

**St. Thomas More Catholic School Commission  
November 2018 General Meeting Minutes**

**Date, Time, and Location:** Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 7:00 P.M. in the Learning Media Center

**Meeting called to order by** President Bob Brown at 7:00 P.M.

**Attendance:** President Bob Brown, Vice-President Kevin Foley, Secretary Pam Michel, Mary Aydt, Frank Celarek, Michael Mesina, Leni Pedres, Principal Sonja Keane, and Father Richard Rosinski.

**Absent:** Humberto Perez

There were 9 members in attendance; a quorum was reached. Nancy Shumaker, school bookkeeper, was in attendance.

**Prayer:** Prepared by Leni Pedres - School Commission recited together.

**Welcome:** President Bob Brown

**Approval of Minutes:** Leni Pedres motioned to approve and Frank Celarek seconded the motion to approve the October 3, 2018 STM School Commission Minutes.

**Pastor's Report:** Given by Father Richard Rosinski

- The exhibit of relics of the saints was held at St. Thomas More School on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Father Carlos Martins, the curator of the relics from the Treasures of the Church, gave two presentations in the gym. Preschool - 3rd grades were at one of the presentations and the other was with 4th - 8th grades. The students were very respectful, prayed, and gave reverence to the relics. In the evening of Oct. 31, Fr. Martins gave a presentation to the parish members in the church. He explored our church history and it was a tremendous experience for everyone who attended any of the presentations that day.

**Principal's Report:** Given by Principal Sonja Keane

- Veteran's Day was celebrated on Tues., November 13, 2018. The day started out with an All School Mass. Mrs. Hansen, our 1st grade teacher, arranged to have the American Legion come to school and talk about the history of Veteran's Day. The students sang "Proud to be an American" in front of the veterans. The students made cards for the veterans. Any extra cards, that the veterans didn't take with them, were taken downstate to a home for disabled veterans.
- Students paid a donation of \$1.00 or more to wear pink on Pink Out Day. The students had collected \$230 which was donated to the Wig Boutique at Advocate Sherman Hospital for the cancer patients who can't afford to buy a wig.
- An Earthquake Drill was held at school for the Great American Shakeout on Thurs., Oct. 18 at 10:18 A.M. Our school will receive a certificate for participation.
- The Trunk-or-Treat which was held on Sun., Oct. 21, was very successful. Families could decorate their trunks and/or dress in costumes. Prizes were given for the best trunk and costumes.
- Students brought their Boxes of Joy to church on Wed., Nov. 7. Mike Zak, from St. Patrick's Parish in St. Charles, had the students procession in and put their Boxes of Joy on the altar. He did an Adoration

presentation for our students. Our students brought in 85 boxes and including the parish and RE students, there were a total of 300 boxes.

#### **Old Business:**

- Vice-President Kevin Foley mentioned that he will continue to follow up with Karen, from Dist. 300, about future updates on parent education programs.

#### **New Business:**

- Nancy Shumaker passed out a chart showing a census projection for our school from 2018 - 2022. There are 37 new families this 2018 - 2019 school year. The STM School Commission looked over the projections and discussed many ways we could market our school to help with increasing enrollment. The School Commission discussed goals, plans for marketing, and recruiting. Further discussion for increasing enrollment will continue at the next School Commission meeting.
- Secretary Pam Michel attended ALICE training at the Elgin Police Dept. on Sat., Nov. 3, 2018. She handed out notes from the training and explained information about active shooters. She discussed each letter of ALICE and information about each letter - Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate.

#### **Topics for Next Meeting:**

- Further discussion on marketing strategies to increase our school enrollment.
- Further updates on our School Emergency and Crisis Response Plan.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to come before the St. Thomas More School Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M. A closing prayer was led by Father Richard Rosinski.

The next meeting of the St. Thomas More School Commission will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the teachers' lounge.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted:

Pam Michel  
Secretary  
St. Thomas More School Commission

Leni Pedres moved and Michael Messina seconded the motion to approve the November 13, 2018 STM School Commission Minutes.