

**MINUTES OF THE
ST. PATRICK EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING
January 3, 2006**

1. Call to Order: 7:05 p.m. by President Nathan McCormick

Members Present: Sean Donovan, Jill Blattner, Dave Charron, Lou Shalda, Nathan McCormick, Julie Mooney, Mike Johnson, and John Brooks

Members Absent: Father Badgerow, Kim Herrington, and John Eardley

2. Prayer: Sean Donovan

3. Comments From the Floor: None

4. Communications: None

5. Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve by Dave Charron, seconded by Jill Blattner, all in favor.

6. Approval of the Minutes: Motion to approve by Dave Charron, seconded by Lou Shalda, all in favor.

7. Old Business: See Committee Reports

8. Reports:

A. Pastor: None

B. Principal: a) On January 5, the principals will be meeting to discuss a diocesan-wide marketing project. A meeting on January 18th at 7:00 p.m. will be open to anyone interested. b) The decision concerning the magazine sale will be finalized by the end of the month. Currently, we are leaning towards the Great American Company. c) The new volunteer tutoring program is gaining support. Several parents have contacted Sean to let him know of their interest. Sean will continue to discuss this program with the teachers. d) The Middle School will be putting on "The Passion" on March 28th at Lowell High School's Performing Arts Center from 6-8 p.m. e) Catholic Schools' Week is from January 30-February 3. Sean, teachers, and others are busy planning the week. Lou shared our role last year, and offered our involvement again. f) The Spelling Bee will be on January 19. Sean is looking into the larger community for a public official to be our "official pronouncer." g) Julie asked Sean about different emergency procedures. Presently, the Fire procedure is being rewritten.

In the spring, the Tornado and the Lock-Down procedures will be reviewed.

C. Business Manager: None

9. Committee Reports:

A. Pre-School Committee: Nathan reported that the State Fire Inspection went very well. He will make a list of the improvements/changes needed; he will be looking for some help to make these changes. Nathan called Lansing for a licensing consultant.

B. Technology/Curriculum: Twelve “walkie-talkies” with rechargeable base are ordered for the school. They will be used in the classrooms, playground, and on field trips.

C. Marketing: The two Davenport Interns are not interested in working with us. Several people were discussed who might want to help with the writing of our new literature brochure, since the intern position has not worked out.

10. Scheduling and Agenda Items:

Old Business: Pre-School Committee
Technology Committee
Marketing

11. Commission Member to Write Summary: John Brooks

12. Closing Prayer: Jill Blattner

13. Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 p.m.

14. Next Meeting: Tuesday February 7, 2006 (7:00 p.m. Erin Isle Room)

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Blattner, Secretary