

BOARDGRAM
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
12 February, 2009

Prayer: The meeting began at 5:35 PM with the prayer lead by Vince Aquila.

Minutes: Minutes from the January regular meeting were approved without amendments.

Parent Association Report: Susie Lowe, PA President, sent out the PA report prior to the meeting. Frank Chapuran led the discussion regarding the report. The main point brought out was the PA's desire to continue fundraising to supplement the funds raised at the Gala. Someone expressed concern that the fundraisers will conflict with scheduled fundraisers from the other schools and parishes. Vince Aquila informed the Board that the PA budget deficit would not allow the PA to meet its' full current budget obligation for 2008-2009 by approx. \$4,500.00. Accommodation has been made for this deficit by administration. As a result there currently is not enough money to give to the teachers for supplies at the beginning of the next school year. It was suggested that the PA become partners with the parishes in the fundraisers they already have scheduled where the funds are earmarked for Catholic High. Redstone Arsenal Chapel is intending to send the proceeds from their Mardi Gras fundraiser to Catholic High School. The Board concluded discussion by expressing gratitude for all of the PA's hard work at the Gala and on behalf of Catholic High.

Development Report: Connie Gerlach, Development Director, presented the next phase of the Capital Campaign, 'Treasure in the Field'. Todd Slyman and Irma Tuder will be leaving as co-chairs and Nancy Archuleta will serve as interim chair until the new co-chairs are appointed.

A Focus Group will begin in an advisory capacity for the construction and fundraising for the new campus.

The next phase of fundraising is a 10 year commitment. Connie expressed the need for new money and reminded the Board that we still need to raise \$8.7M to complete phase I of the new campus.

Connie then presented Vision 2022, the master plan for construction of the total campus. She went over all of the giving levels and how the levels interact with each other. Discussion followed regarding the clarifications of the levels and how the levels support each other. Each level will have a team leader.

Frank commented that for the first time in the 5 year history of the Capital Campaign, we have a professional Development Director with the ability to bring in money. The momentum is good and it is important to persevere and not grow complaisant. Frank asked Board members to give names to Connie for Capital Campaign leaders as well as prospective donors. Also, during this Lenten season, he asked that Board members reflect on their goals for Catholic High and consider renewing Capital Campaign pledges during this new phase.

Andrea Dull thanked all involved for the outstanding job on the Groundbreaking.

Principal's Report: Vince Aquila sent his report via email prior to the meeting. Next week will begin the interviewing and acceptance process for new students with the registration deadline of March 6. This deadline will coincide with re-registration of the current students for the 2009-2010 school year.

Catholic Schools Week Mass was an outstanding event for all of the students at the Von Braun Center. This event demonstrated how strong our Catholic community is and how Mass is the centerpiece. Several comments were made on the outstanding support demonstrated by the parish priests from the north Alabama area. Suggestions for improvement for next year are being solicited and there will be a survey given at the North Alabama Principal's Meeting.

Finance Committee: Jeanne Weaver, Finance Committee Chair, sent the 2009-2010 Budget Report via email prior to the meeting.

Transition Committee Report: Jim Snider, Transition Committee Chair, sent a report via email prior to the meeting. Bill Klus report the initial meeting was held on Feb. 11 and that it was a good brainstorming session towards developing a transition plan to the new campus.

Diocesan Superintendent of Schools: Fran Lawlor, Superintendent, commented that the One Voice has published pictures on Catholic Schools Week for the last 3 weeks and the Bishop was pleased with the events during the week. The week was filled with many great activities and will help all of the Catholic schools in the area with enrollment.

The Bishop was also pleased with the activities for the Year of St. Paul and is already planning next year for the Year of Vocations.

Religious In-Service for the North Alabama Schools will be held at St. John's next week and John Casey from New Orleans will be the guest speaker

The calendar for next year is set and should be ready to send out next week.

Closing prayer was lead by Spud Spiegel. The Board Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 5:30 PM.