

LEAC Meeting Agenda - 10/8/2014

Present: Fr. Mike, Fr. Tom, Tammi Bradley, Tom Hushion, Tony Huffman, Rita Angel, Lori Lutz, Jim Hartlage

Absent: Susan Cisar, Tim Binegar, Dave Baker, Tom Betz, Vince Stollar

Guests: Matt Ingram, Joe Augenstein

Topic	Discussion Points	Action/Assignments
1. Opening Prayer	Fr. Mike	
2. School Report – Rita	<p>Have been changes to the child decree since last year. There is a less clear definition of regular volunteer and who needs training. Some may need clarified by the Diocese.</p> <p>Transportation for extracurricular activities is becoming an issue. The school currently uses the Marietta City buses, but they are having difficulty getting substitute bus drivers. There may be days when they have too many trip requests. Discussion followed to look into private transportation options, including renting or ultimately buying a van. (Need individuals to pass background check, drug test and have a CDL certificate.)</p> <p>The group looking into the feasibility of a High School is meeting next week. They are planning to survey parents in St. Mary's, St. John's and Washington county.</p> <p>Rita Angel announced this is her last year. She will retire at the end of the school year. Tony thanked her for her years of service. It was expressed that it would be nice to have the new principal in place before Rita leaves.</p>	
3. Boosters - Vince	The Golf tournament on Sept 26 had less participation than they had hoped. They are looking into a possible 5K race in the fall.	
4. Home & School - Susan	<p>Hot lunch program seems to be going well.</p> <p>Home and Scholl will assist in the Open House at the school.</p>	
5. After School Tutoring Report -	<p>There is a Marietta College student ready to start next week. She is a freshman in the leadership program.</p> <p>Mrs. Sewell and Mrs. Dunaway are still tutoring after school.</p>	
6. SCRIP Sales –	No report	

7. Marketing – Tammi	<p>Concentration has been on helping the Jung’s market the Parish festival. There will be on a feature on Daybreak on Thursday, Oct. 9, and there will be a feature Saturday in the Marietta times. Putting ads on WMOA and the Catholic radio station.</p> <p>She continues to update the website with news. Four St. Mary’s staff received awards at the Diocese In Service recently held at St. Mary’s.</p>	
8. Finance – Tom	No major changes	
9. Old Business	Discussion concerning handout from concerned parents given at last meeting—see new business	
10. New Business	<p>Joe and Matt were looking for feedback from the board concerning the previous handout.</p> <p>They expressed some parental concerns about discipline at the school and the fact it may be serious enough to have some students leave because of it. As the discussion progressed it seemed to center on a particular discipline issue, not necessarily a school wide problem.</p> <p>There were questions asked and discussion undertaken concerning the suggestion that St. Mary’s needs a more robust math program. Some concern was expressed over Iowa scores last spring being lower. It was reiterated that last year was a transition year with the new math program and scores will be compared and assessed with this year’s scores.</p> <p>There was discussion concerning the language program with parents on both sides of the issue. Some want only Spanish, others wish to keep both Spanish and Sign language.</p> <p>There was discussion about upgrading the computer and technology aspect of the school.</p> <p>Tony suggested that members of the board look over the document and come up with some suggestions to improve the school by the next meeting.</p>	
11. Next meeting	11/12/2014 @ 6PM, Rectory	