

# St. Gregory the Great Advisory Board Meeting

October 21, 2009

**Attendance:** Peter Wilson, Carmen Matz, Ken Evans, Matt Cole, Scott Mullins, Sherry O'Brien

**Absences:** Greg Rochester

**Guests:** Erika Velazquez, Molly Clifford

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**Call to Order:** 7:00 PM by Carmen Matz

**Opening Prayer:** Carmen Matz

**Meeting Minutes:** September 2009 unavailable

**Pastor's Report:** None

## Old Business:

The School Advisory Board By-Laws were handed out to all board members. According to the By-Laws, there must be an election to determine Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The secretary is to be appointed by the Chairperson. At last months meeting Carmen Matz volunteered to be Chairperson and Matt Cole volunteered to be for the Vice Chairperson position. The board voted and approved both for their positions. Carmen then officially appointed Sherry O'Brien as secretary.

In regards to the vacant board position, Matt Cole advised the board that Erika Velazquez was interested in filling the spot. She would serve on the board until the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Erika was in attendance that evening and would let the board know if she would accept the position before the next meeting.

On the subject of School Development, Matt Cole provided the board with a rough draft of the St Gregory the Great Buildings & Grounds Committee plan. The plan outlined the mission, activities, meeting schedule and guidelines for forming the committee. The board agreed that Matt and Greg should meet with Dan Debick to see what projects were first and foremost on his list. It was suggested that we begin with a project and get volunteers and form a committee from there. The board hopes that church groups as well as school groups would be interested in contributing time and talents. Matt will work on a final draft of the plan to present to the Parish Council.

Ken Evans has been looking into Educational Grants. He says there are many opportunities out there. He will hone down the list to 5 to 10 possibilities to present to the board at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

The school budget was handed out to board members. The board was asked to go over budget to discuss at the next meeting. It was noted that the money from the auction and the endowment was not projected in the budget.

The possibility of a school name change was the next topic of discussion. There have been unconfirmed reports that the Bishop believes that parish schools should change their name along with the parish when a merger is involved. The board discussed the ramifications of a school name change and decided to draft a letter to the merger committee. It is the opinion of the board that to insure the continued health of St. Gregory the Great School, the name must not change.

**Principal's Report:** Presented by Principal Peter Wilson

Mr. Wilson

**Next Meeting:** October 21, 2009

**Closing Prayer:** Mr. Wilson

**Adjournment:** 8:25 PM