

**St. Cecilia Parish Board of Education Meeting
May 2005**

Members Present:

Gina Isebrands, Pres, Monte Streit, VP, Susan Vernon, Sec., Todd Clancy, Gary Gorman, Pat Halbur, Mark Gannon, Father Terry

Member Excused:

Administrators Present:

John Hayes, DRE, Duane Siepker, Prin

Ex-Officio Member Excused:

Kris Gross (Family School Association)

Others Present:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairperson Gina Isebrands. Pat led the group in prayer. Monte moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting as presented. Pat voiced a second to the motion which carried.

Administrative Reports:

Director of Religious Education: In addition to his printed report, John said that registrations for Vacation Bible School are in progress and invited people to attend the RCIA picnic May 15.

Principal: Duane highlighted portions of his report and announced that teacher Lori Van Fleet received the Wal*Mart Teacher of the Year award. He read comments of the Archdiocesan Mid-Cycle Review team and the state fire safety inspection report. Duane presented specifics about the school budget and reasons why some line items appeared to be excessive. Monte said he would discuss it with the Finance Committee and Pat with the Parish Council.

Special Reports:

Committee Reports:

Finance: Monte had no further report.

Parish Council: Pat provided a summary of the April 20 meeting. There was discussion of the Finance Committee's recommendation that the BOE take proactive action to help remedy late or failed payment of tuition. With Duane's explanation of past and current tuition collections it was decided to maintain the status quo. Regarding the bulletin insert by the Gala Committee requesting seed money, it was noted that a miscommunication occurred and would be avoided in the future.

FSA: A printed report was provided.

Long Range Planning Committee: Todd had no report.

Preschool Committee: Susan said that a \$2000 grant was received from the Archdiocese.

School Budget: Covered under Principal's report.

Elections: Gary announced that five (5) parishioners have agreed to be candidates for three (3) positions to be filled on the 2005-2006 Board of Education: Jeanene Conzemius, Judy Rudman, Larry Gross, Todd Clancy, and Angie Whetstone. Inserts regarding the candidates will be placed in the bulletin for two (2) weekends, followed by elections at liturgies the third weekend.

Unfinished Business:

Generations of Faith Update: John noted that the parish-wide program will begin in November. There were comments about the need to emphasize to parishioners that the new format will replace current religious education programs for school-aged youth while Baptismal preparation programs will continue.

New Business:

Contract Offers: Pat moved to approve contracts for certified staff of St. Cecilia school. Gary gave a second to the motion which carried.

Preschool Handbook: Copies of a proposed Preschool Parent/Guardian Handbook were provided. Todd moved to approve the handbook. Monte voiced a second to the motion which passed.

Approval of Preschool Associate: Duane recommended that Judi Blum be hired as preschool associate for the 2005-2006 school year. Todd voiced a second to the motion which passed.

Budget and Tuition Increases: Monte and Duane provided information regarding the budget and proposed tuition for the 2005-2006 school year. Gary moved to approve the budget. Todd gave a second to the motion with carried.

Finance Committee Requirement: See above (under parish Council).

ISU Physical Education Contract/Collaborative Research Agreement: Todd moved to approve the contract with Iowa State University Department of Health and Human Performance (for August 22, 2005 through May 15, 2007). Susan voiced a second to the motion which passed.

School Improvement Advisory Committee: Todd said that six (6) subcommittees set priorities of their accumulated recommendations regarding the Gala fundraiser, building maintenance issues, staff salaries, and the preschool. The Board will consider the recommendations at the June meeting.

Gala Funding: A major fundraising event is scheduled for April 22, 2006.

Pastoral Comments:

Father Terry offered no pastoral comments. Susan said that Joe Lawlor wants Board members to know that Youth Ministry is appreciative of the offer of funds to buy a pool table but will not make the purchase at this time. The money has been contributed to the repair costs of the floor of the multipurpose room of the Education Center. Gina offered her home for a social gathering of Board members during the summer. Thursday, June 16, at 7:00 was selected.

Following a group prayer, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Submitted by Carolyn J. Thogerson