

Catholic Community Education Commission
Minutes of the Open Meeting May 18, 2006
Lake Michigan Catholic High School

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The meeting was called to order at 7:32p.m. by President Paul Maloney.

Kris Nuter gave the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Dave Boelke, Rusty Cutter, Bill Grover, Debra Hermann, Dolores Landeck Mason, Paul Maloney, Tony Monte, Kris Nuter, John Berlin, Jody Maher, Cindy Payovich, Wayne Stefanich, Monsignor Martin

Excused: Sheila Zellmer, Father Jacobs

Unexcused: None

The minutes of the April 25, 2006 meeting were approved as presented with a motion by Rusty Cutter and supported by Bill Grover.

Reports

President-Paul Maloney alerted the commission to a recommendation from the Finance Committee to move the regular meetings to the 4th Thursday of the month. This will allow more time for the Finance Committee to analyze month-end reports. The summer retreat is tentatively scheduled for August 3rd. Commissioners were reminded to check year-end gradation activity dates.

Finance Committee-Tony Monte reported that the '05-'06 budget is where it should be. The '06-'07 budget continues to be a work in progress as enrollment changes occur. John Berlin reported on an unexpected expense of \$ 7,500.00 to take care of an infestation of termites at the high school site.

Security and Safety Committee-No report.

Technology Committee-No report.

Parish Council and Parish Finance Reports

Ss. John-Bernard-No report.

St. Joseph-Monsignor Martin reported that Laurie Marshall has taken Ron Demblowski's position after his retirement. She is reviewing the current

curriculum. Monsignor Martin noted that progress is being made with student behavior at school masses. Next year's masses may go back to a split between the middle school and high school students. There is a need for the students to be more visible in the parish. The middle school and high school theology teachers may do more to get students involved with the parish. John Berlin noted that Marty Golob has brought in new music to help get students actively involved in the masses. Bringing the choir to the front of the church has also helped improve participation.

Administrator Reports

Executive Director/Principal-Tours continue for perspective families. Plans for year-end graduation programs are being finalized. Father Bill has generously paid for the sound system for the gymnasium for graduation ceremonies. Scheduling for next year's classes continues. Elective courses with low enrollment have been dropped. Currently, there are no teacher/office aids. The following teachers received a financial reward to be used at their discretion from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lahr: Nina Binger, Laurie Marszalec, and Laura Jasper-Stump. The awards were given to the teachers at student assemblies during National Teacher Appreciation Week. The teacher contracts from the Diocese have been changed to August to August contract dates. Prior to this, the contracts ran from August to June. Mr. Stefanich is heading a committee to review the uniform policy.

Elementary School-The 5th grade graduation will be May 31st at 5:30p.m. A student only dinner will follow the ceremony. The kindergarten graduation will be June 1st at 7:00pm. Jody publicly thanked Mrs. Nielsen and Mr. Stefanich for their transportation scheduling help for all of the year-end field trips. Daycare for half-days was well received and very successful. New carpeting will be put in the rooms this summer by Ron Clark, thanks to a very generous benefactor.

Business Office-Cindy Payovich reported that the cash flow for '05-'06 is fine. As budgeted, a portion of the Sink fund, currently at \$ 489,000.00, will need to be used in the near future. The current enrollment is down by about 60 students. Scene Auction had a profit of \$ 105,000.00 (\$ 75,000.00 was budgeted). The raffle brought in \$ 9,700.00 for tuition assistance. The Financial Aid Committee met and distributed \$ 150,000.00 in aid. Father Bill gave an additional \$ 45,000.00 to match aid given to Sts. John/Bernard families. More aid is still needed as applications continue to come in. Revenue for the Walk for Catholic Education was down by \$ 6,000.00. The walk will be scheduled for the Fall of the '06-'07 school year.

Assistant Principal/Athletic Director-Wayne Stefanich reported that participation of Seniors in sports was very good with many of them receiving four year plaques. A letter will be going to Countryside Academy to invite them into the Red Arrow Conference. They currently have the following sports: J.V.

Basketball, Golf, Wrestling, Track and Cross Country. LMC will continue to co-op with Countryside Academy for Football and Wrestling. The Dress Code Committee is reviewing the current dress code for the middle/high school.

Association Reports

Laker Fun-No report.

Blue Tide-No report.

New Business-Tony Monte inquired about the cancellation of any future Leelanau trips. It was noted that Ginny Grove and Helen Koch have been doing this for ten years and are ready for a change. Athletic schedules always made it difficult to plan for high school mentors. Meetings continue with the middle school staff to plan for something closer to home and something with Catholic teachings. Monsignor Martin suggested Camp Pretty Lake in Mattawan. A copy of a letter from Ed Meny, Youth Services Chair of the Kiwanis club of St. Joseph was received by the Commission.

The next regularly scheduled CCEC meeting will be Thursday, June 15, 2006 at 7:30p.m.

A motion was made by Tony Monte and supported by Bill Grover to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Paul Maloney.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Nowicki Theisen