

ICCS Advisory Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2010

Presiding: Laurie Dickson

Recording Secretary: Brenda Zimmerer

Roll Call:

Laurie Dickson	present	Chalese Connors	present
Jeff Krueger	present	Rev. Tim Thompson	not present
Anne Green	present	Joan Moran	present
Msgr. Charles King	not present	Arsenia Sierra	present
Colette Sallas	present	Elaine Schad	present
Tammy Metzler	present	Craig Canon	present
Mary Jane Beyer	present	Brenda Zimmerer	present
Laura Behrens	present	Melissa Rush	present
Frank Payne	present		

Guest: Dale Wolf, Immaculate Conception Pastoral Council

I. Opening Prayer

II. Approval of November Minutes

III. New Business and Updates:

1. Budget/registration- Elaine: Our current enrollment is at 260. The budget is on target and some staff positions were cut or rearranged to help save, i.e., our executive assistant has retired and will not be replaced, and some full time positions are now split into two. Due to the economy and other factors, the council recommended no tuition increase for 2010-2011. There is a great need for tuition assistance. The school received \$15,500 from the diocesan Bishops Scholars Fund, and distributed close to \$100,000 in local tuition assistance from the operating budget for 2009-2010. Financial assistance forms will be included in the registration packets for those who request them. Class sections for 2010-2011 will be determined by enrollment and by state and local policies for class sizes. We received a handout showing the average Catholic school tuition in the U.S. as \$3,159.
2. There will be a Diocesan mini- summit on Catholic education on Saturday, Feb. 27, at Nolan High School from 8:30 a.m.-4.00 p.m. Those attending need to respond by Feb. 1.
3. Update on Touching Tomorrow Forever campaign- Elaine & Laurie: Several suggestions were made in a recent meeting to: Present the campaign to the Altar Society, provide the presentation to ICC Knights of Columbus, have a dinner in the spring, advertise a free tuition per parish for new families based on need and approved by tuition committee, send brochures to Hispanic businesses, and advertise with a car wrap. For December we received \$4,380 in donations toward the TFF fund, plus \$1700 for the spaghetti dinner

which will be counted for January. TFF envelopes will go out in every brown envelope. The ICC Knights of Columbus is helping with a pasta dinner on January 29 at the Knights hall. The IC Life Teen is sponsoring a benefit concert. Proceeds will benefit the school building debt.

4. Auction update- Anne: We are on target with preparations. Sandy Wood and Celeste Barnes are doing solicitations. Heather Wisker will be volunteer coordinator. We will probably use Rudy's again for food but try to come up with some other sides like shrimp. Music will be provided by a deejay. Tickets are \$30. There will be a January 21 meeting.
5. Catholic Schools Week: Diocesan banquet is January 30. Registration for 2010-2011 will begin the week of Jan. 25.
6. Advisory Council: All current members will continue for next year, but we are not at maximum and can add a few people so an announcement will be put in bulletins and Brown Envelope.

IV. Reports

- A. Development: Action Item: per recommendation of development committee, we will look at the feasibility of offering one parishioner (new families) tuition for each parish with applications for review by Tuition Committee.
- B. Recruitment: Tammy : We will try to obtain a pulpit talk at St. Mark soon.
Discussed updating web site and our marketing CD.
- C. Finance: Joan - handout: We paid \$12,425 on loan in December. Council reviewed budget totals to date for 2009-2010. Elaine reported that the diocese has approved the proposed budget for 2010-2011.
- D. Plant: Jeff: The new crucifix is in the process of being installed.
- E. Parish updates: No report. Elaine reminded council members of the IC Leadership Retreat on Feb. 13 in the gym.
- F. Principal's Report: Elaine
ICCS won the North Texas Independent League Academic Championship in December. The PSIA Academic meet is March 6 at ICCS, and we will need many volunteers. Basketball season is continuing. Students are participating in a host of activities including the Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, and handwriting contest. The school is selling World's Finest Chocolate with the proceeds going to the building note.

Closing prayer

Next meeting February 8.

