

St. Thomas School

School Board Minutes

November 6, 2024

6:00 p.m. St Thomas School Library

I. Opening Prayer – Aubrey Bergbower

II. Call to Order – Sara K. Bergbower

Present: Aubrey Bergbower, Sara K. Bergbower, Kiley Borgic, Matt Bower, Jeffrey Finley, Nikki Bierman, Ryan Probst, Kelsie Green, Mrs. Bierman

Absent: Father Paul

III. Recognition of Visitors

None Present

IV. Additions to the Agenda

None Added

V. Approval of September minutes

First motion to approve, Jeffrey Finley; Seconded, Kelsie Green

VI. Old Business

a. Election of Officers

President: Sara Bergbower

VP: Matt Bower

Secretary: Leah Bolander

b. Fundraisers

Live wreath for booster club are active until Nov. 15th with pickup Dec 4th,

Concession stand will be a big one coming up,

Overall, previous fundraisers (Detergent and Trash Bags) this year have done well we seem to be maintaining what we make each year, sometimes that's surprising when prices go up but they didn't go up a lot.

Apparel order is also currently open.

c. Sports Updates: Cross County, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball

Cross Country is done, Girls Basketball is 1/2 way through, they did well in conference with 2nd and 3rd place. It's been busy with a lot of games. Basketball - boys just got started, we look good. The First home games for 7th and 8th grade are coming up. Jessica Swick is doing well with the boys. The guys are helping when they can. Feedback has been that the teams are coached well.

d. Property

Since last school board meeting, we have met with owners of property next door (Pizza man), we made an offer but it was not accepted. Owner would like to sell everything together, contents and all. Spoken with city about TIF grants. Still in discussion stage with Finance Council. Additionally on property, we are in the last stages of buying the small lot between the parking lot and Pizza man.

Investment conversation from Steve Mammoser coming soon and discuss next steps. We will do a formal offer and set a deadline, but not in a hurry to do that, so not sure what finance will decide.

VII. New Business

a. Mission Party

The kids had a good time, they loved the jail. 8th grade did a good job.

b. Church Picnic

Not much on it to add, it seems like it was successful

c. School Pictures

Group photographer was missing, the class photo will be on retake day 11/12. All students will get a free class photo

d. Trivia Night

Planning is underway for Trivia night in Feb, class baskets are being decided – parents may start seeing some requests for money to help with those.

VIII. Father Paul's Report

Father Paul was not available.

IX. Finance Report

Closed money market account, put into general fund. We gave out more tuition assistance, likely will keep helping as much as we can because empower IL went away. We can't give any family more than 50% of their tuition w/o Empower IL, there are schools in larger cities that have their population with 50% non-Catholic students, some low-income families, schools are asking if we can help with more than 50% and that conversation is happening more broadly. Would like to keep building the tuition assistance fund up. Things are going well though.

X. Positive Points

Virtues going well, the kids like to hear their names in the morning.

Looking for service opportunities for the kids - our kids are always willing to help and do a good job.

XI. Closing Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Leah Bolander, secretary