Approved
Marshalltown Area Catholic School
Minutes April 28, 2011
St. Henry’s

Present: Julie Swartz, Jamie Cook, Shannon Naughton, Paul Seberger, Fr. Don, Fr. Jim, Jenny Fisher, Wendy Soltero
Excused Not Present: Jim Wessling
Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Julie Swartz

Opening Prayer: Julie Swartz
Approval of Minutes: Fisher made a motion to approve. Soltero seconded.
Approval of Agenda – Naughton made a motion to approve the agenda. Soltero seconded.

Principal’s Report
Extended dress code will begin May 23rd.
Dates for Track and Field are May 16th for the 5th and 6th grades, May 17th for 1st and 2nd grades and May 18th for 3rd and 4th grades.

Home and School: No report

Finance Committee: Currently reviewing the finance report. The endowment balance is improving.
Promotion committee: Fisher reported the committee is looking at various items to purchase, which will be used to promote the school. Those items include a stainless water bottle, reusable sacks, chap sticks. The committee is also looking a venues to market the school. The school brochure is in the early process of being reviewed and the committee will be working on it this summer.
SIAC – no report

Leader Gram: Swartz reviewed articles regarding “Easter, The Pinnacle of Our Catholic Faith” and “Vibrant, Youth Friendly Parishes”.
Input from Local boards: St. Mary’s – No report; St. Henry’s – Virtus training is available online.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:
Fun Fest - Fisher reported is off to a great start. To date, there is over $4500 in cash and donations from local businesses and MACS families. Both parishes eagerly took the tags to provide for concession and game supplies, greatly reducing event costs. Raffle prize will be a Des Moines – “Day-cation” featuring entertainment for a family of four.
Adventureland tickets, 10 tickets to I-Cub home games, $125 at Incredible Pizza Company, gas gift cards and fun money.

The Witness Grant – discussion regarding continuation of Witness newspaper for MACS board members. The board can apply for the Grant but would need to have an in-depth discussion each meeting regarding Witness content and possible application to school board business. Swartz will talk to Wessling about the continuing this next year.

Teacher Appreciation:
MACS Board members will provide breakfast for teachers and staff on Tuesday, May 3rd. Home and School will provide lunch for teachers and staff on Thursday, May 5th.

Annual Board Self Assessment:
Swartz reminded board members self-assessments need to be completed before the next meeting. She encouraged members to complete it tonight if they have it available. Swartz and Wessling will review the assessments once all are received.

STO Update:
More families are completing and returning the forms in a timely fashion. This is good news, as more families will have an opportunity to receive financial assistance.

Bi-Parish council met recently and determined the Option 2 of the options presented would be more feasible to implement. Option 2 was to remain two separate parishes at this time but to begin to share more resources begin the parishes.
Fr. Jim will be asking permission from the diocese for Fr. Don to provide a Spanish mass on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s.
In June 2012, Jeanine Grady will be retiring as St. Mary’s DRE. At that time Patty Cook will take over both St. Henry/St. Mary Religious Education programs. A coordinator of Religious Education will be hired to assist Patty.

Naughton made a motion to adjourn. Fr. Jim seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next BOE meeting is Thursday, May 19, 2011 at St. Mary’s.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Dawley