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Minutes
School Board Meeting
February 9, 2015
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The meeting was called to order at 7:05.

Present were: Jill Caldwell (chair), Michael Sheridan, Mark Smillie, Paul Szczepaniak, Christine Szpilka, Donna Weiner, Fr. Bart Tolleson, Donna Smillie (Principal, Non-Voting)

Absent: no one

OPENING PRAYER: *Donna W.*

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES January 12, 2015 minutes were approved as distributed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Two items were added

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: SUBMITTED FEBRUARY 9, 2015

20th Anniversary: We have begun to advertise the school's 20th anniversary and have asked for parents to help Dr. Smillie who is spearheading the committee.

Homework Club: Students in grades 4-12 who need extra help with homework are invited to come to Homework Club, four days a week from 3:00-4:15 p.m. Mr. Greaney is able to help students with Mathematics, Algebra, Science and Writing. About 8 students regularly attend.

VIRTUS: At this point all of our teachers and volunteers have complied with VIRTUS training requirements.

New Student Interviews: I am interviewing families to enroll at the school. At this point we have 15 possible new kindergarten students which is great.

Big Sky Fit Kids: The school received a \$1000 grant from Big Sky Fit Kids! Part of the requirement is that we have an afterschool fitness program for grade 4-7. Molly LaChere is organizing these two days a week until the start of May.

Vigilante Soccer: The School is looking for a parent or teacher who would like to be on the Vigilante Board. In order to have a team on the Vigilante league we must have representation on the board.

Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Substance abuse poster contest. Posters are due March 6.

Spelling Bee: Grades 5-8 will participate in the St. Andrew Spelling Bee on Thursday, February 12th at 1:00 p.m. in the gym. Each class will send three students plus an alternate. The winner will compete in the County Spelling Bee.

Roman Catholic Challenge: St. Andrew School will be host an RCC competition for 5th through 8th graders Saturday, March 28, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. At this time we have one other school participating. The students are practicing Monday and Thursday after school.

Auction Report:

- **Corporate Sponsors:** At this point we are pretty much set.
- **New Lighting:** I hired Cloninger Electric to put new lighting in the gym for the Corporate Sponsor Area. It is really bright in that corner now.
- **Procurement:** Since we had no one step up to do procurement this year, I took it on by finding the live auction items and requesting help from the teachers and a few parents for specific types of things. It went much better than I imagined it would. I am pleased with the number and quality of items that we have. Organization of all of these has been difficult for the two ladies in inventory who are new to the school and have never been to our auction. Nonetheless, they are working long and hard to get the work done.
- **Booklet:** Mark is formatting the booklet. Kihana, Deidre and I inputted all the items in QuickBooks this weekend and sent him the excel files. It should be ready by tomorrow or Wednesday and I will send you a copy.
- **Website and Facebook:** Mark and Rachel Mattern have been changing the website and Facebook pictures for the auction to keep everything fresh. We are getting a lot of hits on these sites.
- **Publicity:** Mike Garcia and Marli Taylor have quite a few reader boards up around town. A few stations have our commercials.
- **Registration:** We still have 100 or more seats to fill, so keep asking your friends and relatives to come!

Here is how we stand YTD as compared to last year:

	2014	2015
Dinner Tickets	\$ 2,500	\$4,850
Raffle Tickets	\$7,450	\$9,440
Corporate Sponsors	\$18,750	\$22,250
Other Donations	\$2,480	\$3,320

Question about any feedback from new medication policy. There was no yet, but the policy does not go into effect until Fall, 2015, It will be included in the new enrollment materials to be distributed soon.

BUDGET REPORT

distributed to all

OLD BUSINESS

Accreditation follow-up: tabled until after the auction

Principal Evaluation: ongoing. Will be finished in April

New Board Members: tabled until May meeting

Committee for 20th anniversary celebration: Mark informed Board that he had three confirmed members and was looking for at least two more. They haven't been able to meet and will most likely meet after the auction. He has some ideas

Auction Update: covered in the Principle's Report

Handbook Discussion: Board Handbook will be resent to everyone. Tabled until next meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Moving the School Start Time to 8:15a.m.: After a brief discussion about this possibility, it was decided not to pursue this further.

Discussion with respect to a future letter to the Bishop. It was decided at a future meeting to review the history and created a consensus letter about what St. Andrew would like from the diocese.

Family matter: Deleted

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting is March 23, then April 20.

The call for a soccer representative on the Vigilante board will be published in the newsletter tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: March 23, 2015 at 7 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Mark Smillie**