

Catholic Community Education Commission
Minutes of the Open Meeting February 22, 2007
Lake Michigan Catholic High School

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30p.m. by President Paul Maloney.

Deb Hermann gave the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Excused: Monsignor Osborn, Father Jacobs

A spelling correction was made to the January 25, 2007 minutes in the President's report. The minutes of the January 25, 2007 meeting were approved with the above correction with a motion by Bill Grover and support by Rusty Cutter.

Reports

Jan Mathews and Mary Dudding appeared before the Commission to discuss the \$ 2,500.00 Best Buy grant that will be used for the Media Center and the Art Classes. Jan discussed how the grant applications incorporated art, technology and ethics regarding photographs and video editing. Mary Dudding explained the application of using some of the software that is available for the art program. Mary expressed her thanks to Jody Maher who continually supports efforts to expand programs and for Jan's determination to "go for anything".

Finance Committee-The 2007-2008 tuition rates were discussed. There was a motion by Tony Monte to make the increase tuition no more that 5%. No action taken.

Retention and Recruitment Committee-DeDe reported that billboards for Catholic Education will not be done this year.

Parish Council and Parish Finance Reports

Ss. John-Bernard-Father Jacobs sent a report that the new Ss. John-Bernard Community Center was dedicated last Sunday. The Center seats 300 for banquets and serves 450-500 people for programs. The Center was built due to the generous gift from Frank and Grace Sink.

St. Joseph-No report.

Administrator Reports

Executive Director/Principal-John Berlin reported on the accreditation process and the required self-study documents. The MME and ACT testing for Juniors was reviewed. John thanked the Commission for their support and understanding during the recent student expulsion. The Pastors and John have been reviewing a new religion series for the High School. Monsignor Osborn presented a great in-service for the Faculty which provided insight into the Sacred Scriptures. The current Middle School Math program and book were discussed. The CCEC Bylaws have been located and will be made available to Commission members. The new Diocesan Policy Manual is also available to all members. The Marketing Committee is focusing on parish and surrounding-parish children. Targeted mailings about the school will be going to these families. Recruitment weekends are scheduled for the third and fourth weekends of March. This will include messages on the value of Catholic education from the pulpit, Laker News & Notes focusing on

recruitment and the availability of school personnel after certain masses. Recruitment programs are planned for the surrounding parishes/schools. The Middle/High School will host the Lake Michigan Catholic 5th graders on March 1st and 2nd.

Elementary School-Jody Maher reviewed information about the upcoming Early Childhood Open House on March 26th. MEAP scores have been distributed to parents and information on comparisons to local district scores will be posted on the LMC Laker Website.

Business Office-Cindy Payovich reported that the TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program) will be retained to encourage the recruitment of new families by current families. Registration packets will be available to go out to current families on March 9th with registration starting on March 19th. The April 20-21st SCENE Auction theme is "Anchored in Faith". A motion was made by Tony Monte and seconded by DeDe Landeck Mason to approve six \$ 500.00 tuition grants to be given as door prizes at the Auction. Motion carried. A motion was made by Kris Nuter and seconded by Deb Hermann to set tuition rates for 2007-08 at no more than a 5% increase and fees remaining the same as last year. Motion carried. Cindy also reported that the school is now debt-free thanks to the monies received from the Twin-City Area Catholic School Fund.

Assistant Principal/Athletic Director-Wayne Stefanich reported on the monthly Red Arrow Conference meeting. The Conference agreed to use three officials for both Boys and Girls Varsity Basketball games in the 2007-08 seasons. Both Volleyball and Boys Basketball are wrapping up their seasons with Districts and Regionals to follow. The MHSAA has not made a final decision on the gender equity suit. This continues to make future game scheduling very different. The RAC has agreed to invite Grace Christian of Watervliet into the conference.

Association Reports

Laker Fun-Michelle Armstrong reported on the Elementary Winterfest Activities and the upcoming Daddy/Daughter Dinner Dance on April 14th.

Blue Tide-Tony Monte reported for President Foley on the success of the Papa John Coupon Sales but noted that sales next year need more participation from all Athletic teams. The Blue Tide Golf Outing and Dinner are scheduled for Monday, August 6th. There will be a "tailgate" before the first Soccer and football games next fall.

New Business

Comments were made complimenting the Ground Hog Day Coffee House held at the Elementary School. The new event allowed both students and adults to mingle with each other and enjoy an evening of good music and "art".

A motion was made by DeDe Landeck Mason with support from Bill Grover to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned by Paul Maloney.

The next regularly scheduled CCEC meeting will be Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary