meeting is Jan. 15th in the cafeteria. Stagette ticket sales will begin on Jan. 17th. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. PTO hopes to sell 600 tickets. The theme this year is Masquerade!

Sports Committee: The basketball season is half finished. Soccer signups are ongoing through Jan. 26 for discounted rates. Soccer season starts the week of March 3rd. The committee made the decision to change the direction of the soccer field as a necessity due to construction. The committee held its first ever Men's Stag on Jan. 12. 165 tickets were sold for the event. Expected profit is approx. \$8,000.00. There will be a day long fundraiser at City BBQ. 25% of school related sales at the restaurant that day will go to our school. The committee plans to make additional profit by aiding the Holy Name Society's Night at the Races and Fish Fries.

New Business: The board discussed presenting the Theology of the Body presentation to girls at a younger age, in sixth grade instead of eighth grade. There was a mutual agreement that since girls mature earlier than boys, they need the information earlier. For boys it was agreed that presenting information in eighth grade is better due to maturity levels.

St Cecilia Youth group is in need of parents to aid in setting up for the NET ministries monthly retreat for our youth. Fr. Mario mentioned that as funds became available we would hire a youth director. Dan Davis volunteered to organize a February Youth Group meeting in the Undercroft. The NET Youth retreats will resume in March for St Cecilia.

Kim Kraft made a motion to adjourn with a second motion made by Jamie Shelton.

Fr. Mario led us in a closing prayer.