

## Minutes for School Council Meeting on October 4, 2018

- I. In Attendance: Fr. Craig Maxim, Mike Riley, Cara Schwarz, Francie Bradley, Sean Molen, Gina Robinson, Laura Vanice, Shawn Creger and Lisa Stuart
- II. Absent: Joe Nolke
- III. Opening Prayer: Fr. Craig; Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi on his Feast Day
- IV. YCC Update from Director Cara Schwarz
  - Cara Schwarz introduced herself, this is her first year as director at the Young Child Center.
  - There are two new rooms dedicated to preschool classes in the grade school building- for four year old preschool and PreK.
  - There are plans to put in a crosswalk between the grade school and YCC to insure safe transport of the children to and from the buildings.
  - The students that are in the two new classrooms are also able to attend STEAM and hopefully additional specials.
  - Cara fielded questions about retention of YCC from preschool to kindergarten. In bringing the four year old preschool class and PreK to the big school more often, we are hoping to bridge the gap between the two schools.
  - Toured the new classrooms.
- V. Pastor's Report, Fr. Craig Maxim:
  - Thanks to the preauction hosts; this has been one of the best years for underwriting.
  - The parish recently wrapped up a successful Parish Mission with Fr. Tom Donaldson. There will be another Parish Mission in 2019 (November 2-6) with Fr. Jim Sichko.
  - Our parish recently had a Christ Renews His Parish retreat and 22 women attended. A men's retreat is scheduled later this year.
  - Fr Craig recently visited with the the chair of Faith and Discipleship Committee, Jill Bleything and they discussed opportunities for him to be present in the grade school. He recently taught a lesson to a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom at the teacher's request.
  - Confirmation is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27- 7pm.
  - The Archbishop has announced an Archdiocesan convention and St. Ann is allowed to take 19 parishioners. This will be in October of 2019.
- VI. Principal's Report, Mr. Mike Riley:
  - Moved to approve the minutes
  - Read Mission Statement
  - There has been lots of active learning taking place in the building. STEAM lab has been a welcome addition. StemScopes is the current curriculum and could be incorporated into the science curriculum. Project Lead the Way is another curriculum option.
  - Learning Lab is in a central location this year.

- Children of God Draw Near will be in the building in October working with several grades. These women bring stories from their travels to the Holy Land, etc.
- Programming with Mental Fitness has begun in grades K-6.
- PTO has sponsored several speakers including Dr. Ashley Smith as well as a speaker on digital consciousness
- Survey results- will look at during the next meeting
- Idea was mentioned about mini surveys as a way to get immediate feedback throughout the year.

#### VII. Action Plan

- Sean Molen created a “living document” through Google so that the school council members and others can add information to the document. For instance, Cara Schwartz can add information about the YCC, and the Faith and Discipleship committee can add info.
- Our meetings for the year will focus on the plan and how to act on it to get results.
- Academics is slated for November.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 7 pm (switched from November 1 due to it being a Holy Day of Obligation.)