

# **St. Bernadette School Board Meeting Minutes**

## **January 27, 2009**

**Present:** Father Gary, Arlene Baumann, Jeannine Cheatham, John Dwyer, Maria Gibbons, Betty Goodman, Myrline Mondesir, Kelly Zawisza, Barb Krummick, Vince Vizza

**Absent:** Chris Brettman

### **I. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.

- A. Opening prayer was led by Father Gary.
- B. There were no visitors

### **II. Routine Matters**

- A. Approval of Minutes:  
Changes: II. Information and Proposals: Should be "Mary Ellen Lynch";  
III Committee Reports: Adjust spellings to: Laske; altar  
Betty motioned to approve the minutes; Maria seconded the motion. Motion carries.  
Minutes approved.
- B. Tuition Report:  
Arlene provided latest Tuition Report. The only reduction in balance was applicable to previous years. Arlene has contacted all families; several families indicated that payments would be made by 1-30-09. Some parents have lost their jobs and are struggling to maintain their homes, therefore making tuition difficult to pay.  
  
Father indicated that families with previous delinquent balances will not be included in the allocation for the 2009-2010 school year.

### **III. Information and Proposals**

- A. Pastor's Report  
Father Gary distributed two letters from the Archdiocese of Chicago. The first letter described the creation of the Board of Specified Jurisdiction; the second letter was regarding the Catholic Conference of Illinois, who along with Cardinal George will be hosting the "Catholics at the Capitol" on March 4, 2009. Bob Geerling will be attending and the Board was invited to join Bob. There is also a rally expected in Chicago sometime in May.  
  
Father asked the School Board to reserve April 7, 2009 for representation at the Stewardship Renewal. Also, the State of the Parish presentation is scheduled for Sunday, April 26, 2009, between the 9am and 11am masses.  
  
Other scheduled events are: Catholic appeal on February 8, 2009; Confirmation on February 20, 2009; Reconciliation on February 28, 2009.  
  
The church had repairs to one of the doors and proposals will be obtained for other repairs that are necessary to other doors.

Finally, the Quonset Hut has had some vandalism. Toilet paper rolls were stuffed in the toilets and the sinks were filled with paper towels. Additionally, there has been some damage to the heaters in the ceilings, which may be a result of balls hitting the ceiling. Father is looking into the matter and the PAA has been approached to be vigilant of the situation.

B. Principal's Report

Arlene was proud to report that the 8<sup>th</sup> graders have taken their entrance exams. Some of the schools include: Brother Rice, McAuley, Marist, St. Ignatius, Mt. Carmel, Evergreen Park HS. The feedback and reviews about the students was extremely positive.

The recent open house was well attended and received. We hosted a few new families. There are a few registration forms still outstanding from existing school families. Two families have responded "no" and there are a few families that are undecided. Arlene also reported that the Archdiocese has frozen all salaries across the Board.

Alphabet Antics (preschoolers) will be held on February 24, 2009 to round up new pre-school students. The event will be held in O'Brien Hall.

**IV. Committee Reports**

A. Finance – Nothing to report.

B. Commissions of the Parish Council – Nothing to report.

C. Public Relations – Nothing to report.

D. Fund Raising – Barb reported that "Heaven Sent" offered 20% discount if St. Bernadette includes their catalogues in our booklets for events such as communions. Barb will coordinate with Mary Ellen Lynch.

Barb also reported that 10% of the Hoopsmania tickets have been returned. The profit thus far is \$1,350. Sales should be pushed during the weekend of February 14-15, 2009 prior to the Taste Event (ie to highlight the \$500 prize). Also, a new account was opened at Marquette Bank for the Hoopsmania event. The account currently holds a \$10,000 surplus that will be applied toward the reduction of tuition for the school year 2009-2010. Also, it was noted that profits from Hoopsmania will also be applied toward the 2009-2010 school year.

E. Long Range Planning – Nothing to report.

F. Buildings & Grounds – Nothing to report.

G. Marketing – John provided everyone with a Marketing Ministry. He will seek participants to form the marketing committee. He will also be speaking with Little Company of Mary to see if we can include St. Bernadette flyers and/or to see if we can email staff about the school to seek new families. There was also discussion with the Board of a second open house in February.

H. Legislative Action Committee – Nothing to report.

I. Nominating – Nothing to report.

**V. Old Business**

A. Taste Around Town, February 21, 2009

The Board discussed restaurant details and other nuances. It was decided to hold a separate meeting on February 2, 2009 to finalize Taste details.

**VI. Adjournment**

Meeting as adjourned at 9:32 p.m. Jeannine motioned and Betty seconded the motion.  
Motion carries.

Next Meeting: February 24, 2009 (ie Tuition Meeting)