

## **St. Cecilia Parish Board of Education Meeting**

April 4, 2006

**Members Present:** Monte Streit, Pres., Todd Clancy, VP, Pat Halbur, Rev. Terry Rassmussen, Judy Rudman, Mark Gannon

**Member Excused:** Gary Gorman, Larry Gross

**Administrators Present:** Duane Siepker, John Hayes

**Ex-Officio Member Present:** Tiffany Walker, FSA President

**Others Present:** Anne Clem, Lori Van Fleet, Barb Tallman, Peg Stowell

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairperson Monte Streit. Judy led the group in prayer. Pat moved to approve the minutes of the March 7 regular meeting as presented. Judy gave a second to the motion which carried. Pat moved to accept the minutes of the special meeting held March 9 with the addition that Duane Siepker was present. Mark voiced a second to the motion which passed.

### **Administrative Reports:**

**Director of Religious Education:** John highlighted portions of his report and added that 85 people attended the Generations of Faith festival on Sunday afternoon, April 2. A person from the Archdiocesan department of catechetical services visited that day, said that she liked the session, and advised him to "keep plugging away." She expects the program to grow.

**Principal:** In addition to his report, Duane presented data on the status of the school budget through February 2006 and proposed preschool income/expenses for 2006-2007.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Discussion postponed.

**Parish Council:** Pat had no report beyond the class expansion motion-

**FSA:** Tiffany said that the FSA will have a web site next year. Plans are underway for Teacher Appreciation Day.

### **Unfinished Business:**

***Expansion of Class Sections:*** A motion passed by unanimous vote of the Parish Council regarding the Board's proposal to add a section to grades K-4 was discussed at length. Board members expressed concern that finances will be more difficult if only Kindergarten and one other grade are allowed to expand for 2006-2007 and other expansions postponed. Father Terry

will meet tomorrow with Ed Fawkes of the Parish Council to encourage more grade expansions and report to BOE members as soon as possible.

**New Business:**

***Nominations for Election to the Board of Education:*** Todd said that nominations were received from parishioners during the weekend. To replace two (2) persons whose terms are ending, at least four (4) candidates will be sought for the slate for the May election. Father Terry requested that persons who have interest in aspects of education besides the school be encouraged to place their names on the ballot.

**Pastoral Comments:**

Father Terry spoke with enthusiasm about the conference recently held in Ames with Rev. Ron Rolheiser. Duane and Lori concurred.

Todd moved that the meeting be adjourned. Pat gave a second to the motion which passed. Following a prayer led by Father Terry, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

***Submitted by*** Carolyn J. Thogerson