

Sts. Philip & James School Board
Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2017 at 7pm

Members in Attendance:

Mrs. Tara Chiappone, Mrs. Chris Ewald, Mrs. Nancy Greubel, Father Tom Haggerty, Dr. Gus Mantia, Mrs. Tracy McAlvin, Mr. Jonathan Nicastro, Mr. John Piliero, Dr. Lisa Stephen, Mrs. Ruth Testa, Mr. Michael Radosta, Mr. Chris Wiener, Mrs. Tania Willman, Mrs. Jennifer Wos

Members Excused: Mrs. Nancy Greubel

Principal's Report:

1. Enrollment at 181 students. Decrease from last year, but continue to promote the school.
 - a. Two Facebook pages currently; best advertisement is media - i.e. social media.
 - b. Gary Leyton also assisting with the effort.
 - c. Early childhood day.
 - d. FaceBook account to be set up for the SSPJ School Board.
2. Apostle of Hope initiative for grades K-8. Demonstrate actions of helping one another. Each classroom wrote their own prayer.
3. Science lab has been opened for 7th and 8th grade. Will also used by grades 4 through 6.
4. Academy
 - a. Wednesday the banners are up for the Academy
 - b. Spirit colors for each grade, motto for the spirit building
 - c. Four electives this Wednesday afternoon - math, religion, ELA and science - four sessions for three weeks. All three grades move together.
5. School Mass is now adjusted for grades 6 through 8.
6. Teachers have been invited to the 10 o'clock mass on Sundays.
7. Students are reflecting on the masses
8. Marketing - working on a pamphlet for the SSPJ Academy with Gary Leyton
9. October 10th - Differentiated Instruction workshop being offered for staff
10. Hurricane Harvey,
 - a. Approximately \$1,100 collected to donate
 - b. Over 100 rosaries were made

Pastor's Report:

1. Academy - Try to give the children a felt experience, mystic experience, as part of the program
2. Homework - The idea of the homework is to be reflective of the mass, and will start November 11th. It is also available online, but currently only available for 7th and 8th grade.
3. Pet blessing on Wednesday, October 4th

President's Report:

1. Turkey Trot Fun Run on November 4th: \$10 person, obstacle course, events for children and parents, food for sale, DJ, craft activity will also be supplied, will be advertised shortly
2. Playground - Eagle Scout project to fundraise and cleanup, paint playground. In the process of putting together a plan to be presented to the playground committee. Include risk management in future committee meetings.

Guild Report:

1. Box Tops - will continue to be a Guild activity, parent volunteer to organize it again for this year
2. Christmas Raffle - When would be the most appropriate time to do a drawing? Doing the drawing at Santa Breakfast would not work, but what about the 17th of December? Ask the Knights of Columbus if that could be connected with one of their events.
3. Shop with Scrip Program - Need to inquire further about whether the accounts can be linked directly to the Guild account.

Finance Report:

1. Weekend of November 4th there will be a presentation to the parish about the financial state of the parish and school (at similar time of publication of *The Gabriel*.)
2. Capital campaign is ongoing
3. Memorials for additional collection opportunities. Consideration for the bricks as additional fundraiser?
4. Hopefully there will be monies leftover for the Emmaus chapel
5. Need to have school look at school budget that was closed at the end of August 31st. Mrs. Nancy Greubel will be asked if she is able to assist.

Next meeting date:

Monday, November 27th at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm