

St. Thomas School

School Board Agenda

December 4, 2024

6:00 p.m. St Thomas School Library

Present: Mrs. Bierman, Sara K Bergbower, Matt Bower, Leah Bolander, Kiley Borgic, Ryan Probst, Aubrey Bergbower, Jeffrey Finley, Fr. Paul

Absent: Kelsie Green

- I. Opening Prayer – Sara K Bergbower
- II. Call to Order – Sara K Bergbower
- III. Recognition of Visitors  
No visitors
- IV. Additions to the Agenda  
No additions
- V. Approval of November minutes  
First motion to approve; Ryan Probst, Second motion; Aubrey Bergbower
- VI. Old Business
  - a. School pictures – class photo
    1. Class photos were taken at the re-take session. These class photos will be free and every student will get one.
  - b. Trivia Night
    1. Planning is underway for Trivia Night. This is one of our biggest fundraisers.
    2. 7 teams have already signed up.
    3. We continue to seek donations to Trivia Night.
  - c. Property update
    1. Formal offer has been sent to purchase the Pizza Man property, we are currently waiting on a response.
    2. We have purchased the lot by the highway between the St Thomas Teacher Parking lot and Pizza Man.
- VII. New Business
  - a. Basketball/Volleyball update
    1. Our gym is full constantly! Which is a great thing.
    2. Practices are going well – We’ve got a great group of coaches and leaders, they are setting good examples for our kids and expect a lot from the players.
    3. There has been a lot of interest from other schools in playing our 6<sup>th</sup> grade team.
  - b. Christmas concert

1. Concert is one week from tonight (12/11/2024), it will be great. The kids were well prepared. Everyone knows their songs, we've been reviewing them. Band sounds great. The recorders are awesome!
  - c. Holiday Schedule
    1. We have lots of fun planned.
    2. Dec 16-20 will be dress up days.
    3. Movie and class parties will be happening on the 20<sup>th</sup>.
    4. We didn't do Shoeboxes this year, but we did raise close to \$1,100 with Penny wars for the ministerial association food boxes for Jasper County.
    5. The kids all loved the Reindeer, Merry that came to school recently.
  - d. ACRE Testing
    1. ACRE Testing is the religion test coming up in February. 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade take it. They do have to indicate whether or not they are Catholic. We will be taking it online this year as it is more cost effective.
  - e. Catholic Schools Week
    1. Will be taking place the last week of January.
    2. Not a lot planned currently, but we are in the planning phases. We do plan to go to mass at St Anthony on Wednesday (1/29).
- VIII. Father Paul's Report
- a. The main thing, is that we are waiting on a response to our offer for the Pizza man property.
- IX. Finance Report
- a. Steve Mammoser came to meet with the Finance Counsel recently.
  - b. We're looking at updating the banners in our gym to highlight the kids' achievements. Right now, we are struggling to find blue or gray. This process can be very costly especially when we need to buy newer ones.
- X. Positive Points
- a. We are starting the virtue; Compassion.
  - b. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade has started door decorations
  - c. Every Monday we do Advent stuff in the Morning and add to our nativity. We discuss their roles, how we can be like each.
  - d. Jesse Tree information and ornaments were sent home, this is a way to involve the whole family in Advent.
  - e. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Service takes place every Friday. We have a group that goes to the nursing home, others that go to the Silk Purse, some stay to help Matt with stations or work at the school. We will have a group putting up Father Paul's Christmas tree on Friday.
- XI. Closing Prayer – Father Paul

Respectfully submitted by Leah Bolander, Secretary