

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes October 17, 2017

7:00 PM – Commons Call to Order, Sarah Burke

Attendance: Father Colter, Regena Huffman, Tom Hoag, Katie Schmitz, Mark Miller, Jeff (CVCS), Dr. Dale Monroe (CVCS), Theresa Dethlefs, Sarah Burke, Tracey Ryan Wiering, Doug Christensen, Bill Macky, Rosi Guerrero, Bob Ames

Dr. Dale Monroe – presenting on Cedar Valley Catholic Schools Financials

Financial presentation regarding state of CVCS. Currently 39 St. Patrick Church students attend Columbus High School. This number is difficult to compare to other parishes as a percentage of attendance of our entire population due to lack of clarity of the information.

Dr. Monroe shared some of the challenges and successes that CVCS schools face. He shared that a future recommendation would be presented to the CVCS board to have a 1.5% reduction for three years in parish subsidies and potentially go as low as a 5% reduction in the future. These are just proposed reductions, not approved.

General discussion included how can Columbus share their value and success stories more effectively to both the community and prospective families? Dr. Monroe would be interested in having a sub group meet with the communication director regarding how to best reach out to our families and share the value of a Columbus High School education.

Tom Hoag regarding parish debt reduction:

The plan is to form a leadership committee to guide this effort. It is anticipated that between \$600,000 and \$700,000 of debt will remain by June. The hope is to establish and execute a plan and to develop a plan that is both effective but also sensitive to the people who have already extensively supported this effort. The hope is that the planning process will allow for different groups of the parish to be reached out to in individualized and appropriate ways. Examples of groups include the St. Patrick School community, larger donors, new members who may have never given, current members who may have pledged but have not completed donation etc.

Tom's concern is developing a plan discreetly and rolling it out intentionally.

Tracey Ryan Wiering and Rosie Guerrero- Totus Tuus –

Tracey and Rosie attended to discuss the challenges of Totus Tuus as they decide how to proceed in the future. The main concerns was that the team was seemingly inexperienced and the content wasn't presented appropriately. The general feeling was that they will be choosing or adapting a different program for next year. It will likely not be as long of a day for the school age grades and may offer an option for junior high and high school age students.