

OUR LADY OF THE LAKES CATHOLIC SCHOOL
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Tuesday, October 19, 2010

PRESENT: Fr. Dick Fleischman, Dave Mayer, Jenny Delwiche, Greg Straub, Wendy Scholler, Becky Swanson, Dr. Rick Erickson, Jamie Vorpahl, Mary Bushard

TEACHER: Deb Chipman

GUESTS: Jeffrey W. Hiller

MEMBERS ABSENT: Judie Longrie

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Mayer at 7:02PM. Fr. Fleischman led us in prayer. No vote of approval was taken on minutes from the previous meeting sent out by Judie Longrie

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT: Becky Swanson reported that the Parish Council is working on the 3rd draft of a plan for the 3-parish cluster meetings. Town hall meeting to be held either end of November, or December 19, on a Sunday between masses to decide on our future regarding the merging of parishes.

Fall Festival: Estimated profit of \$18,000.00 (up approximately \$2,000.00) was a great success with about 100 families helping.

School Roof: Since there were no standard specs for bids received, parish council was unable to decide on project. Specifications have been determined, and bids will be resubmitted so that they are able to accurately compare costs. Plan to do project in summer of 2011.

HOME & SCHOOL REPORT: Jamie Vorpahl reported that the Wine & Beer Tasting event had a good turnout with an estimated profit of \$2,500.00. Approximately 100-125 people were in attendance.

“Shake The Flakes” is planned. Date, not yet confirmed, will be either February 5 or February 12, probably at the end of Catholic Schools Week. The Five Pillars needs date confirmation.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Dr. Erickson reported that the school is 4-5% under budget. School is in acceptable shape financially. Archdiocesan bill has not yet been paid.

TEACHER REPORT: Mrs. Chipman reported that the school children will be participating in a food drive for the Random Lake Food Pantry all of November. On November 1st, All Saints Day, the children will be doing a game of trading cards, where the cards will be those of Saints, so as to encourage all to learn about multiple saints in a fun environment. On November 9th, the K-6 grade will be taking a field trip to see “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” at the EAA Museum in Oshkosh.

It was reported that all teachers now have laptops to use in the classroom as well as to take home to assist them with their educational efforts. These have been provided by Home & School.

PRINCIPAL REPORT: Dr. Erickson detailed the school committee on the recent visit to our school by the new Archbishop Listecki. The visit was great! The Archbishop said Mass, then visited all the children’s classrooms and was impressed by our school, including the use of the “smart boards.” The Superintendent of schools from the Archdiocese was also here that day and left with good reports of our school.

In September, the 5th & 6th graders went on an overnight trip to Camp Vista. There were mixed reviews of the success of that venture.

Teachers Convention for Catholic School teachers was held last Friday. All teachers except one participated. Reports were favorable.

Dr. Erickson is working on the budget for next year. He is working with all other private schools in Sheboygan county (except WELS in Howards Grove) to secure outside funding. It may be necessary to set up a private foundation. He is also working with the Bradley Foundation, submitting a letter of interest with grant writing occurring.

Dr. Erickson also shared that the Annual Report is due November 14.

The teachers are studying the scope and sequence of the social studies curriculum at OLOLCS in an effort to align it with state and diocesan mandates for all grades.

The Child Care Center is experiencing personnel issues as 2 employees require maternity leave. This means they are down one person. Census is less than last year, but Dr. Erickson is comfortable with it. There are 14 children before school, 12 children after school and from 1-6 children during the day. At the end of September the CCC was \$5,000.00 in the black.

NEW BUSINESS: Dr. Erickson indicated that Wendy Scholler, Jenny Delwiche and himself would be attending an Archdiocesan sponsored School Committee workshop on November 5.

Dr. Erickson discussed Private Schools Foundation (see Principals report)

Becky Swanson informed us that Fr. Tom Schweitzer is due to come back in January for Holy Rosary Parish to review the PAR process. Each parish will have their own town hall meeting.

Dave Mayer discussed the child care equipment remaining at the previous site of Our Lady of the Lakes Child Care Center. Dr. Witkowski may be purchasing the building and then plans to rent it out. Dr. Witkowski would probably be willing to negotiate on the purchase of the equipment.

The Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic School sign has been moved by Rob Scholler. Questions have come up about it becoming a multi-use sign for both the Parish and the School. Parish members have offered to assist with the change.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

TECHNOLOGY: Funds for technology have not been used up. Per Jeff Hiller, there is money left over from last year. Rob Holden will be contacted regarding updating the towers in the computer center.

MARKETING: Jeff Hiller reported that a sign owned by Hillers at Hwy 57 and Jay Road- NW corner is available for use by OLLCS. Pictures were provided to us. The sign is 8 high x 12 wide. Hillers are willing to donate the space and pay for costs to make the sign and install it. Rob Scholler will be contacted regarding design & production.

Next meeting to be November 16, 2010

The Board then entered into closed session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Hanrahan Bushard
Acting Secretary in the absence of Secretary Judie Longrie