

**SPPS School Council Meeting**  
**August 26, 2013**

**In attendance:** Bill Barr, Debbie Cambron, Debbie Spike-Pierce, Lisa Peyton, Deacon James Weathers, Pam Rice, Lesley Farmer, Stephen Clements, Sr. Clara Fehringer, Jenny Parker, Julie Kelley, Greg D'Angelo, Elaine Young, Jeanne Miller, Melissa Rasmussen

**Absent:** Jess Naylor, Scottie Brockman, Chris Thiel, Dennis Bender, Candace James, Anna Martin

Deacon Weathers opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:10 pm.

The President/Principal/ECC Director reports were given by Jeanne Miller.

**President report:** Ms. Miller reported that enrollment is flat to last year with 364 students in PreK through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Little Angels is current at 52 children.

Fall Festival will be held on September 13 with this year being a one-night festival only. Volunteers are needed. This event is not being presented as a fundraiser but a community builder. Any funds raised is a bonus.

Gallery Hop is September 20 with a wood artist (Graham) exhibiting his art.

Alumni Reunion celebrating 100 years (Saintennial) is October 19. All council members invited to attend.

**Principal report:** Orientation being divided into two sessions went extremely well and positive feedback was given by parents and staff.

Teachers are reviewing behavioral expectations with students. Staff is reviewing student assessments and scheduling needs.

The \$10,000 grant awarded to SPPS is being implemented by Kristin Hughes with integration of the arts and Spanish.

Working on scheduling MAP testing for grades K-8.

**ECC report:**

The new budget and staffing structure for Little Angels and Preschool has gone well and positive feedback provided by parents and staff. Any issues are being addressed and worked through.

Preschool (3's and 4's) is now full and a waiting list established.

Parents for Little Angels and Preschool have been invited for parent information meetings. These have been well-attended.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Finance:**

- July financials were presented. All debt service falls outside the Profit & Loss as instructed by the Diocese.
- Jane Wilkins is resigning from her position and staying on at St. Peter Claver. The job has been split between SPPS and St. Peter Claver. SPPS will hire a full-time person as bookkeeper/business manager.
- No budget notations for Endow the Future
- Utilities are up due to seasonal timing.
- Programs are over budget due to Space Camp. Revenue collected is not showing yet.
- Large line item numbers are on budget.
- Motion was made to approve financials. Stephen Clements seconded the motion. Financial report approved.

### **Health & Wellness**

- Greg D'Angelo reported on the need for AED units at the school. Cost per unit is approximately \$2176.
- AED stands for Automatic Electrical Defibrillator
- They come in a standard wall unit and equipped with infant/child pads and rescue kit
- Certification would come with this for a nominal fee.
- Liability questions came up but Dr. D'Angelo reported that it would be covered by the Good Samaritan Law.
- Dr. D'angelo will get with Diocese/Catholic Mutual on possible approval.

### **Technology**

- A donation was made to the Short Street Conference Room. A 55" flat screen TV with Apple TV was installed providing abilities to view materials, budgets, etc in meetings.
- Sam Williamson was hired as the Technology Coordinator. He has a vast knowledge in technology and arts as well.

### **Facilities**

- Jeanne Miller reported that a chairman for the committee is needed.
- There are plans for a brick walkway that will serve as a path from the parking lot to the sidewalk at the front entrance. This will be part of the Endow the Future Campaign. Donors of \$500+ will receive an engraved brick in the Walkway to the Future. This is an Eagle Scout project of a SPPS alum, Will Rizer.

### **Fine Arts**

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders are going to the Lex Children's Theatre
- September 9<sup>th</sup> begins Eagle Arts with many downtown arts partnerships including Lexington Ballet, Explorium, and Carnegie Center.

### **Nominating Committee**

- Jeanne Miller reported that reps are still needed for Pax Christi and St. Luke.

### **PTO**

- Elaine Young reported that the Back to School party and first day of school activities went well.
- PTO also supported a lemonade stand set up at the Lexington Children Theatre's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. SPPS students served free lemonade.

### **Endow the Future**

- Julius Capital has a signed contract with SPPS and the Diocese to begin the campaign.
- Tim Asbridge will be a Charitable Gifts Officer for the Diocese.
- 1<sup>st</sup> meeting is being scheduled for partner parish campaign.
- The campaign will conclude 3/30/14.
- The endowment is flexible where funds can be drawn out for payments as cash value is built. The annual goal is \$260,000 with \$110K going to operations and \$150 to fund Julius Capital and life insurance payments.
- SPPS has a \$2 million line of credit with the Diocese to access as needed over the next 2 years.
- Different levels of the campaign exist: Steward, Leader and Partner. 27 mini campaigns are managed ranging from \$5K to \$50K. Six partner parish campaigns are \$10K and the parish receives 25% of death benefit.
- Bill Barr reported that if you believe in this school, it is not just a sales campaign. We have an opportunity to perpetuate the future of our school.
- Once Champions commit to a level, there will be training sessions.

### **Parent Forum**

A parent, Tom Eigel, brought up a concern with Diocesan schools using Common Core curriculum. It was reported that this is a newly implemented program but it has been years in the making. Mr. Eigel was concerned about the testing and capturing of student data. Ms. Miller reported that she didn't believe Common Core testing was used, but MAP testing is what is used. There were serious concerns brought up by the parent and the decision was made to have the school host a parent information meeting regarding curriculum to open up communication to parents.

Motion was made by Lesley Farmer to adjourn and seconded by Sr. Clara Fehringer at 7:30 pm. A closing prayer was led by Sr. Clara.

