

**Cathedral Parish Board of Education Meeting
Monday, 25 October 2010**

1. Call to Order: Made by Kim Scott at 7:00pm

2. Opening Prayer: Offered by Jane Stock

3. Roll call: Taken by Sean Pederson

a. Present members were as follows:

- i. Randy Bastian
- ii. Sean Pederson
- iii. Dave Schmidt
- iv. Dr. Kay Bennett
- v. Nancy Harmon
- vi. Steve Harter
- vii. Kim Scott
- viii. Judy Kelly
- ix. Jane Stock
- x. Bert Scannell
- xi. Mary Pat Kuebel
- xii. Amanda Niedbalski
- xiii. Michelle Storment

4. Teachers

a. Mary Pat Kuebel

- i. The second reader of five is finished. The students are doing very well.
- ii. The students are getting ready to start the Church Year and now doing the Mysteries of the Rosary (three basic).
- iii. Students will partake in a webcast on 16 October about Plymouth and pilgrims.

b. Amanda Niedbalski

- i. The class size changed from 10 to 18 from last year.
- ii. The students received their Social Studies Books focusing on communities.
- iii. The students are getting ready for multiplication.

c. Bert Scannell

- i. Students are working on a play "The Little Old Woman Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything" for green room activities.
- ii. Students are preparing for sacraments and learning the commandments.

5. September, 2010 Meeting Minutes

a. There were no deletions, additions, and/or corrections to last month's meeting minutes.

b. Randy Bastian made a motion to approve the minutes, and his approval was seconded by Dr. Kay Bennett.

6. Additions to Agenda: None.

7. New Business

a. Parents Club

- i. Trunk or Treat was enjoyed recently by 59 paid families consisting of approximately 260 participants.
- ii. Meeting have been going really well. Attendance has improved and participation is lively. Child care has been free, but now it's \$2.00 per hour. PTL has donated a DVD player. Megan Bertlesman asked for Polar Express, Pizza, etc. for the December meeting to accommodate an expected longer meeting.
- iii. A rummage sale is to be held on Saturday, 13 November from 7:00am to 12:00pm. Paul Lindauer is leading the effort. There is a preview sale on Friday night. Admission is \$5.00. Mr. Lindauer is collecting items every Thursday from 2:45pm to 3:45pm at the McCormick Center. Painting has begun on McCormick Center doors and trim. This has provided a great improvement to the appearance of the facility in an effort to attract company from outside of our parish.
- iv. Lisa Ortiz and Kim Scott are chairing a book fair. The book fair starts the morning of 27 October with a teacher's preview. It will be open during masses on 12 November. The family event occurs on Friday, 19 November at the school auditorium. A voucher for free admission to a girls basketball game with a free popcorn (occurring concurrently) will be given with the purchase of a book at the book fair. The public announcer will advertise the book fair. The pep club will also be at the 19 November game tying in athletics, parents club, and the parish community.

b. Athletics

- i. Athletic Director, Mike Phillips has retired, and his wife, Christine, is taking over the duties.
- ii. There are extra participants in basketball.
- iii. The first Pep Club night is Friday, 29 November. 31 students are currently signed up.
- iv. A date for Trivia Night is currently being established.
- v. The Chicken Wing and Beer Dance will be held sometime in March.

c. The Parish School of Religion (PSR)

- i. PSR has met six times so far.
- ii. Child Protection Training
 1. Grades K through 3 accomplished the training on 17 October.
 2. Grades 4 through 8 accomplished the training on 24 October.
 3. Rachel Dompke of Catholic Social Services, and a PSR parent, was the facilitator.
- iii. Confirmation Class
 1. Parents, sponsors and confirmandi attended an 18 October meeting. The meeting was very well attended with 250 people present.

2. Rites of Enrollment were held on 23 and 24 October. Attendance on 23 October was wonderful. Trunk or treat families were on hand along with the confirmandi.
- iv. African Project/Fundraisers
 1. Sister Ruth Emke will be speaking at PSR on 12 December about a primary school in Gambi, and a secondary school in Nigeria.
- v. Specific Goals This Year
 1. Encouraging mass attendance
 2. The Youth Program seems to be off to a great start. Both the spaghetti and Chili nights seemed to be well attended.

d. Adult Education: Mr. Nick Lang was not present.

e. Youth Ministry

- i. Representatives from St. Teres's, St. Luke's, St. Mary's and St. Peter's parishes met on 28 August for the first time. Their goal is to form a city-wide youth ministry in Belleville. They are committed to providing social skills, service, religious education, and building leadership skills for our youth.
- ii. On 3 October, the first joint-parish activity was held with a spaghetti dinner held after the 5pm mass. Over 175 people attended the dinner.
- iii. On 17 October Cathedral hosted a youth group night consisting of a chili dinner immediately following the 5pm mass. Over 25 youth attended. This activity was open to all students in grades 6 through 12.
- iv. The next activity planned is a combined activity being a hay ride at the Dintlemans on 13 November. Information is forthcoming via school and PSR. This event will be open to all students in grades 6 through 12.
- v. A service project to help set up and/or clean up the St. Vincent DePaul Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Luke's is planned. Charlotte Wagner from St. Mary's is coordinating the project.
- vi. Cathedral will have their next Youth Group meeting on 19 December immediately following the 5pm mass. Pizza and soda will be served. The focus of the meeting will be on a film selected by Fr. Joseph with the emphasis being more religious, educational, and spiritual with a discussion to follow.
- vii. Preparations for LUKE 18 are underway for the January, 2011 retreat. The Youth Group is also looking for involvement for The Right to Life March which is the weekend following LUKE 18.
- viii. No Youth Group meetings were planned for January to avoid conflict with LUKE 18 or the Right to Life March.

f. New T-Shirts

- i. Jane Stock proposed new t-shirts to read "We Are What We Say-Pray. We Are What We Do-Worship. We Are What We Eat-The Body and Blood of Christ. See You at CHURCH!"

8. Old Business

a. By Laws Discussion

- i. Fr. Myler expressed his concern that the By Laws need to be changed to address the entire parish, and not just Cathedral Grade School. Sean Pederson agreed to give the by laws a close look and make changes for future consideration.

9. Principal's Report

- a. **Data Gathering for Future:** Julia Piper Jung is studying baptismal records to determine numbers of families who receive baptisms who are not part of the parish education system. The intent is to "plant a seed" with a special invitation to a "Welcome Event" shortly before Catholic Schools Week.
- b. **Move It Program:** CGS is one of nine schools invited by Radio Disney in St. Louis to participate in the Move It program. In this program, students pledge to be physically active for at least 30 minutes per day. A kickoff event is to be held on 28 October by Radio Disney. Mr. Harris, the P.E. teacher, is coordinating this event.
- c. **Extracurricular Activities:** The Reading Club and Math Team are two academic activities offered. CGS is still looking for a Chess Club coach and someone to lead a Scholar Bowl team. Buzzers are needed for the Scholar Bowl team to practice and compete. With the cost of these buzzers being several hundred dollars, CGS has several prospective sponsors showing interest, but none have committed.
- d. **Mapping Project:** Teachers from grades ELC through 8 have created math "Curriculum Maps" showing exactly what is taught by target skills during each month of the school year. All "maps" are being shared with entire teaching staff to identify repetition and gaps increasing efficiency.
- e. **Pray Before We Play:** All catholic schools in Belleville are now starting all athletic events with a prayer shared by all athletes, coaches and fans.
- f. **Mrs. McCormack Back at School:** Sharon McCormack returned to work on Tuesday, 19 October working half days..
- g. **Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Conferences to be held on 11 November. The students will be invited to join their parents.
- h. **Skype Use:** The Pre-K class conducted a skyping activity with the Pre-K class at Queen of Peace. Upper grade students will be skyping with Kevin Lisch, a professional basketball player in Australia. Mr. Lisch attended Althoff and SLU.
- i. **Angelus Daily at Lunch:** Upper grade students stand and recite the Angelus with Mr. Towle leading. This occurs before students go to lunch.
- j. **Initial Enrollment Report:** Dr. Bennett provides the subject report showing enrollment as of 13 September as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Total	New
Pre-School	9	8	17	17
Kindergarten	7	5	12	3
Grade 1	6	6	12	1
Grade 2	2	4	6	0
Grade 3	4	14	18	0
Grade 4	2	5	7	0
Grade 5	9	6	15	2
Grade 6	12	10	22	0
Grade 7	9	11	20	0
Grade 8	7	3	10	0
Total Students	67	72	139	23

10. Administrator's Report

- a. Fr. Myler discussed articles he had previously distributed to board members addressing the notion of free tuition if there were empty seats in a classroom.

11. Committee Report

- a. Judy Kelly dicussed and distributed a 3-month snapshot of CGS 2010-2011 budget.

12. Future Meeting Agendas: None

13. Executive Session Items

14. Adjournment: Kim Scott adjourned the meeting

15. Closing Prayer: Given by Michele Storment