

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL SCHOOL BOARD

St. Katharine Drexel School Board

Meeting Minutes for
Thursday, March 26, 2008
Spring Street Campus

Present: Bonnie Bender, Dan Booker, Barb Haase, Randy Richard, Beth Jewell, Todd Prieue, Janice Tischler and Renee Wahlen Tillema

Absent: Troy Schliesman

Excused: Fr. John Schreiter, Fr. Carlos Florez

Guests: Lois Ely

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Randy Richard and opened with Our Lord's Prayer.

Minutes: Todd Prieue made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Bonnie Bender. Minutes approved.

Correspondence: Barb Haase circulated thank you letters from Continental Manor and the Parish Council.

Pastor's Report: Fr. John had sent Randy Richard an update with a question to the School Board about how to increase enrollment. Discussion followed concerning the enrollment questions and a consensus was reached that the school and Parish are currently facing challenges that will require much thought and prayer.

Administrator's Report: Barb Haase reported that the school Lenten activities were well attended and well prepared and presented by students and staff. The Living Stations, led by our third graders, and the Shadow Way of the Cross, led by our fifth graders, were especially beautiful. The Palm Sunday Meditation presented by sixth, seventh, and eighth graders was so prayerful and moving. Five students were invited and will be going to WTMJ to tape an Earth Day promotion. Students across the Archdiocese will participate in this promotion. One new student will be joining the seventh grade class. Second grade teacher, Judy Pearce, is at home after recent surgery and recovering.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SCRIP: There was not an official committee report available. Dan Booker reported that the Kwik Trip Scrip card purchases have increased due to the increase in percentage offered from Kwik Trip. The committee is still working on deciding on a new computer for the Scrip program.

Financial Report: Balance sheets through February were distributed. Statements will go out again around April 1. The eighth grade graduation tuition contract policy was discussed along with the need to remind parents that outstanding tuition needs to be paid before graduation. A few cases may present exceptions.

Finance: Dan Booker reported on the status of the school budget which is still under review by the Parish Council. Randy Richard spoke about the current Dodge County demographics which show that the current rate of Parishioner contributions at St. Katharine Drexel Parish is 1.1 %. He added the fact that if the Parish could reach just 2 % of giving, the current budget crisis would not exist. With current contributions, the Parish budget is projected to be short and coming up with the money could prove to be very difficult. This information led to discussion on how to get more Parish ioners involved in supporting their Parish.

Development: Janice Tischler reported that the Glitz committee will start meeting very soon to get working on the upcoming event. Janice questioned what should happen with the development committee meetings. It was agreed that quarterly meetings would be sufficient for the subcommittees under Development to report on their activities.

Endowment: The committee will be meeting shortly.

Parish Council Liaison: The Parish Council approved their bylaws and constitution, afterward the discussion was mostly on the budget.

New Business: Board members went through the Action Plan line by line with members updating on items such as the school survey, school page in the newspaper, alumni software, collecting data on SKDS graduates, getting involved with FIRE families, teacher of the month, marquee out front, the Believers Club and Adopt-A-Student. School Board nominations and elections will be held soon and there will be three open seats. The School Board consists of nine members serving a three year term.

Committee Meetings

Parish Council: March 27 at 7 P.M. Parish Hall on Maple Avenue.

School Board: April 17 at 7 P.M. Elementary Campus Room 215

SCRIP: April 8 at 7:45 in Scrip Office

School Finance: TBA

Public Relations: April 23 at 5:30 P.M. Parish Center

Parish general committee meetings: April 8 at 7 P.M.

Volunteer appreciation dinner: May 9

Adjournment: Beth Jewell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Todd Priewe. Motion approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.