

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
STELLA MARIS ACADEMY
Stella Maris Academy High School Campus
June 1, 2023

Present: Paul Fitzgerald (acting chair), Fr. Rich Kunst, Fr. Tony Wroblewski, Andy Busam, Bob Lisi, Fr. Seth Gogolin, Robb Enslin, Sr. Kathleen Del Monte, Margaret Romano, Joe Gerard, Andrew Hilliker (President, *ex officio*), Wade Mathers (Director of Schools, *ex officio*) Karen Newstrom (via video), John Kenney (via video)

Absent: None

Guests: None

Opened at 3:00 PM with prayer.

Mission Moments:

- The high school students' recent concert at CSS was outstanding.
- The spring concerts at all campuses were particularly beautiful and reflected the high quality of our music program.
- Spring sports have been enjoyed by participants and spectators alike.
- Parents of a student at St. James expressed their enthusiastic willingness to transport their child from outside of Superior in order to receive a quality Catholic education.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Sr. Kathleen Del Monte, seconded and carried.

Approval of Minutes for April 13, 2023: Moved by Andy Busam, seconded and carried.

President's Report:

High School: Plans for the placement of the St. John's parking lot and shop are ongoing. Remedies to address the sinking concrete in the front entry sidewalk are being investigated, as well as how to convert the area dug up for the water main into additional parking.

Capital Campaign: Stakeholder events and tours continue. To date, contributions total \$6,246,696.39.

May/End of Year Activities Recent activities include spring concerts, Step-Up Day, Junior/Senior High open houses, a Blue Mass to honor and pray for local law enforcement followed by an all-school picnic, map testing and CSCOE tech audit. A staff party is scheduled for June 8.

Classroom Placement: Classroom placements are being finalized for next year to accommodate new additions and campus grade reconfigurations.

Stellabration: The Stellabration surpassed its budgeted expectation of \$100,000, earning a net profit of \$250,000.

MSHSL: Membership has been submitted with expected acceptance for next year.

Hiring Needs: Most positions have been filled, with a few still remaining.

Enrollment: The current enrollment remains steady at 578 students. Next year's enrollment is projected to be 649.

Committee Updates:

Finance: The end of April finances reflected a reduced deficit again. How best to administer the Capital Campaign is being considered.

Motion to allow the committee to approve proceeding with a design for the science wing with a cost at or below \$90,000, with board approval required for anything above that cost. Moved by Fr. Tony Wroblewski, seconded and carried.

Facilities: A list of larger repairs needed is being composed.

Nominating: The slate for election of next year's officers will be presented in the executive session. All committee chairs are asked to send lists of members to the nominating committee chair.

Policy/Planning: A review of the Mission and Vision Statement and possible revamping should be conducted as part of the School Strategic Plan.

Moved to Executive Session at 3:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Newstrom
Secretary