

Mother of Good Counsel
Approved School Committee Minutes
December 2, 2009 6:00 P.M.

Attendance: R. Tourtillott, J. Sowinski, L. Fischer, T. Martin, M. Lee, J. Schwartz, S. Stoner, S. Gleesing, D. Brunow, A. Sanchez

Absent: Fr. Bob

- **Prayer...**D. Brunow
- **Ten Minute Open Forum...**No questions/concerns brought forth.
- **Approval of November Minutes...**Approved as written.
- **Parental Concerns...** An email from a parent who recently pulled her son out the school was shared. There seems to be a feeling that students are not comfortable joining in with games on the playground due to excessively rough play and un-sportsman like conduct. Mrs. Shaw will meet with playground supervisors regarding about tightening up supervision on the playground. A reminder via KID MAIL will also go to parents to discuss their behavior expectations of their children for safe play on the playground.

- **Committee Updates**

- **Marketing Committee:**

- **Invitations...**Strategic Plan Committee decided that the Marketing Committee needed to be resurrected. This team met and came up with the invitations to the concert on 12/17 @ 6:30 P.M. for other Parish Organizations. Laura came up with an invitation that will go out to various committees and then placed in the bulletin. The invite will go out on Friday, 12/4. Laura will also e-mail Francie in the parish office to have the blurb placed in bulletin.

- **Advertisement/Open House**

- **Sign...**The sign in front will be changed every Monday. Laura is changing the sign. One side shows important dates, the other side showcases another message.

- **Ornaments...** in the shape of a Christmas tree will advertise Open House. They will be handed out at the tree lot.

- **Mailing Neighborhood Newsletter...**A mailing list will be purchased for a mailing to go out in the first part of January.

- **Banners...** to advertise Open House have been ordered.

- **Website...**a blurb in the bulletin will go out asking for help with updating and possibly re-designing our web site.

- **Next Marketing Committee meeting...**Dec. 9...L. Fischer will attend, but any interested parties willing to attend these meeting as representatives of school committee should let Laura know.

Curriculum Committee:

Surveys... This was discussed last spring with the Curriculum Committee. A survey of parents was given last May to assess how parents feel about programs at MGC. Another survey was written and given to parents who attended November 2009 conferences. The curriculum committee will look at the survey and report back the results to the School Committee. A concern was raised as to the quick nature of the drafting and administration of the survey. A request was made to move more cautiously with writing and administration of surveys in the future.

Building and Grounds Committee:

Display case... Rick T. reported that he was over at church looking at the area in the “family room” where we can add a bulletin board. He is in the process of looking for a donated bulletin board that could be used in this venue to showcase school programs and offerings.

Parking... an alternative plan was created and discussed. This committee will reconvene and continue on with massaging the plan.
A lock for a bathroom will be fixed.

Finance Committee:

Budget... D. Brunow reported that we need to find way to cut costs...especially in the food service area. We are losing money in that area specifically. Representatives from the Finance Committee, Fr. Bob and Mrs. Shaw will continue looking into making that program more cost effective. We are looking at nearly \$75,000 deficit for the school. We did not get the 10 extra choice students we had hoped for. Fr. Bob, Mrs. Shaw and the Parish Trustees are looking at ways to make additional cuts in the next three weeks.

- **Middle School Retreat**
 - ✓ 6th grade is set for 1/24 or 1/28 at the ropes course. This will be led by the Ropes staff and Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Lichter and Mrs. Mortell will also attend.
 - ✓ 7th and 8th grade are being worked on.
- **Exit Surveys...** The Marketing Committee requested an exit survey for families leaving the school. It is recommended that the Marketing Committee continue with this process.
- **Closing Prayer...** L. Fischer

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Submitted by: S. Stoner