

# **Holy Cross School Board**

## **Meeting Minutes**

March 11, 2010

### **I. Call to order**

**Michael Ohmann** called to order the regular meeting of the **Holy Cross School Board** at **7:05pm** on **March 11, 2010** in **Holy Cross School**. Father Nordick led in prayer.

### **II. Roll call**

Jennie Theisen conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Mike Ohmann, Jennie Theisen, Ralph Anderson, Julie Anderson, Father Nordick, Anna Moran, Janice Loch, Heidi Howard, Amy Strasser, Jeana Meyer, Al Haus, Jayne Lochen, Brian Heying, Barb Waldorf.

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Mike Ohmann read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read. Jennie made the motion to approve and Jayne seconded it with 3 corrections. Approval of Agenda was approved. Motion made by Barb and seconded by Ralph with 2 additions to the agenda. Approval of the Financial Report was approved. Motion made by Jayne and seconded by Ralph.

### **IV. Open Session**

#### **Recommended Action**

- a) Julie Anderson of the Angel Care program suggested that we raise the fee for Angel Care. We are losing money in the program. She stated that all public schools have a much higher registration fee of \$20.00/child and charge \$8.50/child with no sliding fee. She suggested we charge \$10.00 registration fee per family and charge \$8.00/child in the afternoons and \$5.00/child in the mornings with no sliding fee for more children. She felt that this would help with expenses. The school board will consider it and decide the fees for the upcoming school year at the next meeting.
- b) Al Haus brought to the school board's attention that the tuition numbers were not correct when we went over it originally. They are much lower than we originally thought. He stated that in the Trustees' meeting it was suggested that in order for us to cover our deficit in cost of running the school that we raise the tuition. Suggestion of a \$25.00 increase per step starting next year would help cover the deficit. It was voted on and approved by the school board to increase the tuition by \$25.00 per step.

#### **Old Business**

- a) **Fax Roll Over**- Stainbrook communications said we have fax detection box and that Diversicom needs to switch phone lines to what is called a "hunt

group” which would enable the phone line to keep rolling until it was answered. Mrs. Moran will call this week to have that changed.

- b) **Snowmobile Signs-** Signs are up-next years’ snowmobile run will change to a different route so we shouldn’t have the problem of snowmobilers driving through the school yard. A snow fence will be erected around the well as well next year.
- c) **Exit Survey-** We discussed that we should have an exit survey for families and staff choosing to leave the school so we know what to improve upon and what they liked about their experience. Barb commented that she thought we already had one and Jayne was able to find a copy in her records. A copy will be made and given to Mrs. Moran. Administration will send out as they see a need. There will be one for 6<sup>th</sup> grade as well.

## V. New Business

- a) **School Board Nominations-** It was discussed that nominations should be published in church bulletin. Al Haus nominated Jeana Meyer and she accepted. Nominations will remain open until the end of March and will be published in the church bulletin as well as the school newsletter.
- b) **Principal Evaluation-**In April Father Nordick will summarize the evaluations of Principal and School Board President to approve with the school board. It was discussed that the board should advise administration on contracts of teachers. It was discussed that there is a protocol in place for parents to file a grievance to the principal or administration.
- c) **Open House-**All staff will be present. It will be a time for parents to register. Home and School will provide snacks. It was advertised in all local parishes, free community calendar, on the school sign, on the marquee in front of the Lodge. Marketing Committee also made a new brochure to give to parents with children marking our schools’ upcoming events.
- d) **Student Petition-**A student petition written and signed by all 5/6<sup>th</sup> graders was submitted to the school board asking that all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students be allowed to have a transportable music device inside the school building or on the school bus only during non-school hours and that failure to follow those timelines would result in the principal confiscating the device and held for up to 2 weeks if the student is caught during classroom hours. It was decided that we would allow a trial period and that the administration/teachers were to decide the rules and disclaimer. Mrs. Moran will go to the students classroom next week and discuss the pros/cons and involve the students in the process of creating the rules and understanding the consequences of this privilege.
- e) **Script-**It was discussed that script will need to be moved due to Theisen Building Supplies closing. It was located there for convenience so parishioners could stop in during the day and have access. Location was discussed and the school board felt that having the right person continue the success of the script was essential. It was decided that an ad would be placed in the school newsletter asking for someone to take over.

## **VI. Information and Proposals**

- a) **Father Nordick-** Fr. Nordick brought to the school board that Lemay Bechtold in the Rockville parish would like some input on what education we would like to see in the “Religion” class on Wednesdays. She would like to have one or two Holy Cross parishioners working with her and giving input. Father Nordick will put a notice in the bulletin for anyone interested.
  
- b) **Principals Report-** Mrs. Moran reported that the school made \$300.00 in books at the Book Fair. We also have received higher level reading books for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
  
- c) **Marketing Committee-** Parade flyers for St. Patrick’s Day parade to be held March 13<sup>th</sup> will be handed out on the Holy Cross float. Minnesota Moments magazine created by Holy Cross alum Mike Nistler will be sold at the parade and a portion of the proceeds will benefit Holy Cross. Bathrooms in the school will be available to the public.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:48pm. Next meeting will be April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jennie Theisen