

JACS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 18, 2019
5:30 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Michael Teeter, President/St. Mary's Parish Representative
Fr. J. Friedel, Pastor St. Peter's/Sacred Heart

Michael LaFerla, Vice-President, called the meeting to order.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Several

OPENING PRAYER: Fr. Joe

Fr. Joe made the motion to approve the August 28, 2019 Board Minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Fr. Chaz. Motion passed.

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

Joanne Lown – St. Mary's Elementary:

- The Early Childhood program is really growing. Carrie Cavitt and her staff are doing a phenomenal job. We are still expecting a few new students and will soon have to cap the classes.
- The elementary is building excitement this year and just trying to make sure the staff is feeling good and appreciated.
- A reminder that the Home & School Fall Festival is Saturday, September 21. Jennifer Longnecker oversees the event has been working non-stop for our school community. This event will benefit St. Mary's playground improvements.

Emily Yoakam- St. Peter's:

- Due to personal reasons, Lorie Phillips has resigned immediately or until the position has been filled. Greg Kissel will be a long-term sub for that position until a permanent replacement is found.
- Blackbaud is up and running. Now working on loading 2nd quarter schedules and teachers imputing grades. Parents can access the parent portal. There was a small glitch at St. Peter's, where grades weren't showing up, but working on getting that fixed.

Emily Yoakam-McAuley:

- Continued construction is under way on the new weight room. The stage is completely out and the blue door on the outside of building is no longer in use.
- The Fall Sports Preview was held September 13. Introduction of all fall athletes was held, followed by a cookout in the McAuley Garden.
- We had a great time surprising Sister Joan for her 50th Jubilee. We are truly blessed to have her with us.
- Ozark 7 Professional Development day is September 27. All teachers and administrators will attend. We have several teachers that will be participating. This is the first time JACS will be presenting and we are all excited.

Georgiana McGriff:

- The bus route has been reinstated. Our bus driver "Billy" is back, and the students are pleased. We had considered charging students for riding, but Renee' worked her magic and fit it into the budget. If needed, a donor will step up to help cover the cost.
- We have a dedicated Administrative team with Sister Joan, Emily Yoakam, Joanne Lown and Tosha Fox. They go beyond and above. I would like to commend them for making our schools phenomenal.

Technology – Doretta Fox

- We are now a Google School. It is wonderful and a free tool – Cloud based experience. We have google classroom for teachers and will work with Blackbaud.
- I attended a Code.org workshop in Springfield. This is a free resource and will assist us in getting computer science to our students.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Buildings and Grounds:

- We have been blessed to have been given donated funds to lay sod in front of St. Peter's School and we are looking into an awning covering from St. Peter's Middle School to the gym entrance.
- Brett, from Joplin Fire Protection met with Emily and Renee' to discuss security cameras and keyless entries. The bid came in at \$33,000.
- We will no longer be able to take students to Out Reach, because of an incident that happened earlier on Monday. We must do everything possible to keep students safe.
- Erin Gooch talked with Emily about getting 2-way radios.
- Door to basement should be locked but can't because of possible tornadoes and the need to take shelter. Will check into the door situation.
- Need to visit with Jeff about double doors by the gym. Will meet with the grounds committee.
- The alarm system is still not working. Will talk with TEC and Joplin Fire Protection.
- The new phone system had a few minor glitches, due to not having enough bandwidth, but is up and running good now. St. Mary's Elementary and Church will be added later. Joanne asked that the fax at St. Mary's be left as is, instead of by faxing via email.

Finance:

- Jeff Moore, our accountant, helped with finalizing the budget.
- The Auction appropriated for the LED lights and the new school bus.
- Joanne asked that a custodian be provided for the elementary school. Georgiana asked that Fr. Joe and Joanne talk and come up with a plan and then it would be taken to the Finance Committee.

Fr. Chaz made the motion to approve the 19-20 Joplin Area Catholic School Budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Lyndee Staab. Motion passed.

Fr. Chaz made the motion to approve the Financial Reports as presented. Motion was seconded by Roanna Rose. Motion passed.

Kathy will check with SMB again as to why the bank charges.

- Sister Joan reported that the MEAN Grant should be closed out. Renee' also noted that the building equipment line item will be broken out to be more specific on the budget. Doretta asked that we have a plan for a rotation for all curriculum and technology.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Georgiana passed out board policy books. Board members were asked to review constitution and bylaws for the next meeting.
- Also, noted that the March meeting will be the 25th, because of Spring Break the previous week.

CLOSING PRAYER: Sister Joan led the closing prayer.

Next Meeting: October 16th at 5:30 p.m.