

St. Mary of the Lake Education Commission
Minutes from November 2, 2009 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Kathleen Kelly, Joe Bardusk, Patricia Carpenter, Renate Zavesky, Father Jim Morris

Meeting called to order by President Joseph Bardusk at 7:30 p.m.

Prayer led by Father Jim Morris.

Communication: Written or verbal, none reported.

Comments from the President: Joe thanked Paul Oselka, Erik Beers, Traci Lauricella, Robert Carpenter, Janice Bardusk, Karla Madison, and Patty Thorn for their dedication to sports at St. Mary's. He lauded their talents as coaches and their dedication to the students. Joe also commented on the new HASA logo-great job.

Approval of agenda: Renta Z moved to approve the agenda for the night's meeting, Patricia Carpenter seconded.

Approval of minutes: Patricia Carpenter moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Renate Zavesky seconded.

Pastor Report: Sunday is the kickoff for Noah's Appeal-the diocesan appeal to support Catholic Education. Part of the funds collected is for the reduction of current families' tuition and the other part is for schools' non-budgeted items. He is thinking of teacher bonuses as the non-budgeted item for SML. Starting salary for SML teachers is \$20,-000; NBPS is \$35,000. Teaching here is a ministry-need to show our appreciation somehow. Education Commission had a teacher appreciation dinner a couple of weeks ago, "Meet & Greet". Everyone agreed need to try and do more of that. Noah Appeal ends 12/31.

Sandy Ripley commented that "Meet & Greet" was very beneficial for the staff. Although everyone is busy, the sense of community we all get from that is priceless. Amy Fidler also commented that a potluck or other gathering every other month or so would be nice. Kathleen suggested a tailgate party before one of the Saturday games.

Financial Report: None given.

Marketing Committee: Kathleen reported that the website is being updated by Heidi Hornaday. She is working very hard with the teachers to provide useful information on the website. Newsletter in the works also. Next meeting planned for Friday 11/6, 8:30 at Marilyn's.

HASA report: The new store is open, new clothing, bumper stickers being offered, thanks to Diane Giancaspro. Teacher conferences set for next Wednesday, parents will be encouraged to stop in the store. Pancake dinner next Monday.

Old Business: Brian Bartelheim brought up the newspaper and the fact that it should be done in tech class-wrong place for it in his opinion.

New Business: MEAPS have left the building (per KK). Mardi Gras is being planned by Mary Brown, whose idea for this year is to target a specific need for the school at the "after auction". This year, new front doors are being targeted. Heidi Hornaday has drawn a plan for new front doors/new vestibule. MB and KK to write a grant proposal from the Pokagon Fund to pay for part, will ask for matching funds at the "after auction" at Mardi Gras. Amy Fidler reported that Paul Oselka wrote a grant request to the Pokagon Fund for Kaleidoscope Preschool-received \$15,000! \$5,000 is for scholarships for 9 children; \$10,000 for new playground equipment (will use to purchase a piece for 2 ½-5 year olds.) Amy has sent a press release to the HC News and the Gazette, and other local papers with this great news. Kathleen Kelly mentioned a HC Chamber opportunity for an ad. They are selling (\$495/year) "billboard ads" that will remain in their office for an entire year. Will submit to marketing committee. Middle school leaves for Tremont on Sunday 11/8 at 8:30 a.m. Joe Bardusk asked Father Jim if a special bon-voyage mass could be planned that morning before the group leaves.

Meeting adjourned by Joe Bardusk at 8:15 p.m.