

SAN JOSE SANCHEZ DEL RIO CATHOLIC SCHOOL
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Minutes for Meeting, November 8, 2023

Opening prayer by All Board Members

Members present: Chairman Dan Fessler, Vice-Chair Mark Mertle, Secretary Angelene Leist, Treasurer John Redding, Directress ex-officio Kathleen Kasperson, Father Pacheco.

Minutes from Meeting held 9-2-23 were sent out for reading before this meeting. Mark made a motion to approve the minutes, John seconded the motion, all approved.

After much discussion on the lack of a full current financial report it was estimated that we are about a negative \$5,000. Kathleen and John are going to meet with the new bookkeeper to work out getting a full report for our next board meeting.

Discussion settled for the board to meet quarterly to look seriously at the finances and all necessary updates. Kathleen and John to meet at least monthly on the finances. If anything arises making it necessary for the board to meet earlier than the next quarterly meeting such meeting will be called.

The success or failure of our school depends on fundraising. Mark sent out a new letter targeting specific people he knows but without much success. Mark and Kathleen are going to reach out to others they know in hopes of receiving a better outcome. Guy and Mark are going to work on resending a new composed letter to the bulk mailing that has already been paid for. Mark wants to send this letter out quarterly. Offer small gifts to donors.

John reported that he is always applying for any grants that he comes across.

Much discussion on reaching out for sponsors from our own parish. Asking for specific requests: music instruments, help with distant field trips just to name a couple ideas. Get a waiting list going to see if parents would send their child if free of expense. Would they opt in for quality

learning, higher testing scores than public schools and non violent atmosphere. Have the parents of our students that are passionate about their children staying in attendance at our school reach out to their family and friends. This is a great way to increase our attendance.

Other items discussed were getting more efficient on sending photos to Jamie, our website can now except donations that go directly into the school account, and bringing Guy in as a board member.

Next meeting date set for January 10th at 5:00pm in classroom 5.

Closing prayer 6pm by Father Pacheco