

## **Queen of the Rosary School Board**

### **February 14, 2023**

**Attending:** Kathy McGinn, Father Dan Folwaczny, RJ Gomez, Robyn Axberg, Dana Arciniegas, Tim Francl, Shane Boyle, Kari Gbur, Peter Meister, Cheri Cage, Peter Kokenes

Absent: Brian Foley

Guests: None

**Time:** 7:08 p.m.

#### **Welcome**

- Opening Prayer – Fr. Dan

#### **Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes from December 6, 2022 meeting (with corrections) were approved unanimously.

#### **Administrator's Summary Report (Ms. McGinn)**

- See attached report
- EANS reallocation grant for \$81,400 – lots of restrictions and need lots of documentation, can use for covid-related items. 600 schools received funds, based on enrollment. Work on wording to ensure we can spend all the funds. Maybe social studies materials.
- Grants – lots of companies moving to grants versus donations. Need to look and create a plan. Caseys (for example) has grant like Rivers. Maybe look into developing calendar and creating list. Maybe do Rivers again.
- Enrollment: a few tours coming up (preK / Kindergarten) plus another 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Park district open house is next week (for PreK) and Schaumburg is coming up. Ridge is going to calendar year (which might help us). Kindergarten numbers are looking good – mostly new registrations (not conversions from Pre-K). 193 is generally on track with where we were trending in prior years.
- Consider marketing (for those families that are interested, but aren't starting pre-K yet – maybe waiting an extra year) – something to send along to build relationship. Something for the marketing committee to discuss later (Fr. Dan).
- Expense of \$20K in Oct. / Nov as maintenance – should be for parish (not for school). Will be corrected). Fundraising number (have expenses for gala). Tricky for empower scholarship (need to pull out fundraising). Makes us look behind on fundraising. Work through accounting on that. Maybe shouldn't be characterized as fee. Keep in mind for next year's tuition meeting. Also, salaries and healthcare costs are higher than expected.
- See fundraising totals in separate reports.

#### **Marketing**

- Pre-school. Consider setting meeting for marketing committee. Need to focus on what we can do. Review calendars to set a date. Someone in the parish works as marketing director for another school – there are people who can help.

#### **Gala & Parent Club Update (Dana)**

- See update re: gala.
- Gala – March 4 at Chandlers.
  - o Numbers are up – 184 people confirmed. There are more to come (ie: teachers). Should be close to 200 as prior years (200-210 is pretty perfect)
  - o Donations are down. Companies are making it harder to get – need to go through corporate offices.

- o Consider for next year – how we can do online to purchase tickets.
- Parent Club Update: See attached report
  - o Working on engagement and freshening events.
  - o Overall: find a way to get folks to come and help! Not just coming to events, but helping, volunteering, etc. Margarita / tacos helped for attendance at last parent club meeting.
  - o Next year – move to require volunteer hours will help as well. Looking to have a parent volunteer for each classroom.

#### Mission Effectiveness: (Robyn, Peter, Ms. McGinn)

- Easter Egg Hunt – lots of discussion.
  - o Aiming at April 1 after Religious Education?
  - o Seek donations / consider large prize (like bicycle). Maybe partner with other parish groups for visibility.
  - o Original idea was for Pre-K event -- some interest in going older – up to 4th or even 6th grade.
  - o Use sign up genius – folks will donate eggs, etc.
  - o Probably rain or shine event. Will do hunts by age group. Could use playground or block off area in the grass.
- FMSC – through marriage committee, add as Lenten project / spring break. Work with Mary Ellen to set up sign up genius. Have 30 slots. 3/29 at 4:30 (try to get working parents to be able to come). Peter will send write up.
- Stations – 2/24 – Bishop Grob will be in attendance, good to have school board members, possible to have other groups in attendance. Parent club is doing dinner; Chris Nagle to be speaker. Altar servers to walk with candles. Young adult ministry reached out too.
- Yearend board party – in connection with last meeting. Go to restaurant or bar or have at someone's house.

#### Boosters (Cheri)

- See attached Report
- 18 of 22 sponsored chairs
- Have bleachers coming – have large sponsor.
- Banners (with strengths) – dressing up the gym.
- T-shirts – Have lots left. (Give out at spaghetti dinner or at easter egg hunt?)
- Volleyball evening – April 14 in the gym
- Track – a - thon coming -- May 19. May conflict with baseball (TBD)
- Bingo – June 9 (Friday). Maybe 10 baskets or so. After gala – do a Bingo planning meeting. Need liquor license (for bar) or maybe do BYOB.

#### Chairperson Report (RJ)

- Board Recruitment – promote – start floating in March, more aggressive in April.
  - o Check to see who is stepping down.
  - o RJ stepping down, Kari stepping down, Cheri to fill spot Kari's spot.
  - o Start thinking about potential recruits – Jon or Laurie Oddo, Mark's mom (Jennifer Smith)

#### Pastor Comments (Fr. Dan)

- Communications: make sure all school families are on the parish newsletter. Should be coming if it hasn't already.
- Grateful for testimonials during catholic school weeks. Some good feedback to see them at church and speak.
- Difficult – things taking over Sunday morning. Need to be part of cultural shift to avoid scheduling on Sunday mornings. Figure out how to get people there. Focus on getting families to mass.
- Really great to see 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team at 8 AM mass – Fr. Very thankful to see that event / turnout, etc.
- Eucharistic revival is on the forefront of catholic minds. 25-30% mass attendance. Lenten mission – March 20-22 – will be focusing on eucharist. Looking for connection to eucharist / mass. Will include adoration. Will have confession for parish. Wednesday will be teaching mass. Followed by

fellowship. Springboard into Eucharistic revival starting with Corpus Christi and goes through congress the following year.

- Ash Wednesday – lots of opportunity for ashes. Can include school families, but generally will be school. Lots of masses / services and opportunities. Will be Tasty Catering with drive-up opportunity (11-1) during business park lunch time.
- Lent – some sort of almsgiving – will focus on Catholic Charities asylum seekers / refugees. Goal to raise \$10K for parish as a whole. Adopt / sponsor a family. Looking into particular aid as a result of earthquake in Turkey.
- Lent – across arch – being invited to participate in survey – disciple maker index. This is offered every 3 years or so – to help understand spiritual needs.
- Thinking about Holy Week (especially Triduum) – no parish events, meetings, etc. really focus on celebrations and masses.
- Schedule to come on website and passed out at Ash Wednesday.
- End of March – IL attorney general to release final report on sexual abuse in archdiocese in state of Illinois. Not sure exact timing. Have had several of these. Acknowledge past and potential present. Past handling by church was not sufficient. Church hangs head in shame and ask for forgiveness from victims / families. Lots of movement in last 30 years in terms of safeguards and systems. Doesn't solve issue, but helps to identify issues and not hide things. Kids and vulnerable adults. All welcome to meet with Fr. Dan with questions or needing support or otherwise.
- Final comments (RJ)
  - o congrats to 7th grade boys basketball team and coach Kokenes. They put the work in, worked hard, first championship.
  - o Next time – discuss outdated banner in gym

Adjourn – 9:18

Next meeting: April 11

Follow up needed prior to next meeting:

- Schedule Marketing Committee meeting
- Post-gala – will do Bingo planning meeting
- Checking out track-a-thon dates