

San Jose Sanchez Del Rio Catholic School
Minutes for Board Meeting August 16, 2023

Opening prayer by Father Rob (Father Pacheco absent due to illness).

Members present: Mark Mertle - Vice Chair, John Redding - Treasurer, Angelene Leist - Secretary, Kathleen Kasperson - Directress ex-officio. President Dan Fessler absent as he just had knee surgery.

8 students now enrolled T/K through 4th grade. Discussed changing school to T/K-4th and then as students grow increase to 5th etc, The biggest concern for parents of the 8 enrolled is an after school program. This year Kathleen will operate. First day of school is August 28th, 8:30am-3pm.

Katie Peterson is interested in the morning paid aide job. 4 hours at \$20 per hour. Her qualifications are 1. She has been a teacher 2. Is a reading specialist 3. Has administration skills, which will be very helpful, and has networking connections. Several people have responded to the volunteer positions on the website. These are needed for each afternoon in the classrooms.

We now have a new bookkeeper. Kathleen and Fr. Pacheco will be meeting with a Chase bank business account manager from Santa Rosa tomorrow morning to finally get our separate school account opened. This has been the hold up in getting letters out to prospective donors. Kathleen has had several sizable donations made. Two students are currently fully funded by two donors. She will be having a zoom meeting with 6 donors of \$1,000 each. Funding is essential. Mark and Guy are concerned with parents not committing to any monthly obligation. Kathleen is concerned with parents not enrolling because not enough students for their children to play with. The point being made that we have to get this year up and running no matter what.

The website is up and running strong with reports kept current. The Social marketing has been setup and active. Work has been done on the logo and turned over to Guy Pacurar for final touches.

Kathleen stated that she is going ahead with the Catholic Extensions Grant of \$50K. Santa Rosa diocese already qualifies. She will be working with Adrian from the diocese to properly fill out the request. This will help with main projects, program development, and playground development.

It was a strong concern that emphasis be placed on the fact that we are here to build a dream. Personal contact with each family is a must. There is a great need that these students this year share with their outside friends how much they are able to do with being in a smaller school and the wonderful field trips that they go on (which are not offered by the public schools).

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer by Kathleen.

Next meeting, September 20th, 5:00