

**SAINT MARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, October 24, 2016**

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**Members in Attendance:** Bob Gutierrez, Kim Schaeffges, Jeanne Coogan, Ed Michalski, Marietta Bufalino-Devitt, Donna Jones, Fr. Dan Whiteside, Teresa Li, Laura Robinson, Sharon Edwards, Lacey Rust, Nikki Raftery

**Members Absent:** Michael Perry

**Others in Attendance:** Christa Noel, Joe Miller

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Teresa Li at 7:04 p.m.

**Opening Prayer:** Marietta Bufalino-Devitt gave the opening prayer.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** N/A

**Visitors' Comments:** None

**Pastor's Report:**

The Renew My Church program, in its early stages, is a program focusing on the concept that church should be missionary and centered on Christ & ministry rather than the institution as well as recognizing the reality of the future of the institution as it relates to staff, boundaries, etc. Archdiocesan parishes will be grouped together to work through the details of this program. Our primary parish grouping is with St. Edna and St. James and Our Lady of the Wayside as a secondary grouping. Examples of combined ministry efforts are Youth Ministry, Young Adults, and RCIA. The purpose is to look at the future of the church in the next 20-30 years.

Archbishop Cupich has been named a Cardinal.

The Archdiocese Youth Ministry program, in coordination with the NCYC, recently held a new event "Holy Fire" aimed at exposing to the junior high (6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>) students to youth ministry. The event, held at UIC Pavilion, was a day of incredible music, inspiring speakers, and a very energetic atmosphere. The St. Mary Confirmation group attended and loved the event. The event was very successful and will be repeated next year.

All parishes count attendance at all Masses during the month of October

**Principal's Report:**

The school also reports classroom counts every fall to the Archdiocese. Our current enrollment is 434 students. Assuming we establish two homerooms for each grade level with approximately 24 students per grade, theoretically, St. Mary could accept an additional 108 students. This Archdiocese changed their reporting requirements for Race/Ethnicity into two separate segments; Ethnicity as Hispanic/Non-Hispanic and Race as a separate data point. Our existing families have not provided data to us in this way. As families come into the school, we will collect more of this information. We also reported that our students live in 24 different zip codes.

**President's Report:**

No report

**Old Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- Parents asking about air conditioning in the Junior High hallway. What are the possibilities? Recently, the school purchased window air conditioners for the preschool rooms. These are difficult to purchase and install since very few models will vent properly, have compatible voltage, and are still able to cool the size of the room. In addition, the structure of the windows make these units a temporary installation. These factors make air conditioner units on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor a non-option. However, we can consider the options of fans, ceiling fans, adding additional ventilation to the windows (transom) or light blocking shades.

**Liaison Committee Reports:**

- **Financial Report**
  - No report
- **FSO:**
  - The FSO Board has updated and approved a new mission statement to align their activities and budget with mission statement line items.
  - The FSO Board has approved their budget for this year. This year, they will balance their activities with available funds. This year, and in future years, their goal will be to break-even with fundraising activities vs. events held for the school community and staff.
  - There will be a Spring fundraiser.
  - Other activities the FSO is sponsoring are Movie Night, the Science Fair, the Christmas Bazaar, and the Barnes & Noble Book Fair.

- **SMAA**
  - The Flag Football program is now complete for the fall. There was great participation this year from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Homecoming was fun, despite the rainy day.
  - Girls Volleyball season is wrapping up now. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> year the 5<sup>th</sup> grade participated. The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their conference.
  - Basketball is getting started
  - Spring sports will include Boys Volleyball, Track, and Softball
  - Cross Country is also complete. One of our 5<sup>th</sup> grader students went to state.
  
- **Jingle Jubilee**
  - No report

**Closing Prayer:** Marietta Bufalino-Devitt gave the closing prayer.

**Motion to Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** November 14, 2016