

Ourdes Catholic School Advisory Board Meeting

6:00 P.M.

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING – IN PERSON (LIBRARY)

1. CALL TO ORDER

1. OPENING PRAYER (Fr. Jason) 6:02
1. WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS
1. ROLL CALL Girskis, Meier, Hanell, Wilkinson, Fernas, Morlock. Also in attendance - Fr. Dane, Fr. Jason, Mrs. Holmes, Mrs. Selden(virtual)
1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA Meier/Wilkinson

0. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PAST MEETING Meier/Fernas

0. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a. Mrs. Katie Selden - no change in enrollment. H&S family movie night coming up. Working on purchasing with grant money. New link on website for “lead” families - interested new families, is working. We’ve gotten 10 inquiries. Fr. Rich drafted a letter to SJV families who are worried about losing their preschool with the transition/blend to SJA. SCRA grant received to cover gap funds for the playground. Band and music class being covered by Jondle, Curoe and Kruck through Christmas. Long term sub will be shadowing Jondle next week. Long term sub will start after Xmas when he graduates and gets an official teaching license.

1. PASTOR’S NOTES

- a. Pastor (Fr. Jason) Bishop is taking on a strong leadership role. Might change the overall structure of paying for Catholic education, diocese-wide. Pull mortgage for SJA away from parishes. Change tuition model. Currently in a holding pattern, waiting for more information from the Bishop. A lot coming up for Advent - Next Monday confession/adoration/vespers. Two days in advent for 12 hours of confession - 12/12 7am-7pm and 12/17 7am-7pm at Ourdes. Immaculate Conception masses went well. We will have reconciliation again for a few remaining classes, next Monday, at school. Working on Catholic identity for SJA. This includes work on the appearance and layout of the chapel at the new school. How to use money wisely with statues and things. Working on what the connection between church and school will look like, next year. Children’s Word started on Sunday. A few hiccups, might not be every Sunday. Amy Steinke is taking the lead on that.

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Teacher Report - KOC have been in the building a lot - Keep Christ in Xmas poster contest and Free Throw Contest. St. Nicks’ Shop was last week. Teachers preparing for Christmas programs.
- b. Home and School Report - St. Nicks’ Shop reported \$5200 in sales, and hundreds of stocking stuffer gifts donated to local angel trees and Women’s Choice Center. Promoting SCRIP with classroom incentives. Movie night this Friday with MS concession sales for DC fundraising. CSW coming up with Family Bingo on 1/24. Starry Night on March 1st. Student raffle tickets coming out soon.
- c. St. Joan of Arc Construction Update - a lot of brick work happening because bricks can go in during cold weather. Chapel furnishings and layouts being discussed. Holmes: Will there be a Stations of the Cross IN the chapel? Fr. Dane: yes, and eventually one outside of the property as well.
- d. St. Joan of Arc Fundraising Update - numbers haven’t changed. Fr. Dane: Edward Jones rep. Came out for the lunch at Biaggi’s and basically explained how to get the biggest tax benefit while maximizing your giving.
- e. Scott County Catholic School (SCCS) Update - Andy continues to update us and we have dropped those documents into the shared drive. Father left early for an SCCS meeting and he will share updated information next time we meet.
- f. Athletic Director Report - NA
- g. Marketing Report - NA
- h. Faith Formation Report - NA

0. ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

0. ITEMS NEEDING DISCUSSION, BUT NOT NECESSARILY BOARD ACTION (OTHER BUSINESS)

- a. SJOA Family Contribution Packet – Waiting on direction from Bishop Walsh - Kris: is it possible that registration in February will get pushed back if we don’t have a tuition schedule by February? Fr. Dane: possibly, but this is diocese-wide, so it affects everyone.

0. PUBLIC COMMENT / OPEN FORUM

1. Kris: Can you explain what Fr. meant by the Bishop asked that we work on “removing the mortgage from the parishes? Brent: The Bishop doesn’t like the physical church buildings we used as collateral for the loan. Fr. Dane: it’s my understanding that some loans have the option to move the collateral to the pledges.

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3. Brent: we might need to schedule a meeting outside of our regular SAB meeting, after the Bishop puts out his directives about tuition, to meet with the loan funding group (Joe) to revise the parent packet and revise a new message.
0. CLOSED SESSION
0. CLOSING PRAYER [Fr. Dane 6:23](#)

BOE Meeting Schedule: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm (except as noted). Please note that with the planned move-in next summer we have decided to forgo the June meeting and meet in July to prepare.

2024

August 27 (5 P.M.)  
September 17  
October 8  
November 12  
December 10

2025

January 14  
February 11  
March 11  
April 8  
May 13  
July 15