Present: Julie Swartz, Fr. Jim Miller, Fr. Don Czapla, Wendy Soltero, Jenny Fisher, Jaime Cook, Paul Seberger
Excused Not Present: Shannon Naughton

Executive Officer: Jim Wessling
Guests: John Dawley, Linda Jacobs
Opening Prayer Jim Wessling led prayer.
Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Wendy Soltero, seconded by Paul Seberger.
Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve by Fr. Don Czapla, seconded by Wendy Soltero.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by Julie Swartz

Report of Operations:
Paul Seberger reported that the childcare revenue is $13,000 higher than it was at this same time last year.

Comments from Public:
Linda Jacobs commented on a current situation involving 5th grade band students. They are being bused to Lenihan for their band instruction and are thereby missing out on 50% of their Religion instruction. After speaking with Mr. Sibbel (Lenihan band instructor), it is his desire that the St. Mary’s students have their band instructions at St. Mary’s next school year, which would have a positive impact on the situation. Linda will speak with Mrs. Davis to see what can be done to remedy the situation for the remainder of this year.

Reports:
Principal:
1. January 14 marked the end of the semester. Progress reports were sent home.
2. We will have school on Monday, February 21, 2011 to make up a snow day.
3. Catholic Schools Week Update
   Catholic Schools Week was quite successful and a great celebration by all. I believe everybody enjoyed Kickin’ Off Catholic Schools Week with kickball in the gym. We ended the week with a Faith Bowl at St. Mary’s and St. Henry’s gym. There were excellent questions used to test their knowledge of the Catholic faith. We spread our CSW message on KDAO, KIX 101.1/ KFJB, and KCRM Catholic Radio. HyVee Night generated $665.77 for MACS. MACS raised $254.04 from the Food Court and $411.73 from the grocery certificates.
4. MACS 2nd & 4th Grader students will be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) starting February 22nd. The CogAT reflects the overall efficiency of cognitive processes and strategies that enable an individual to learn new tasks or solve problems. The abilities are assessed in three domains: verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal. The CogAT measures developed abilities, not innate abilities. CogAT score profiles can help teachers adapt instructional strategies, learning materials and the pace of instruction to the individual needs of their students as well as help to identify eligibility for educational programs for the gifted: Extended Learning Program (ELP).
5. MACS 5th Grade students will be taking the National Catholic Education Association - Assessment of Catechesis/Religious Education (NCEA ACRE) test again this year.

6. Safe environment training program will be offered on: Wednesday, February 23, 2011 for the 6th Grade and Friday, February 25, 2011 for the 1st and 3rd Grades. The safe environment training program that will be used can be viewed at St. Mary’s Attendance Center on Monday, February 21, 2011 from 6:00 – 7:00pm in the Upper Level Multi-purpose Room.

7. I have a SIAC Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 22nd at St. Mary’s Upper Level Multipurpose Room starting at 4:00pm.

8. Registration for the MACS Childcare and Preschool Programs will be held at St. Henry’s Attendance Center on **Tuesday, February 22** from 6:30 am – 5:30 pm. Registration will be located on the lower level of the school. Childcare registration fee of $30.00 (non-refundable) and Preschool registration fee of $30.00 (non-refundable) per child is due on February 22. MACS will hold PRE-REGISTRATION (for students that will be in Kindergarten – 6th Grade during the 2011-2012 school year) on **Tuesday, February 22, 2011**. Pre-Registration will be held at the St. Henry’s Attendance Center 6:30 am – 4:00 pm, and at the St. Mary’s Attendance Center Office 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. Registration fee of $75.00 (non-refundable) per child for Kindergarten – 6th Grade is due on February 22. After that date, the registration fee will be $100.00 per child.

**Home and School:** No report.

**Finance Committee:** No report.

**Promotions Committee:**
Jenny Fisher reported that a new committee has been formed with the following members: Missy Cruikshank, Yolanda Smith, Jennifer Lustyk, Sharon Rebik, and Angie Christensen. They plan to meet before the next BOE meeting.

**School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC):** No report.

**Leaders’ Gram:**
Jim Wessling reviewed an article about reaching out to inactive Catholics and what part the school BOE may play in welcoming them back to the Church. The Archdiocesan STO reached the goal of $3.7 million on Dec. 31, 2011.

**Input from local boards:** St. Mary’s – No report. St. Henry’s – No report, although Paul Seberger reminded everyone that both women’s and men’s CEWs are coming up in March.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**
John Dawley prepared and presented an outline for creating an endowment fund that would continue to provide income for MACS for many years to come. He proposed the formation of a five-member committee which would include members from both parishes, as well as a sixth person who would be a MACS BOE member. Paul Seberger motioned that the BOE approve creation of an endowment subcommittee. Seconded by Jenny Fisher. Consensus.
Fr. Don Czapla read a letter which will be go out to all parishioners (of both parishes). The joint parish council has proposed several ideas for the future of the Catholic Church in the Marshalltown area. This proposal includes the possibility of building a new school on the St. Henry’s church grounds. Data from all responding parishioners will be compiled and reviewed at the April meeting of the joint parish councils. There was discussion in regards to the viability of fund-raising for both a new school and an endowment fund.

Fr. Don Czapla raised the issue of student retention at MACS. In past years, there has been a notable decline in student count in two transitional grades. Those grades are as follows: students going from 2nd to 3rd, and those going from 4th to 5th. Several ideas for retention were suggested. Jim Wessling will relay this information to the St. Mary’s teachers and ask them to also generate ideas for student retention. Further discussion at the next BOE meeting.

Jim Wessling reminded everyone that Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on March 15th and 17th. Also, MACS will be in session on March 4th but the public school will not.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm (motioned by Jaime Cook, seconded by Wendy Soltero).

Next regular meeting is March 17, 2011 at St. Mary’s Attendance Center.
Respectfully submitted by Linda Jacobs