

St. Dominic Technology Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 20, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the school library. Present were Fr. Dave Reith, Tom Rieger, Meg Picciolo, Steve Schuh, Debbie Pedretti, John Chovanec, Joyce Sauer, Tom Wetzel, and Patty Ott. Chris Hugi was excused.

January minutes were approved.

Website photo lock down was discussed. The parish will proceed with obtaining Information Release Forms and communicating our policy and goals to parishioners in order to fully inform our members of our publication goals. Tom will draft a response to Joyce Z.

Our Road Runner Business class contract is due for renewal in April. Karen will contact to see about increasing our speed at current cost or less.

The church management database workgroup did not have a report. Staff evaluations are set to begin the week of March 3rd. Debbie and Meg will meet to set up the staff review process.

The school/education workgroup reported on their review of two online encyclopedias: World Book and Britannica. John felt one would be a great addition for SMARTboard technology. We have a 30 day review period. Teachers have been asked to review each program and report their preferences. Joyce said the possibilities are amazing and searching is safe and updated. There are different levels for students. Annual fee is in the range of \$400-500. We can lock-in the rate for 2 years. The workgroup is also researching math software for lower grades; remedial and drill work, interactive. They are also looking at possible upgrade of Orchard.

Joyce handed out information regarding SMARTboard procurement and offers available. It was decided that those who donated monies at the auction should be notified and asked if their place of employment would match their donation. If we are able to purchase 10 SMARTboards by April 1, we could acquire 30 Senteo wireless handheld units to use in the lab for free a \$2,000 value. Joyce also reported that ten teachers have signed up for SMARTboard training in Hartland.

Student classroom computers were discussed. The lower level grades use their classroom computers more hours per day than the upper grades. The better computers should be placed in those grades. The computer setup for the student computers was discussed. It was determined that a full review of student classroom computer set up and assignment should be done for the 2008-2009 school year. Meg will contact John Waymel about participation in the IBM grant.

Tom will draft a recruitment letter. We will also look to the Time and Talent Appeal for additional technology committee members.

The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Picciolo
Technology Secretary