

St. Gregory the Great Advisory Board Meeting
March 18, 2009

Attendance: Peter Wilson, Mark Geyman, Martin McGuan, Sherry O'Brien, Jim Augusta, Ruthie Foust, Gary Novinc

Absences: Tony Flowers, Parish Finances Director, was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Guests: Mary Casa, Sue Bedinghaus, Michelle Farinacci, Dominic DeBalso, Mary Beth Kelly, Kathy Sonnhalter, Andy Capputto, Fred Karboski, Esther McCartney, Molly Clifford, Mary Ann Hanicak, Meghan McGuan, Jim Kups, Eric Foust, Greg Rochester, Lisa Smiley, Father Ireland

Call to Order: 7:01 P.M. by Gary Novinc

Opening Prayer: Peter Wilson

Meeting Minutes: Minutes from February 2009 approved

Pastor's Report: None

Principal's Report: Presented by Principal Peter Wilson

School Report:

Saint Gregory the Great School was closed March 12th and 13th due to illness. It is not determined whether the students and staff will need to make-up those days in June.

Families new to Saint Gregory the Great School are required to meet with Father Ireland to learn the parish expectations of school families.

Total paid registration on March 18th was 326 students for grades K-8. Parents of 47 school children have not returned enrollment packets for the 2009-2010 school year. Total projected K-8 enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year is 370 students.

The first-ever alumni newsletter was mailed in March.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Those in attendance participated in a lively discussion of the letter parishioners received from Bishop Richard Lennon of his response to the Cluster Planning Commission's recommendations. Attendees expressed confusion over the Bishop's remarks to our parish. The attendees also discussed the present state of Saint Gregory the Great Parish and the need to invigorate parish life. Father Ireland arrived to address many of the issues and emotions expressed by those in attendance. He also shared his interpretation of the Bishop's letter. Ultimately, the SAB determined a course of action to address the letter from Bishop Lennon. The SAB drafted a letter to the Bishop that expressed reasons Saint Gregory the Great Parish should become the "site to be determined." The SAB also distributed copies of this letter after that weekend's masses and posted a copy for download on the school website. Approximately 300 letters were delivered to the Bishop.

Next Meeting: April 22, 2009

Closing Prayer: Marty McGuan

Adjournment: 8:52 P.M.

Following the regular meeting, the School Advisory Board met in executive session until 9:21 P.M.