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Building Use Occupies CCGEB

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Elmira—Questions concerning St. Patrick's school building occupied the Chemung County General Education Board (CCGEB) at its meeting Oct. 12.

It was recently noted in the Elmira Star-Gazette that a possibility existed that the junior high operated by the board would no longer be in St. Patrick's building, as part of speculation concerning an extension of Elmira's business district onto the school site.

Concerns over the age of the building were expressed at the September CCGEB meeting, but closing or moving the junior high had not been discussed.

Lawrence Stephens, board president, noted that he was preparing a communication to the Star-Gazette stating the board's intention of continuing to operate a junior high.

Sister Joan Cawley, St. Patrick's principal, noted that the information on the junior high's future had not been checked with her.

Contacted the following day, Father David Callan, St. Patrick's co-pastor, also reported that the information had not been confirmed by Father Kevin Murphy or himself.

Father Callan further stated that the parish has not been approached by the city concerning the property. He added that the parish council is "open" to negotiations concerning the school.

The CCGEB will be informed of any developments affecting continued operation of the junior high in the parish's building, Father Callan said.

Sister Joan reported to the CCGEB that Father Murphy told her last spring that some discussions were taking place with potential buyers.

Possible ways to deal with the issue were discussed by the board members. Thomas Santulli, St. Anthony's representative, noted that the issue had been discussed at St. Anthony's Parish Council, and the council members "are interested" in talking about use of St. Anthony's School for the junior high.

Sister Joan emphasized the planning necessary to move the program, commenting that "I don't think it's too soon to start" looking at other buildings.



Members of the Chemung County General Education Board, discussing their roles in the operation of the school system at the board workshop are, from left, Lawrence Stephens, Martin Tracy, Sister Roberta Tierney, diocesan Education Division director; Father Henry Adamski, Thomas Santulli, Sister Davidica, Jerald Meeker, and Sister Marilyn Reeves.

A committee was formed to look at the options, and several board members and alternates volunteered to serve. J. Allan Wright, Our Lady of Lourdes, will serve as chairman. Sister Joan also was asked to contact the co-pastors for further information.

In other action, Martin Tracy, reporting for the Finance Committee, distributed information on the audit of the 1977-78 books, noting recommendations, some of which have been put into effect

by Gail Callahan, the system's business manager.

He also distributed proposals for disbursement of the \$53,423 unanticipated fund balance from last year, and for a program dealing with capital expenditures.

The capital expenditures program sets in place a planning process, and a sharing of expenses on the four schools: the system uses, St. Patrick's, St. Mary's, St. Casimir's, and Our Lady of Lourdes; on the three convents it operates, St. Casimir's, Our

Lady of Lourdes and St. Mary's; and on the schools that it does not use, St. Anthony's, St. Cecilia's, and St. Peter and Paul.

With general participation in the capital expenses of all the school buildings, the capital expense burden will not fall unfairly on those parishes whose buildings are not being used by the system. The CCGEB's primary source of income is parish assessments.

Discussion and action on the proposals is planned for the November meeting.

CCGEB Spends Saturday in Workshop

Elmira—The Chemung County General Education Board (CCGEB) met Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., without a single item of business on their agenda.

The day's agenda was filled with evaluations, brainstorming, and serious discussion of problems facing the board and Elmira's Catholic schools. Running the day's events was Sister Roberta Tierney, diocesan Education Division director.

The board members evaluated the board's functions, discussing what it is doing in comparison

with what it should be doing; examined its relationships with other organizations, and discussed the skills necessary for efficient operation of the board.

Issues raised included communications, parent involvement, injustice in teacher pay, lack of community involvement, and the fact that the three elementary are still seen as "parish schools."

A concern mentioned frequently was apathy among the parents, parishes, and others on whom the system depends for support.

Hornell Girls Get Marian Award

Hornell—Twelve members of the Horizon Club of the Hornell Camp Fire Girls received the Marian Award for Service in ceremonies Sunday, Oct. 15 at St. Ann's Church.

The presentation was made by Father Robert MacNamara, pastor, and by Mrs. Edward Hanrahan, who, with Mrs. Paul Wolfgruber, is the group's moderator.

The recognition concluded two years of activities under supervision of the diocesan

youth director. The group, the first in the parish to complete the requirements, received early instruction from Father Lewis Brown when he was St. Ann's associate pastor.

The 10th grade girls honored are Colleen Connors, Nancy Watches, Elizabeth Kull, Brigitte Hanrahan, Ann Fitzpatrick, Monica Wise, Christine Smith, Sharon Gaffney, Monica Cheresnowsky, Jackie Griswold, Diane Roof and Judy Argentieri.

The girls completed a variety of projects during the two years. They wrote and presented a play for handicapped children, made regular visits to the Hornell Nursing Home, adopted a younger girl for a weekend at Camp Rathbun, planned and served a Communion breakfast for students and their parents, went on a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Youngstown, and assisted at the Garb Center and parish clothing drive.

Elmiran Elected

Elmira—Mrs. Cyrus Grosvenor, 1876 Davis St., was elected to the National Board of the Ladies of Charity at their convention in New Orleans Sept. 14-15.

She is past president of the Elmira chapter, Ladies of Charity, and has participated in many regional and national meetings. She also has been a member of the Rosary Altar Society, the Business and Professional Women's Association, and of the National Catholic Charities Board.

Cardiac Club Chooses Name and Officers

Elmira—At the first meeting of an organization for persons who have had heart surgery, the members chose "Open Heart Club" for its name, selected officers and committees, and scheduled its next meeting for Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, Main and Church streets.

Scheduled to speak is Dr. J. Alan Reid, cardiologist. He will discuss the cardiac

workup and diagnostic procedure that precede surgery. Refreshments will follow.

Robert A. Groff was named chairman, Donald Noyes vice chairman, Harriette Rouse secretary, and R. Ardon DeVore treasurer. Committees also were organized to deal with membership, nominating, visitation, hospitality, education, name selection, and professional liaison.

ND Reunion Nov. 25

Elmira—The Notre Dame and Elmira Catholic High School's annual alumni reunion will be Saturday, Nov. 25 at Notre Dame.

The Notre Dame class of 1958 will be the featured class, and the 1968 class also will be highlighted, according to Sister Carmella, the Alumni Association moderator. All graduates, of any year, families and friends are welcome.

The evening will run from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., and will feature beverages, food, and a band. Tickets will be sold at the door.

C-S Assembly Scheduled

Elmira—The Chemung-Schuylter Regional Assembly will meet Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Dunn Memorial at St. Joseph's Hospital. Father Kevin Murphy, coordinator, has announced.

Morning sessions will be workshops for members, with business matters dealt with in the afternoon.

Benefit Dances Announced

Corning—Invitations to two annual events which benefit people around the world have been extended by the sponsoring organizations.

The 12th annual Hope Ball will be at the Corning Glass Center Dec. 2, with music by the Meyer Davis Orchestra of New York City. Proceeds will go to the People-to-People Health Foundation, Washington D.C.

The second annual American Field Service dance will be Dec. 3, at the Glass Center, with Jon David's Mood of Olean. The program will benefit the AFS scholarship fund.

"We are just delighted that the young people of AFS will again help us stage the Hope Ball in exchange for use of the hall the following afternoon."

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said Patricia T. Dann, chairmen of the Project Hope Southern Tier Chapter.

Project Hope is celebrating 20 years of medical teaching and training on five continents. AFS is an international educational organization dedicated to the improvement of foreign students' understanding of the United States through active participation.

Tickets for the Hope Ball are limited; those seeking invitations should contact a committee member.

Ticket distribution to the AFS dance is being coordinated by Jeannette Cammen of Corning, 936-3852.

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