

**Advisory School Board Meeting
Minutes-9/17/09**

Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm

All members in attendance (Msgr. Rob, Mr. McConnico, Mr. Neumeier, Mrs. Chapman, Mr. Der Manouel, Mr. Fanucchi, Mrs. Galang, Mrs. Hadden, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. McDougal)

1. Call to Order/Prayer from Msgr. Rob

2. Representation Reports

2.1 Church Report (Msgr. Rob Wenzinger)

General Information:

- a. Youth Ministry Program is going with over 60 members getting together on Tuesday nights. He encouraged the involvement of our Jr. High students in the group
- b. High School confirmation class has the first meeting on Sunday, September 20th.

Upcoming Events:

- a. Feast of Our Lady of Fatima is on October 10th. This will include a mass and procession around the playground area.
- b. Filipino-San Lorenzo Ruiz
- c. St. Agnes Carnival-September 26th
- d. Harvest of Hope (Catholic Charities Dinner)- September 26th
- e. Ministry Fair/School Carnival- The ministry fair will now combine with the school carnival on September 27th. This will allow parishioners to view all of the parish's ministries in one setting.

Parish Growth/Income

- a. The parish income continues to remain steady. The budget was approved for the next year and the parish continues to grow by five (5) families each week. There are over 5400 families in the parish at this time.

2.2 PTO Report (Tamara Chapman)

General Information:

- a. 2009-2010 PTO Board
President--Tamara Chapman; Vice President--Debbie DeMera Martin; Secretary-Allison Johnson; Treasurer--Gerrie Lenn Pimentel. Hospitality Committee---Kristin Fitzgerald, Felise Montes, Lisa Pizzo, Monique Markarian.
- b. PTO ---- An overview of PTO was presented to the parents. Including its role according to the bylaws, events, fundraising, support and contribution to the school and meeting format.

1. In summary of the bylaws: PTO---promotes our Catholic faith and values, brings our families together and works with our school staff to assure the best catholic education for our children.
- c. Spring Auction was May 16. PTO's first event in the Community Center Gym. It was an incredible and unforgettable evening. We are so grateful to the many generous people who contributed their time, talent and treasure to make it a great success. Some of the new things: the venue, \$10,000 raffle, event sponsors. The net income was approx \$174,000!
- d. New Family Ice Cream Social –Aug 20. Fun, informative evening to welcome our newcomers.

Upcoming Events:

- a. Carnival Sept 27---Deb Martin Chair. This year the Parish Ministries will join the Carnival. The theme: Join the Spirit. One week count-down! All is going well. Helpers and donations greatly appreciated!
- b. Golf Classic----Oct 23 at Brighton Country Club. Chairmen: Steve Orlando, Mike Fitzgerald, Rob Tookoian, Paul McDougal, Brian Fisher. Benefits Technology and Athletics. If you would like to golf and/or make a donation/sponsorship, call one of the chairs.

Next Meeting Oct 8----5:30 pm—location to be announced

2.3 Facilities Report (Zetta Hadden/ Tom Neumeier)

General Information:

- a. Social hall is complete and came in under budget
- b. The parish is now beginning the fundraising process for the remodel of the kitchen. The various groups within the parish that use the kitchen have been submitting ideas for the design of the kitchen.
- c. Msgr. Rob thanked the building committee for all of its work

2.4 Financial Report (Tom Neumeier)

General Information:

- a. Financial Packet will be distributed to all Advisory School Board members with agenda each month (If there are questions please call Mr. Neumeier)
- b. Enrollment is 615 students this school year. This is a drop of 2%; catholic schools in the area and state are experiencing ~20% drops on average.
- c. The school is financially stable
- d. Mr. Neumeier thanked the PTO for all of their hard work and noted that the organization contributed \$ 235,000 to the school last year. This help has allowed St. Anthony's School to maintain the lowest Catholic school tuition in Fresno and one of the lowest in

the Diocese while offering far more curricular and extra curricular activities than any other Catholic school.

2.5 Principal Report (Tim McConnico)

General Information:

- a. New Staff- We welcomed three (3) new staff members this year: Mrs. Kelly Sakugawa in 2nd grade, Miss Savonna Fansler in Kindergarten and Mrs. Helen Chuhlantseff as our new Reading Resource Teacher.
- b. Social Hall- The school is benefitting from the donations of our parents and the parish again with the beautiful remodel of the Social Hall. Please feel free to come to the dedication this Sunday.
- c. Swings Sets- The new swing set is getting plenty of use. It is currently for 4th graders and down as a way to control the numbers trying to use the swings. (The 4th graders do not have basketball courts after the first bell)...we might push the age back to 5th grade later. All students are allowed to use the swings as part of a class activity.
- d. Math Curriculum- The teachers and school are very excited about our new K-8 Math curriculum through Harcourt and Holt publishers. The books and materials are all state-adopted and the newest available. There are many manipulatives and technology extensions to be used and discovered. The staff attended a Math conference/in-service Monday with the publisher to learn how to fully utilize the materials. They will also attend day-long Math conferences in November and December.
- e. Spanish Elective- Our Jr. high students taking advanced Spanish Elective will now be using the same textbook that SJM uses in Spanish I. Students completing this class will have the ability to challenge the Spanish I test and move to Spanish II when entering High School at SJM or move to Spanish II at a public High School. In making these changes the beginning Spanish class is dedicated to preparing the students to move seamlessly into the Advanced Class.
- f. Italian classes- Italian classes are now being offered on campus Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3-4 pm. If you have any questions please feel free to stop by one of the classes or visit the school website.
- g. Hot lunch/Tuesday Packet- As we work through the online Tuesday packet changeover...we are identifying areas that will make it easier for all. The envelope will come home every Tuesday as way for you to return materials back to the school. Also, with Hot lunch you now have the ability to purchase the Thursday/Friday hot lunch for the month.
- h. Seminarian on Campus- The school welcomes Mr. Mark Maxon. Mr. Maxon is a new seminarian with the church and will be on campus in variety of roles. One goal is to help get more of our Jr. High students involved in the parish youth ministry program. Mr. Maxon will meet with the school staff on September 22nd to discuss his role here in the parish.

- i. Thank you- Above all thank you to all of the PTO with the organization of the school carnival, your donations and most of all for your love of the school.

3. New Business

- 3.1 Officers for the 2009-2010 School year:
President- Michael Der Manouel Jr.
Vice President- Kathryn McDougal
Secretary- Deb Martin
Treasurer- Tom Neumeier

Kathryn McDougal- report to Advisory School Board on Education Committee progress towards goals on research from the committee as requested from the Advisory School Board. Mrs. McDougal will be the representative at the Advisory School Board meetings for the 2009-2010 school year. Mrs. McDougal will work with Mrs. Swearingen to help find a person to help organize the meetings. The next scheduled meeting is September 30th.

- 3.2 The following documents were distributed to the Advisory School Board by Mr. McConnico:

The bylaws for the Advisory School Board
The 5 year plan for the school
Specific actions by the school towards the 5 year plan
WASC/WCEA progress report 2008-2009

- 3.3 Msgr Rob addressed the Advisory Board:

- a. Mr. Sexton, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, was unable to make the meeting and will join us at our next scheduled meeting to explain the function of the Advisory School Board
- b. Msgr. Rob explained the differences between the Advisory School Board and traditional Governing Boards. The St. Anthony's Advisory School Board serves in an advisory capacity only. The Advisory Board presents information and recommendations to the Pastor and Administration on topics concerning policies and long-range educational goals.
- c. The distributed bylaws are to be reviewed in preparation for the upcoming meeting with Mr. Sexton.

Closing Prayer- Msgr. Rob

Next Meeting October 15th at 6:00 pm in the St. Anthony's Catholic School Conference Room.

6. Meeting Adjourned 6:35 pm