



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES from December 3, 2012

The St. Lawrence School Board met on December 3rd, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Members in attendance were Laurie Batchelor, Kate Capp, Todd Thyne and Angie Weber. Also attending were Mrs. Monson and Fr. Gary DeRouchey (Father arrived late due to prayer service). Kevin Cantine and Mary Lee Trapp were absent.

The November board meeting minutes were read and Angie made a motion to approve the minutes. Todd seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Sherry Monson gave the Principal's report (see attachment).

Old Business

The Christmas greenery picked up was good. There were a few items left over that were extras, but no cost to the school.

The board asked Mrs. Monson if she knew of any teachers would be retiring after the 2012/2013 school year. She reported that Mrs. Dockter will probably retire after the current school year. Mrs. Trapp and Mrs. Weissenfluh are possibilities, but neither has announced any definite retirement plans. The board decided to table the teacher compensation until a later date, when a current budget is available.

Discussion was held on who would be a good person or group to meet with young families of the parish to help promote a bond with the parish and school. A suggestion was made to speak to a couple of St. Lawrence parents who are also involved in the Parenting Exception Children group to see if they would be interested in doing this since they are already involved with families.

New Business

There are no janitors at the school after 2:00 p.m. Currently the janitor is starting at 5:30 a.m. Mrs. Monson reported that the teachers are the ones having to clean up after sick children in the afternoon. This is creating a problem because the teacher must see that the sick child is cared for, clean up, and supervise the other children at the same time. Mrs. Monson and the teachers would like to have a janitor available while the children are in school. A recommendation was made by the board to have the janitor work from 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Monson is going to find out if there is any interest and financial support for creating a tuition scholarship foundation. This would be separate from the Gala and the school foundation. Mrs. Monson will put the information in the bulletin and school newsletter. A recommendation was made to ask the L.I.F.E group to make an initial donation to get the fund started.

The Gala committee had their first meeting. The Gala is set for April 26th, 2013 at Shady Beach. "Disney" is the current theme. Kim Eisenshenk and Dena Vanlith are the chairpersons for the upcoming gala. One year of free tuition will be offered on the mother board instead of a computer as in the past.

St. Lawrence will be having a booth again at the 2013 Farm & Home show. Mrs. Monson requested that the school be on the main level instead of upstairs. The check has been sent for the booth fee.

Angie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laurie seconded the motion. The motion failed to pass.

Fr. Gary arrived at the meeting. Fr. Gary reported that he and the finance committee had meet. Based on the proposed budget, Fr. Gary recommended a \$50 tuition increase for the 2013/2014 school year. He also reported that the projected parish/school funding ratio for 2013/2014 is 54% parish and 46% school. The school board was pleased to hear of the funding ratio improvement. The board also felt the \$50 tuition increase was reasonable. The proposed budget may change due to the uncertainty of health care and moral issues caused by the Obama health care plan.

Angie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laurie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Capp, Secretary

