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STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT



Steering Committee

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Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you especially for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and hold the promise for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight. Be present with us as we work together: make us responsive to your will and give to us a healthy pride in all we do that we may be good stewards of all things entrusted to us. May the prayers of our patron Bernard help us to keep in mind the wise counsel given long ago "whoever would climb to a lofty height must go by steps, not leaps."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

THIS WEEK

On Wednesday evening the Steering Committee met with members of the newly formed School Subcommittee. The interested parishioners attended the meeting and volunteered their time and talents with a mission to:

- ◆ Demonstrate concretely the **need** and/or desire for a school in St. Bernard's; and to
- ◆ Demonstrate concretely the **feasibility** and/or viability of a school in St. Bernard's.

Ed Cooney has graciously agreed to serve as the chair of the subcommittee. The other 11 volunteers are:

MARK BAMFORD
CAROL BENDER
RICH DIMARIA
MIKE FORTIN
LISA GOULET
NANCY NIGRI

PETER NIGRI
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Based on our architects' calculations, if a school is to open no later than September, 2006, we would need to start the appropriate permit application process by the beginning of February, 2004. While it would be ideal to get a recommendation on whether to build or not to build by this time, both the Steering Committee and the members of the subcommittee believe that we need to make a careful and fully informed decision and not to rush to any conclusion. Accordingly, the subcommittee was asked to get as much information as possible by the beginning of February, but given a final report deadline of March 31, 2004.

Three subcommittee initiative teams were organized—finance, school model and survey. Information regarding a potential tuition rate and the annual operating budget will be looked at by the Finance Team. The School Model Team will look at what grades there may be and what type of School Board may be organized. The Survey Team will handle the questionnaires to the community that will help determine the level of interest in a school. Lots to do in a short period of time! We could use some more interested people. Would you like to help?

Question for Sunday, December 7, 2003

Would you be interested in serving on the School Subcommittee?

Name _____
Area of interest _____
Experience _____

Please drop your response in the collection baskets or send an email to steering_committee@sbcwickford.org. Thanks for your response!