

St. Edward School Board

11.27.17 at 7:15 p.m.

Members Present:

Sister Marie Michelle	Krista Dustin	Father Mike	Meagan Halleron
Kristin Mazanowski	Father Dom	Ann Tudor	Maribel Tirado
Carrie Conway	Jeff Eichhorn	Ken Karbowski	

Absent: Kim Danahy

- Ann called us to order for the last meeting of 2017. Jeff offered our opening prayer.
- Approval of Minutes from 10.30.17

Pastor Report: Father Mike

- Father thanked everyone for their hard work on the School Board this year.
- Mass is still being held downstairs without any issues. Progress is being made and the scaffolding is coming down shortly. As of Wednesday, this should complete the work in Church. We anticipate minor painting in January in the lower Church Hall.
- Our Blue Ribbon display case is outside the school office, and Father is hoping it continues to drive awareness in the Community of our achievement.
- Advent season begins Sunday, until 12/24 until Christmas Eve Mass. Reconciliation for children is scheduled during Advent on 12/18, as well as one for the general parish on 12/11.

Principal Report: Sister Marie Michelle

- Sister wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Blue Ribbon Trip to DC went well, with the NCAA having a reception. 340 schools, 37 were Catholic, and State had 16, 9 Catholic, and 6 in Chicago Archdiocese. Chicago most awarded district across the country. Sister to receive pictures and will add to our display case from the official ceremony.
- First Trimester is over, and High School testing begins. We have to keep the children focused on their studies in the next 4 weeks!
- Tax Credit is being clarified, most directly affecting low income families.
- Advent Reconciliation on the 12/18.
- St. Thomas Canterbury is our sharing parish for the annual Toy Collection.

- We will not be able to apply for the Blue Ribbon status for another 5 years, but we will also continue to track to maintain our trajectory and not rest on our laurels. The scoring criteria is stiff competition – have to be in the Top 15%. Have to completely reapply in 2022 – it is not a ‘renewal’ type of application.

Treasurer’s Report: Kristin Mazanowski

Starting Balance as of 8/28/17: \$3,414

Current Balance as of 11/27/17: \$12,505

Activity During the Period

Balance as of October 30, 2017	\$16,068
Big Red Raffle Ticket Sales (less Paypal fees)	\$443
BRA – Gaming Night Truck Rental	(\$800)
BRA – Homecoming VIP prize costs	(62)
SEPO- Fun Fair volunteer lunch & raffle prize	(\$417)
Yankee Candle Cost	(\$2,978)
Big Red Run Donation from i9 Sports	\$250
Misc: Interest	\$1
Balance as of November 27, 2017	\$12,505

Communication Report: Krista Dustin

- Krista will be auditing the website based on Kim’s Marketing info and our finalized communications material prior to Discovery Sunday being held in January.
- School Board Minutes will be posted on the website.

Marketing Report: Kim Danahy

- On our recent November Tour Tuesday – 8 families came through. 12/12/17 will be the next Tour Tuesday and we need assistance if anyone can come support!

Finance Report: Ken Karbowski

- Some families have paid the lunchroom fee; however, we don’t anticipate we will see more traction before next year. Outstanding fees will be revisited in January.

Fundraising Report: Jeff Eichhorn

- 2018 Entertainment Book: thanks to Cindy R, Krista and Jeff for getting it the books and sales materials out as quickly as possible. 1books have been sold online so far. Sale ends on 12/4/17, and final numbers/book are due 12/11/17. Our check is due by 12/23/17 to Entertainment Books. Keep pushing sales through Room Reps. We can offer a Sale Table at Breakfast with Santa where students can get credit hours.

New Business:

- Meagan commended Krista on her efforts to build the relationship between the School and Parish relationship (for instance through Hospitality Sunday). What can we do to continue creating the connection? Family-focused parish events such as Harvest Bash seem to be better attended but Adult Only parish events such as Late Night Catechism do not seem to be as well attended.
- Father explained that they have been learning about the tax credit scholarship workshops. When individuals are paying their IL State Taxes, they can specify that 75% can be directed to a SGO Scholarship Granting Organization – I.e. a particular Catholic School or in general, the Archdiocese of Chicago. Parents who are eligible (primarily lower level income families which is based on the criteria of HH income and number of children in the HH) can then apply to SGO and receive a “scholarship” from a single SGO for eligible costs.
- “Amahl and the Night Visitors” is being held on 12/9 at 7:30 pm at the church. It is a family opera in one act.
- Meagan offered our closing prayer.
- Our next meeting will be on 1/29/18.