

**JACS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 20, 2019**  
**5:30 pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Michael Teeter, President/St. Mary's Parish Representative  
Michael LaFerla, Vice-President/St. Mary's Parish Representative  
Sister Joan Schwager, Sisters of Mercy Representative  
Georgiana McGriff, System Director  
Fr. Joe Weidenbenner, Pastor St. Mary's Parish  
Patricia Moore, Treasurer; Building & Grounds/St. Peter's Parish Representative  
Mary Jones, Sacred Heart Parish Representative  
Lyndee Staab, Sacred Heart Parish Representative  
Roanna Rose, St. Peter's Parish Representative  
Emily Yoakam, Principal St. Peter's/McAuley  
Joanne Lown, Principal St. Mary's  
Kathy Patton, Secretary

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Fr. Chaz Dunn, Associate Pastor St. Peter's  
Fr. J. Friedel, Pastor St. Peter's/Sacred Heart  
Renee Motazedji, Finance Committee

Michael Teeter, President, called the meeting to order.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Several

**OPENING PRAYER:** Michael Teeter

Michael LaFerla made the motion to approve the October 16, 2019 Board Minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Patricia Moore. Motion passed.

**PRINCIPAL/DIRECTOR REPORTS:** In addition to the reports available online:

**Joanne Lown – St. Mary's Elementary:**

- The new LED lights at St. Mary's Elementary School have made a remarkable change. Everything seems so crisp and bright. Mike Fox has done a tremendous job.
- You should notice on the current enrollment that we have combined two 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes. Brandy Lawson is now the lead teacher and James Sigler is the aide in the classroom.
- Sister Joan reminded Mrs. Lown that December 12<sup>th</sup> is a big Feast Day for the Hispanic families.

**Emily Yoakam- St. Peter's:**

- We have found a new way to communicate with parents. Parents can now access the communicator from their phones or computers. This is happening through Google Doc and has made a big difference in communication. St. Peter's students will still receive a printed copy of the communicator each week.
- St. Peter's lost a student this month. Hopefully we will have a new 6<sup>th</sup> grader enrolling at the new semester. She has a brother that has enrolled and is in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Emily Yoakam – McAuley:**

- The new school cafeteria lunches are going great. Its just like one big dinner table. The staff are sharing recipes and students are able to get more food and better choices. For example, on

- Chick-fil-a day we are serving 70-75 students. When we cook in house, we are serving 90-91 students. They can go back for seconds. Our Pancake Day has been awesome. The seniors are also learning to cook and are a great help.
  - Lyndee reminded Emily about cheese and possibly butter being donated.
  - Twenty-five students left after school today for NCYC Student Conference. The remaining students will have class and will keep on learning.
  - Hedi Gardner was the MC at the "Winter Bash". Everyone had a great time.
  - January 31<sup>st</sup> is Basketball Homecoming. Trying to tie it into Catholic Schools Week. They are throwing around the idea of having a "Friends" theme.
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- Emily reported that Abi Street, Freshman, qualified for state in cross-country and finished 60 out of 144. She did a great job.
  - The biggest issue with Athletics right now is attracting more female athletics to help fill sporting programs. There are only seven girls on the basketball team, and they are all 8<sup>th</sup> graders. (Zero 7<sup>th</sup> graders).

\*Sister Joan asked that Emily look over the list of teachers on the report and list additional teaching duties.

#### **Georgiana McGriff – Director:**

- The monthly meeting for Strategic Planning was held November 13<sup>th</sup>. The meetings are going well, and Marjorie Comer is doing an excellent job as the project coordinator. We had approximately 100 people in attendance and lots of talking and planning.
- We are constantly working on enrollment and trying to improve on ways to attract more students and to keep the ones we currently have.
- Patricia Moore complimented Joanne about the new fence at St. Mary's Elementary School. Joanne explained that the fence had a gate with a panic bar. The gate had to be custom made and was very expensive, but we felt was necessary to insure safety for the staff and students.

#### **Technology – Doretta Fox**

Georgiana reported for Doretta.

- Technology is ongoing and Doretta is constantly improving our technology issues and is very good at communicating with staff.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **Buildings and Grounds:**

- The weight room is nearly completion. Talking with Jeff about putting sensor lights in the weight room.
- Georgiana has requested a bid from JoplinMO for installing a fence and gate in the alley between St. Peter's and McAuley. Also, we need a bid for repairing the wall on the south side of St. Peter's and for all the curbs.
- It was suggested to take out the grassy areas between the sidewalks and streets. This would eliminate some mowing and provide a wider walking/running area. We will apply for the TAP grant next fall when it becomes available.
- Hope to have finished installing the new LED lights by December, so that the forms can be completed, and the rebate information turned in. The amount of rebate should be around \$17,000. Georgiana will talk with Mike to see if he needs help to wrap up the job in December.
- Georgiana is looking for someone to install a new electrical box to plug the buses into when the buses are not being used.

- After checking out safety issues, students and staff have resumed helping at Outreach House. We feel good about this and students must have signed permissions slips from their parents to participate.
- Connector: I received new drawings from Kyle Denham yesterday afternoon. Jeff Neal will give us a bid and hopefully will have before the December meeting.

**Financials:**

- In Renee's absent, Kathy reported on financials.
- We are over on building improvements and maintenance, due to the LED lighting. This line item will change when we receive our rebate for the lights.
- The minimum wage will increase 85 cents on January 1<sup>st</sup> from \$8.60 to \$9.45, which is a 9.88% increase. This will affect all our aides and some janitorial staff. This increase has been accounted for in our budget this year. The 85-cent increase began in 2019 and will continue at that rate each year until 2023 when it gets to \$12 an hour. After that it will increase each year according to the Consumer Price Index.
- Discussion was held concerning the new Labor Law that will go into effect in January. It was stated that we need better communication when it comes to employee pay.

Michael Laferla made the motion to approve the October Financial reports as presented. Motion was seconded by Patricia Moore. Motion passed.

**Grants:**

- "May God Bless our Grant ladies". Chris and Jeanette met with Bishop Rice, Gene Aug, and Jan Smith on October 29 and they were given several ideas about funding sources for JACS.

**Counselor:**

- Deb Hamilton, JACS School Counselor, is doing a meticulous and great job for the JACS system. She is assisting students in academic, social/emotional and spiritual development. We are very blessed to have Deb with us.

**Marketing:**

- The Annual Appeal is off to a good start. As of today, \$24,000 has been collected.
- The Auction date has been set for April 25, 2020. It will be held at the Leggett and Platt Athletic Center at MSSU. Missouri Southern will set up and tear down tables and chairs. We can get in to start decorating on Friday at 3:00 p.m. The theme has been set "Roaring Twenties". Marjorie and Georgiana will co-chair the Auction with several committees helping them.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Georgiana, Renee', Michael LaFerla and Jan Smith have been working on revising the Constitution and Bylaws. Georgiana passed out copies for the board to review and will make corrections. They will be ready for approval at the December board meeting.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Fr. Joe led the closing prayer.

**Next Meeting: December 18th at 5:30 p.m.**