



## ST. LAWRENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES from September 12, 2016

The St. Lawrence School Advisory Council met on September 12, 2016 at 6pm. Members present were Kate Capp, Nancy Kruger, Rondi Scoular and Jason Street. Absent member was Sandra Fonder. Guests were Brenda Anderson, Fr. Gary DeRouchey, Darby Helms and Susie Wendland.

The meeting was called to order by Jason and opened with prayer. The agenda was reviewed with three items added – to the old business the recycling semi and an update on the alumni appeal; to new business job descriptions/moral clause. Nancy made a motion to accept the minutes from the May meeting, Kate seconded the motion. Motion passed

Rondi Scoular is a new member to the board, replacing Angie Weber whose term expired. Officers will remain the same.

### **PRINCIPAL REPORT**

The current registration for St. Lawrence pre-school through 6th grade is 127; broken down by class: pre-34, K-14, 1st-13, 2nd-15, 3rd-10, 4th-13, 5th-17 and 6th-11.

We received \$10,250 from the Kremer Foundation, which has been split among 11 students. Three families applied for the Knights of Columbus Scholarships, which we have not heard about. Two students received \$750 each as scholarship from the Presentation Sisters.

Two new staff members have been welcomed. Elizabeth (Liz) Schulte is the new music teacher, and is teaching Monday-Thursday mornings, plus playing for Mass on Friday morning. Cheryl Schweer is the new janitor and is currently working 8:30am-2pm & 3-6pm.

Tickets for "The Conundrum on the Crackerjack Cruise" are available. You may purchase individual tickets or a table of 8, as in the past. The dinner theater cast has started practice.

Overall, school is going well.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

34 additional Chromebooks were purchased this summer. This allows each class in grades 3-6 to have a set in their classroom, and gives us two extra for the 2nd grade room. We will need to look at purchasing a few more next year as the class sizes increase.

Julie Landmark has been working on a letter to mail to alumni. It should be ready to go out in October.

Concerned about the amount of recycling ending up in Fr. Gary's garage due to having a full semi was discussed. Ken Vanorny is checking on getting a second empty to have in town, so when first semi is full it can be replaced more promptly.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Fish House raffle ticket sales are almost over. It is believed about a handful of tickets remain to be sold. The hitch will probably need to be replaced due to the Lion's Bus backing into it. Also, it has been recommended to have the serial number stamped into the black "tongue", as it is currently on the hitch and the hitch could easily be replaced.

Under the guidance of Susie Wendland, a Student Council has been formed at St. Lawrence School. First meeting was held the first week of September. The president will come from 6th grade, with the vice-president from 5th grade. The council will be using the bulletin board across from the school office to keep the students and staff updated on happenings. The council will meet on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month during lunch and noon recess. They are currently collecting ideas for things to do. The reps will change at semester, except for kindergarten and 1st grade which will change each quarter.

Fr. Gary brought to the council's attention new guidelines from the diocese regarding job descriptions and inclusive of a moral clause. Due to new labor laws, some of our salaried employees will be changed to hourly; these include janitors, maintenance, and office employees. Principal and teachers will remain salaried. The moral clause now needs to include all social media and the posting of anything against the teachings of the Catholic Church. If anything is found to be posted, this is reason for removal from position.

The next meeting will be October 10 at **6:15pm**. Kate motioned for adjournment, seconded by Nancy. Motion passed. Fr. Gary sent us forward with a bless.

*Respectfully submitted.*

*Darby Helms*

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