

## **Council of School Ministries Minutes**

### **St. John's Lutheran School**

**October 22, 2008**

Present – Fred Whitaker (Chair), Lis Hohman, Andrea Dabrow, Andrea Jensen, Randy Einem (Principal), Suzanne Crehan (guest), Steve Redding (Elder) Absent – Jason Neben, Daryl Cole, Mary Ann McCuistion, John Steinmeyer (Elder)

The Opening Devotion was led by Suzanne Crehan.

The Agenda was moved, seconded and approved.

The Student Leadership report was given by Jaqueline Devereaux. \$511 raised from Denim for Dollars for Hurricane victims in Texas, they also went to visit Mercy House for the Homeless with Daryl Cole and plan to play with children as community outreach. Spirit day on October 30, 2008, will be a sports team theme, and they have set up a committee on Thursdays at lunch to help Adele Hoyt.

The minutes were moved, seconded and approved.

The Marriage Policy Statement was discussed by the Board. They will review district proposal on a covenant understanding of school beliefs on faith statements. Tabled to next meeting.

Lamb's Lot will be doing a trial run at a full time three year old program, beginning second semester. In January of 2009 they will be adding five spots to their current classes.

School board is to review the proposed kindergarten priority of admissions and decide in November.

Effective 2009/2010 school year, Lamb's Lot will be on the same calendar as St. John's Lutheran School.

Beginning this year all kindergarten assessment will be done in house, by St John's Lutheran preschool and kindergarten teachers. Assessments will be done in April instead of February.

Beginning the 2009/2010 school year, kindergarten registration will occur at the same time as grades one through eight.

Two new students will begin 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. We now have 688 students, 810 including our preschool.

Randy is finished with teacher meetings they were very beneficial. He will begin making classroom observations to observe and comment on classroom management and instructional technique. He is requiring Dave Stuewe and Kenny Harrison to do the same and provide Randy with a schedule.

We are continuing our efforts with WASC. Committees are discussing questions and gathering information and feedback from teachers and students.

Randy is working on developing the various surveys for students, faculty and parents. These will be conducted online and in the focus groups.

1 to 1 Laptops have been evaluated after the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter by teachers. They have very few issues and are happy the way things are moving. There have been minor glitches by students.

Focus groups for the visioning program will be held November 11, 13, and 18. We would like suggestions for "non-school parent church members" to invite.

Jodi, Danny and Randy met with Corey Witt and Nancy Morris to discuss website. This continues to be an ongoing project that is getting high priority.

Randy is working with John Ledbetter, Dennis Grice, Dave Stuewe and Nancy Morris to review current software use for school related management, grade recording and the communication to school parents.

Randy will be developing a "matching gifts" campaign using the Thrivent "GivingPlus" program. A letter with forms will be mailed out.

Randy has been receiving many comments on the current physical education department. He will be investigating a few areas to enrich our current program.

Auxiliary has begun adding content to the Auxiliary portion of the St. John's website. Doug Garner has volunteered to be our "webmaster". Parents can now download order forms for pizza, spirit wear, yearbooks, yearbook ads and Tanaka Farms. We are still in beginning stages and want to add pictures and graphics!

Red Ribbon Week designs have been chosen and t-shirts ordered. Kim Minter has worked hard to put together a great week of activities.

The School Directory went to print this week and we should be distributing them by the end of the month. Thanks to Jennifer Mallendar and Jolie Harnack for organizing and getting ads to cover the costs!

The Silent Auction date is March 14, 2009 at the Doubletree Hotel on MacArthur in Santa Ana.

January 19<sup>th</sup> is the St. Johns Golf Tournament at Western Hills Golf course.

**Next Meeting ~ November 20, 2008**

**Adjournment With Closing Prayer**