

St. Gregory the Great Advisory Board Meeting, 02/7/07

Attendance: Father Ireland, Peter Wilson, Kevin Doles, Gary Novinc, Chris Lynch, Gene Andres, Katie Rahill, Don Schuele, Jim Johnson

Absent from SAB: Mary Jo Levand

Guests: Carol Sisson, Maria Clifford, Michelle Farinacci, Sandra Bauman, Terry Mohorcic, Jamie Lawler, Meghan McGuan, Dave Hodgson

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by Gary Novinc

Opening Prayer: Fr. Ireland

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from 01/17/07 meeting approved.

Pastor's Report:

Presented by Fr. Ireland

- Father will leave for the Vatican on Monday to return March 14th.
- 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat will be held on February 17. Fr. Kalista from St. Charles Borromeo (Parma) will conduct it.
- VPL – we are clustered with Holy Rosary and St. Margaret Mary.
- Tithing – anonymous letter from a school parent was debated. \$15,000 offertory per week needed to break even. We typically collect \$10 – 11,000 per week. Some families are not giving minimum. Pledge cards and possibly other techniques will be tried if necessary. There is no out-of-pocket cost for the parish to tithe, whereas we could spend \$40,000 to \$50,000 with a fundraising company for a single campaign.

Business Manger's Report:

Presented by Kevin Doles

- Bingo – parent involvement should improve due to smoke-free.
- Point system for maintaining active parishioner status that recognizes involvement beyond bingo is under consideration.

Principal's Report:

Presented by Mr. Wilson

- School closed Monday and Tuesday due to cold weather.
- Lice problem appears under control. 14 kids in the past six weeks had them. 18 volunteers checked all students today, with just one new case found. Coats and hats will be isolated in plastic bags for now. Students will not change between uniforms and gym clothes for a couple weeks, assuming the problem does not recur.
- Endowment giving in December was good (\$21,000 for Scholarship and Technology).
- Marc Taube will be leaving February 16 to teach high school in the inner city.
- Changing out of gym clothes – request for comments via web page and in newsletter February 12th.
- Holding play practice in the evening when school is cancelled due to weather was discussed; no conclusion was reached; no action will be taken.
- Assimilation of St. Louis students was discussed. We need to know their current registration by grade. SGS maximum per class has traditionally been 29, but there is no magic number – it depends on a variety of factors.

Old Business:

Grants (Carol Sisson):

- Lowe's – Application was submitted in time for the February 15 deadline and will know in April.
- No other grant activity to report.

Technology Funding:

- Proceeds from sale of Anderson Road property are not available for technology (used to retire a capital improvements debt for the new roof and other projects).

Changing out of gym clothes – see Principal’s Report**Facilities Usage:**

- Brownies still not allowed to meet in PFC (only Church Hall or Cafeteria).
- Security and safety issues exist for little girls meeting in the Church Hall with multiple unsupervised entrances.
- Someone (coaches, other adults) must be held accountable for the PFC rooms and gym when used. In the past, doors have been left wide open in winter, food has been ground into carpeting, painting and crafts may be better suited for a bare floor, rather than carpet.
- Carpeting in PFC is already filthy; perhaps it should be removed so PFC can be better used.
- PFC bell does not ring to all areas where groups might be meeting so door is propped open at times.
- PFC should be a welcoming environment to outsiders coming to a meeting, a tournament, etc.
- PTC recently purchased new white tables and chairs for PFC that are cleanable.
- Keys will be registered to authorized PFC users or signed out from the rectory.
- Situation will be re-evaluated; for now, nothing will be changed.
- False alarms cost \$50 each (SEPD).
- PFC upstairs is alarmed, where PTC supplies are kept.
- Alarms being set off by accident because users are not aware of the alarm.
- Suggestion made to install a motion sensor with an audible “pre-alarm” to warn users about the real alarm upstairs.

SAB Representatives to Finance Council: No Report**New Business:****Community outreach / service activity for students (Andres)**

- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is spearheading fundraising for a Martin Luther King Memorial and inviting school age children to participate.
- Mr. Wilson to discuss with faculty for possible implementation..
- This opportunity for exposure to social justice issues could benefit our students, especially if incorporated into the social studies curriculum by the faculty. Amount raised is not as important as student participation, which would send a positive message.

Closing Prayer**Adjournment:**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 p.m.