

**Sacred Heart Area School  
Board Meeting  
Wednesday, September 3, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by John Reese and the opening prayer was led by Fr. Joe Korf. Those present were Jim Opelia, John Reese, RoAnn Trout, Carol Lisson, Fr. Joe Korf, Katie Noska, Elizabeth Mathews, Tracey Kloeckl-Jiménez and Linus Koval. Move to accept the agenda by Linus. Seconded by Tracey. Minutes from the August 6, 2014 meeting (as well as from this Sept. meeting) will be reviewed at the board's October 1 meeting.

**Parochial School Report**

**Recent Happenings**

**Our Library Carpet** was removed and replaced by Japke's Decorating and Carpet last month.

**Teacher and office computers**

were updated / reformatted or replaced with donated computers with Window 7. Steve Benson was working on these computer updates along with help of computer donations from a local institution.

**North Sidewalks and Stairs** were removed and replaced. This is a great improvement to our school grounds with new landscape designs, including a new partial retaining wall, fewer steps, and contoured walkways.

**Railroad Days** – was extra busy this year. In addition to the garage sale (raised \$7,000), parade float, and children's games, we had a "100 Hearts March" in recognition of the SHAS Centennial in the parade with 104 alumni in attendance, and our Centennial Raffle drawing on August 24<sup>th</sup> (raised \$11,200).

**New Teachers at Sacred Heart Area School** - We have been working diligently the past month, searching for the best teachers for Sacred Heart Area School. We have been greatly blessed! **Lisa Przybilla** accepted our 1<sup>st</sup> grade teaching position. Ms. Przybilla, taught second grade at Motley Elementary School and comes highly recommended by the Motley school. **Abbie Detloff** accepted our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teaching position. Mrs. Detloff is an alumna of SHAS and has a strong background in preparing students for First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. **Rachel Przybilla** (no relation to Lisa) has accepted our 4<sup>th</sup> grade teaching position, as Mrs. Trout will again be our 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. This decision was made as Mrs. Trout was the best fit for 5<sup>th</sup> grade with her many years experience at this grade level. Mrs. Przybilla has had experience teaching in various classroom settings over the past year. All three of these new to SHAS teachers are very excited to be here, as are we. They bring many new talents to us, fit well into our school culture and beliefs, and will definitely illuminate our school with their presence.

**Teacher Workshop Days** – were held Wednesday August 27<sup>th</sup> (all staff), and Thursday August 28<sup>th</sup> (teachers) from 8:00am – 3:00pm

**Our Back to School Potluck Picnic** was held at the Sacred Heart Area School gym at 6pm on August 28<sup>th</sup>. New teachers were introduced to families at this time. A school orientation for new families was held prior to this event at 5:30pm. This event was well attended.

**First Day of School Year** – was September 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Enrollment of 90 students** - Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

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### **Fundraising Report**

237 Centennial Tickets were sold. \$11,200 was raised for the school.

Marathon/ Work-a-thon will be held in mid-October. Identification of chair and work-a-thon ideas will be ironed out by the committee during the week of September.

### **Budget and Finance**

No report.

### **Personnel and Human Resources**

Committee members Elizabeth and Tracey will stop in to briefly chat with teachers during morning update/ prayer time during the month of September to let them know that we are a point of contact and that we would like to meet with them at the end of the Oct. 3 early release time. (Ongoing items to discuss: salary, personal days, classroom funds and the issue of classroom upheaval/ classroom preparation difficulty due to different school events)

### **PR/ Marketing**

Katie reported that there would again be media reports about the Centennial Celebration coming up in the local paper. The Centennial Committee will meet again on Thursday, September 11 to iron out any last-minute details for the upcoming Official Centennial Celebration weekend.

### **Curriculum/ Technology**

John Reese reported that once the Budget and Finance Committee is able to meet, the Curriculum and Technology Committee will know whether they have funds to work with to purchase any additional technology items.

### **2015-2016 Teacher Contract Draft**

Principal Opelia presented a draft of the 2015-2016 Teacher Contract. An item 11 was added to encourage teacher retention. This proposal will be discussed with the teachers before the Board takes any action.

**Next meeting-** Wed., Oct. 1, 2014 at 5 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.-** by John Reese. Motion made by Linus and seconded by Elizabeth.

**Closing prayer-** led by Principal Jim Opelia.