

Immaculate Conception School Board Meeting September 19, 2023 Garden Level, 7:00 pm

1. **Opening Prayer**
2. **Roll** Kyle Doerr , Jolene Sasser, Teresa Dorshorst (a), Lee Rinella, Jessica Wachtel, Andrea Bodinet (a), Brandy Dohle, Bill Gregozeski, Marie Grasle, Jim Schuette, Mark Verticchio, Fr. Steve, Mr. Gregson, Kara Dell-Hunt
3. **Parents and Friends Report:**
 - A. Mum fundraiser pickup today
 - B. Bags N Bubbly on September 28th, ticket sales end 9/22. Approximately 200 tickets sold.
 - C. Dine-out at Tiny's on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. 10% of food revenue is donated to ICS.
 - D. Moms Nite Out this month at Chateau la Vin, hosted by the 7th grade moms
 - E. Trivia Night on November 10, 2023.
4. **Pastoral Council Report:**
 - A. Breaking into small groups to meet with all parish ministries
 - B. Still working on Stewardship and pledges. Informing parishioners of the budget shortfall and that stewardship commitments can be adjusted as needed.
 - C. Auditing parishioner status of families. May be forced to charge tuition to families in the future that are not meeting the requirements.
 - D. There have been a lot of responses to Mr. Gregson's email pertaining to Stewardship, mostly from people who already meet their stewardship commitment.
 - E. Census of mass attendance will take place in October.
5. **Faculty Report: (4th Grade)**
 - Bible Blessing was Sep 3th, parents write a message in their child's bible and the students use them at ICS.
 - Started the year off reading The Energy Bus to the students. The students completed some activities in class to help them focus on the positives and be a positive influence on their classmates.
 - We are in the process of planning a field trip in October - social studies related.
 - Mr. Crean has been adding his creative spin on 4th grade. The students enjoy being in his class. Both teacher's strengths add a great balance to 4th grade.

- In addition to our school theme, “See God in Everything”, 4th grade has kicked off the year with the theme “Be a Light” which focuses on spreading acts of kindness to classmates.

6. **Committee Reports:**

A. Teacher/Employee Committee:

B. Community Engagement Committee:

C. Curriculum Committee:

Meeting Sep 27. 3:15 topic: AR program/reading

D. Student Activities Committee:

- i. 8th garage nights upcoming. Diocesan soccer tournament during the last weekend in September.

E. Budget Committee:

- i. Reviewed monthly financial reports.

F. Discernment Committee:

G. Building/Grounds Committee:

- i. Campus Enhancements Phase 1 - Meeting 9/13

1. Entrance Sign
2. Athletic Fields
3. Pavilion
4. Prayer/Rosary Walk

- ii. Still forming Capital Campaign Committee to raise fund for this project, which includes the debt remaining from the CEAC construction. Contact Father Steve or Kyle if you are interested in helping make this project a reality.

H. Strategic Planning Committee:

- i. Meeting in the coming weeks to begin assessment process.

7. **Principal’s Report:**

- Field Trips are off and running: Chicago revised (7th), Bi-County: Friday (8th), Camp Ondessonk (5th), Springfield (8th), Zoo (1st), Botanical Gardens (2nd)
- Field Day: held at school, worked out well, not as much shade: need to remind parents to send sunscreen, more tents

- DuLingo: no longer using at ICS
- Grandparents Mass
- Concerns were raised about the growing cost of field trips. Fundraising opportunities are available for families to defray the cost of the Space Camp (7th) and Washington DC (8th) field trips, which in many cases is sufficient to defray the entire cost of the trips. Parents are encouraged to reach out to Mr. Gregson, confidentially, if they need assistance in covering this additional cost. We do not want the cost to be the reason students are unable to attend field trips.

8. **Pastor's Report:**

- Fr. Steve will be joining 5th grade on their field trip to Camp Ondessonk. Fr. Carl will be handling the blessing of animals on October 4, the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi.
- Still working on the final financial reports from the parish picnic, but overall it was a success.
- Thank you to all the student for their help in making the Grandparents' Mass and Fr. Carl's Jubilee Celebration a success.
- Queen of Hearts raffle is on to its second round. The queen was found early in the first round, so we're hoping it goes longer this time to defray the initial costs of starting the game. We will assess the ongoing feasibility after this round is completed.

9. **Old Business:**

- Athletic Events Supervisors
 - Mr. Gregson and the athletic directors are managing the supervision for Soccer. The indoor sports are less of a concern since there is a responsible person on hand to work the scoreboard, gate, concessions, etc. It was discussed that it may not be the best idea to have parents serve as the event supervisor, since there may be conflicts that would be better handled by someone with authority in the school.

10. **New Business:**

- None.