

**Good Shepherd Catholic School Council**  
**Good Shepherd Church Meeting Room, 6:00 PM**  
**Thursday, April 14, 2016**

**Call to Order**

Attendance:

School Council: Principal Judy VanHoosier, Father Zach, Brian Kessler, Sara Rogier, Brandee Schnarr, Dan Deeg, Beth Keck, Sue Kroupa, Chris Newkirk, Sara Brown, Beth Elpers, and Joanie Pohl. Mark Davis was absent.

**Prayer:** Father Zach opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the last meeting on March 10, 2016, were approved as written.

**REPORTS:**

**President's Report:** No report in Mark's absence.

**Pastor's Report:** Father Zach stated things were slowing down after Easter. The recent ordination to the diaconate of John Pfister and Jerry Pratt was a great experience. We will have a seminarian, Garrett, here at Good Shepherd for 5 weeks this summer. First Communion is April 24<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30AM mass. There will be a priest assembly at St. Meinrad the week after First Communion. There has been some money spent recently to update our audio/sound system in church. CPC is going pretty well.

**Principal's Report:** Judy reported that all required documents have been submitted to AdvancEd for accreditation. The second payment for Choice Scholarships has been received. IREAD3 results should be available on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Applications from Memorial seniors for the Mary F. Thomas Scholarship Achievement award have been received. This award will be presented at the MHS Awards Night in early May. Also, the 8<sup>th</sup> grader with the highest GPA will receive the Mary F. Thomas Scholastic Award at graduation. Grades 3-8 will use new Pearson math books next school year. K-2 will continue to use Saxon math. We will be using "Be My Disciple" religion textbooks next year for K-8 grades. Regarding the virtual babies, there are currently only 8 "workable" ones. We may need to look into getting new ones or at least getting new battery packs for the current ones. We will look into seeing if there are any grants available to buy new virtual babies and/or see if St. Mary's might fund them again.

Additional information can be found in Judy's complete written principal's report on file with these minutes.

**Preschool Report:** Beth reported that Lori Buttrum, Child Care Facilities Consultant for the Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning, made her initial visit to our Preschool on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We are in compliance in all areas but we will need to have all of our staff fingerprinted again with the results being sent to the FSSA. It was great news that our facility, playground and classrooms met all the necessary requirements. Our intergenerational event with the Over 50's group held on April 12 and 13 was cute and fun; activities included reading, crafts, puzzles, games, and playing with Play Doh. We hope to make this a recurring event. A question was raised as to whether the persons in the Over 50's group should go thru our child protective

services training in order to participate in that event. Annual bike day will be May 13<sup>th</sup>; the Celebration of Success event will be at 6pm on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Legislative Liaison:** Brandee Schnarr reported that the Indiana General Assembly concluded its 2016 legislative session in March. The INPEA (Indiana Non-Public Education Assn.) posted the legislative goals that were achieved during the sessions, including there was a significant increase in schools, families and individuals advocating for public policy, and House Bill 1005 was passed, which is a good thing for the Choice Scholarship Program. For the 2017-2018 school year, there will now be 2 application windows during the year instead of just 1.

The bill also added a tightening of security and more requirements for teacher and new employee background checks. Senate Bill 234 (a head and concussion injuries bill) will require coaches in graded 5-12 to attend a training session on player safety so they can recognize the signs and symptoms of a concussion. This will be effective July 2017. House Bill 1002 would create the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship (for future teachers), which should help with the teacher shortage. The ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) will replace the No Child Left Behind Act.

House Bill 1395 is an ISTEP matters bill which proposes the re-scoring of the 2015 ISTEP scores by a third party so that data can be used for baseline growth scores needed for accountability grades. It also addresses timelines for receiving ISTEP results in the future. A commission will be created to study the future of Indiana's testing process.

**Athletic Committee Report:** Dan Deeg reported the AC met on Monday of this week. New guidelines are being drawn up for coach's evaluations, team formations and expectations, and criteria for volunteers and coaches. After a few revisions, this should be completed by the next School Council meeting, and will be presented then. The AC's next meeting is May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Sign-ups for Fall sports will be going out soon. The AC has decided to raise the participation fee to \$35 (formerly \$25). This fee includes equipment and uniforms. The late sign-up fee will be increased to \$20, up from \$10. They are still trying to figure out how to "man" the concession stand at the basketball games that occur at the St. Theresa gym for next season.

Discussion was held regarding increasing the compensation for our Athletic Director from \$3400 to \$6800, which is double. This compensation comes out of the Athletic budget. Questions were raised as to what other schools pay their Athletic Director. It was decided that this topic will be reviewed and discussed by Judy and Father Zach before it is a done deal.

The Athletic Committee is not involved with the Archery teams, but Dan noted that Good Shepherd has the largest team of the east side feeder schools. It is a club sport, and Bill Daily is the head of the Archery Board. The teams are comprised of 27 middle schools kids and 20 elementary school kids. Dan just received word that our 2 archery teams made Nationals, which will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> in Louisville.

**PTO Report:** Beth Keck reported that the pick-up date for the flowers is April 27<sup>th</sup>; Donuts with Dads was last week; Muffins with Mom is May 12<sup>th</sup>; April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm will be their last meeting this school year. Back-to-school kits will be done again for next school year. As usual, PTO will provide start-up money to the teachers for classroom supplies. At the 4/28 meeting, PTO would like to get feedback from room moms on how to change things so the room moms aren't so overwhelmed with so many duties. They are still looking into having some sort of charity event that engages the older kids more, most likely around the Fall Carnival time.

Discussion was held as to when to have the cake walk and book fair: on Grandparents Day or in conjunction with the Fall Carnival.

It was noted that the Daddy/Daughter Dance was NOT a PTO-endorsed event and it was not known that it was going to be a fund-raising event. A few parents organized it, and apparently they requested gift donations from various businesses. In the future, such events need to be approved by the principal and/or Father Zach.

**Parish Council Report:** Sara Brown reported that their last meeting was the end of March. Our CPC goal is \$268,000; pledges totaled \$130,000 as of the end of March. Parish Council approved a fundraising event for Beth Czukas to be held at St. Theresa cafeteria this coming weekend. There will be a special retirement open house for Mrs. VanHoosier in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 mass on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ideas for when/how to introduce Mrs. Girten as the new principal were discussed as well. Maybe introduce her during Teacher Appreciation week? A special Mass on the grass? Introduce her at the same time as Judy's retirement open house on 5/15? This will be decided upon soon.

**Finance Committee:** Sara Rogier reported that she missed the last meeting, but their next meeting is next week. At the prior meeting, the new computer server was approved; a possible capital campaign to raise money for redoing and adding on to the parking lot was discussed; the "Rejoice! Catholic Community Celebration" will be at the Ford Center on May 14<sup>th</sup> and details are in the bulletin. Because of this special Rejoice! Celebration, there will be no Saturday evening mass at Good Shepherd on 5/14.

**Tech Team Report:** Sue reported that the Tech Team met yesterday; they are working on the Mission and Vision statement of Technology at GS. They want to focus on the Parish as well, and not just the school. They are still working on possibly getting a Google Classroom trainer to come here. Apparently there are some online modules that can be studied and then persons can take a test to become Google certified. Google Classroom syncs up with Sycamore.

**ITEMS FOR DECISION** -- No items for decision at this meeting.

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

7 a) Enrollment 2016-2017. We are graduating a large group out of 8<sup>th</sup> grade this year, but we should stay at approximately the same level and enrollment is looking good. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade moving to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will most likely be full next year. Judy noted there are lots of new families coming thru, and SGO letters were sent out today.

7 b) Principal Transition. This topic was already discussed earlier in the meeting.

The Come Holy Spirit prayer was prayed at the end of the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 12, 2016, at 6PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanie Pohl, Secretary