



**St Catherine of Siena School Council
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Monday, January 9, 2017 – School Conference Room

Members Present

Jeremy Barr
Pat Buckles
Tracy Dible
Karen Gomez (Chair)
Betty Hunt, Principal
Diana Kessinger
Karen Stein
Vanessa McKinney, PTO President

Members Absent

Rob Sill
Fr. Dan Spexarth

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Karen Gomez at 7:00 p.m.

Opening Prayer

Karen Gomez opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of December Minutes

Minutes from the December meeting were approved. Vanessa made a motion to approve the minutes. Karen Stein seconded the motion. Motion carried 8-0.

Announcements

None

Agenda Additions

Betty stated that we will be applying for the Holy Family grant so a school council representative must attend the mandatory meeting on Thursday, January 19th at St. Francis. Pat Buckles will attend with either Betty or Jeremy.

Committee Reports

Wellness Committee – Karen and Betty are our representatives on the Wellness Committee. No meeting was held this month.

Technology Committee – Rob is our representative on the Technology Committee. No meeting was held this month.

Athletic Committee – A new committee formed this year interested in getting athletics started at St. Catherine. Representatives Vanessa and Jeremy will provide updates.

Associate Principal's Report

- AIMS Web testing will be held January 10-20 for all students K-7.
- St. Catherine has been approved by the CSAL athletic director to host a postseason basketball tournament sometime in the first two weeks of February. Darren Pracht, St Catherine's athletic director, is working through the details of getting the tournament set up.

Principal's Report

- Spangles Night will be on Tuesday, January 10 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- AIMS Web testing will take place January 10-20.
- Thursday, January 12 – Scholars Bowl will be held at Magdalen for 7th grade.
- Monday, January 16 – NO SCHOOL; Teacher retreat at Spiritual Life Center; 6:30 p.m.- VIRTUS Training.
- Monday, January 23 – CSAL BB ends.
- Tuesday, January 24 @ 7:00 p.m. – PTO Meeting.
- On Wednesday, January 25 – 4th grade attends second Young People's Concert at Century II; a Faith Family activity will be held in the afternoon.
- Thursday, January 26 – 1st grades to Wichita Children's Theatre in the morning; and Winter Sports pictures after school.
- Catholic Schools Week begins with 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, January 28, and runs through Friday, February 3. The teacher committee is planning activities but we will have families speaking at Masses, hopefully open house on Sunday morning after Masses, and a Grandparents Mass & Breakfast on Thursday morning, February 2. The diocesan religion bowl is also after school on Thursday, February 2. Father and Betty will also host the informational meeting for incoming new families on Sunday evening, January 29, at 6:00 p.m. in the church.
- On Monday, January 30 some of the middle school students will participate in the diocesan choral clinic at Bishop Carroll. Pre-registration also begins January 30 and runs through Friday, February 3.
- On Monday, February 6, the 7th graders visit Cornerstone.

Pastor's Report

Father Dan was unable to attend.

PTO President's Report

- Spangles Night will be on Tuesday, January 10, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- The next PTO Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 24.
- The 3rd graders provided the teacher lunch from Old Chicago on Friday, January 6.
- Jesus Club Book Fair will be held on February 2 in conjunction with the Grandparents Breakfast.

Old Business

- Social Media Survey Results
 - Social media liaison Ron Barry has created the Facebook page for St. Catherine. Once everything is complete, it will be unveiled.
- Preschool Update

- Betty stated that they have been collecting items from parishioners so that we do not have to buy so much (e.g., puzzles, books, etc.).
- We will do registration during Catholic Schools Week but it will have its own form, separate from pre-registration into the school. Once registration is complete, we will know more about numbers and how to proceed with hiring.
- We have put an advertisement on the Diocesan website stating that we are looking for someone with either an early childhood endorsement or licensed in early childhood as well as teaching experience in preschool.

New Business

- Catholic School Office Visit Review
 - Matt McKee from the diocesan office conducted his school review of St. Catherine in November. He met with Betty and Jeremy, toured the classrooms and provided feedback from his visit. The school council reviewed his report.
- Preschool Handbook
 - A rough draft of the preschool handbook has been created and the school council reviewed it. Overall, it was approved as written; however, there were a few topics that will be finalized once plans are more certain.

Future Business

- More on Long Range Planning to be discussed during the second semester.

Closing Prayer

Karen Gomez led us in the closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next meeting will be Monday, February 6, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.