

**JACSS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 16, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Maryann Mitts/St. Peter's Parish Representative  
Michael LaFerla/St. Mary's Parish Representative  
Sr. Joan Schwager/Sisters of Mercy Representative  
Georgiana McGriff/System Director  
Tracey Welch, Principal/St. Peter's- McAuley  
Fr. Justin Monaghan, Pastor/St. Mary's Parish  
Michael Teeter, President/St. Mary's Parish Representative  
Fr. J. Friedel, Pastor/St. Peter's Parish  
Patricia Moore, Treasurer; Building & Grounds/St. Peter's Parish Representative  
Pat Lonardo, Secretary/Sacred Heart Parish Representative  
Ann Hamlet, Principal/St. Mary's Elementary School

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Joe Patzner/Sacred Heart Parish Representative  
Fr. Rahab Isidor, Pastor/Sacred Heart Parish

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Renee Motazedí – JACSS Finance Department

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chris Churchwell – Finance

**GUESTS:**

Rick Hamilton  
Judy Clarkson  
Jeff Huggéy  
Brian Cronenwett

President Michael Teeter called the meeting to order.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** A few prayer requests and a special intention.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Given by Sister Joan

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (Guest)** – A presentation was made regarding the Jeff Slama Memorial Fund. Jeff's wife gave \$5,000 for seed money to begin the fund, which results in 500 dollar scholarships to each school. The fundraising efforts changed over time and has resulted in a chili cook off. In doing so, they have been able to do a better job of raising funds, thus giving 750 dollars to each school this year. The goal is now 1,000 dollars to be accomplished in the next three years. The organizers would like to add entertainment as well as trying to set up a pad fund for themselves (12, 500 dollars now) so there is enough for times when there are unsuccessful fundraising goals. This

is a critical time as they need help and have hit a couple of obstacles. This has nothing to do with the Knights of Columbus. The issue surrounds the fact that they are at a critical junction in being short handed on the committee serving end. Left on the committee are four people that can be counted on. They have plenty of people to wash dishes but need people to help with planning. They have ran volunteer announcements in all bulletins but received no phone calls. They are meeting with all the parish councils, trying to make people aware of the need and with the hope that they could feed people to in their direction that could be a part of the committee. Not real time commitment as it only requires 20-30 hours per year beginning in Mid-May to the time of the event in September. They are in need of Fresh ideas and new perspective as well as new sponsors.

Michael Teeter sends his thankfulness for the information and states that if there is anything we can do as a board, to let us know.

**PRINCIPAL/DIRECTOR REPORTS:** In addition to the reports available online:

**Ann Hamlet:**

In her opinion, the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade only warrants two classes.

All teachers have contracts.

Asked whether it would it be possible to not charge them the 900 dollars.

Recommendation: asked that class to still be split. Also suggested that teachers teach classes that they are more comfortable with in the curriculum.

Expressed a need for music teachers. This person could also work in the computer lab with the computer curriculum 30 minutes to an hour.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade – 27 or 28 students.

She mentioned that there will not be a need for a daycare or Pre-K Aid – up to 13-14 students.

Michael Teeter said that we have been flexible in the past.

Father J asked if we had landed the Cincinnati family.

Two families meeting tomorrow and another interested in visiting in the future.

**Tracey Welch:**

Two families will tour tomorrow: one from Martin Luther where the parent is the pastor and the other from TJ (6<sup>th</sup> grade). They are looking for a place that feels like home.

Step Up is tomorrow'

Finals are next week

Michael LaFerla stated a concern that some of the 5<sup>th</sup> graders are not coming to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The administration plans to make phone calls to the families. Michael asked how many were enrolled and the response was that 12 are enrolled and 8 have not enrolled nor showed intent to enroll. Most are older siblings.

Tracey will start making phone calls tomorrow – Polite conversations that are proactive vs. reactive.

Georgiana says we should ask why if students are not returning.

Not doing video next year at graduation. Another change is putting one person on sound system instead of two people.

**Georgiana McGriff:**

Went on the Sisters of Mercy Train and was very impressed. – The information reenergizes the history of the Sisters of Mercy and the long history they have in Joplin with the hospital and the school system.  
She also attended the WIG Meeting at Mercy.  
Working more closely with the Mercy system.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance (Renee Motazed)**

Renee referred to the budget assumptions, budgeted income and expenses July 1, 2018-June30, 2019, and July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Michael asked if we have too many computers that require monitoring and wondered if it is costing us money. Home and School has offered to pay for computer repairs as long as they are still being used and are not obsolete. A computer inventory has been conducted.

Accounting services and timeliness of such was questioned and discussed at much length.

Past due balances – have been working hard on those collections and have been able to get it down. Conversations have occurred about reducing the second payments for families.

Renee mentioned that there would be more reliable financials in June at the School Board Meeting.

Georgiana reported some statistical data on the number of students that have enrolled compared to last year (31% last year, 77% have enrolled this year) so we are way ahead thus allowing us to work on those who have not enrolled so much sooner than in year's past. Past Dues – have been reduced. Amy Oaks, secretary at St. Mary's is doing an amazing job and has been very helpful in this process.

Appreciation to the pastors and Georgiana as well as the principals. Renee and the finance department assists families so they can stay in the system. Some scholarships have been awarded throughout the year that have helped with past due balances.

Catholics and Non-Catholics have been assisted. How do we know about scholarships? Michael asked about this because some are afraid to ask. Renee said that we are saying that we don't want you to leave. We should be able to help some in August. Letter and Income is filled out. Some people will not accept. Application must be filled out.

Michael mentioned that a Mercy staff discount as a possibility to lure more children to join JACSS.

Father Justin reported that he received a letter about an awarded scholarship and after he looked at application realized that the family had not been in church forever. He

asked that the finance department refer to the pastor with each scholarship application. Father J. agreed.

**Development/Fundraising:**

Auction - Raised over \$166,0000 which is the biggest return in its history.  
\$15,000 spent in expenses.

**Alumni:** NONE

**SCRIPT –** Same as last month

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**Building & Grounds:**

The Sisters of Mercy Wall and History. Getting ready to rebuild grotto. Mary will be painted all white. Will look like it was when the alumni did it. New tarps were bought for the gym floor. They looked great at graduation.

**GRANTS** – 2 Walmart grants – TAMKO for the cost of the consulting for the strategic plan. MERCY might be able to step up. Might not need 20K. 5K for playground equipment for St. Mary's. Mat for preschool playground. GRANT for mulch or mat? Total is 140K; aiming for 100K. Do we need to do something special for our grant writers maybe at First Tuesday or a Moe's Monday? At 609, 10% of all proceeds for those evenings, goes to JACSS. 300 dollars was raised last month. Terees roofing is giving a 10 percent discount and 10 percent back to JACSS as well as free estimations. He has five children in the system.

Website not up to date.

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:** NONE

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Given by Father Justin.

**NEXT MEETING:** June 20 , 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at McAuley High School in Mr. Feather's Room.