



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
STELLA MARIS ACADEMY  
May 2, 2019  
St. John's Campus**

**Present:** Bob Lisi (Chair), Barry Bigelow, Steve Olson, Fr. Peter Muhich, Sharon Mollerus, Fr. Drew Braun, Paul Fitzgerald, Fr. Rich Kunst, Laura Schauer, Fr. Jim Bissonette, Karen Newstrom, Hilarie Hauer, President, ex officio, Cynthia Zook, Director of Schools, ex officio

**Guests:** Jesse Murray, Julianne Blazevic, Mike Mazzio, Nick Minardi, John Matthews, John Kenney

**Opening Prayer:** The meeting began at 3:01 with a prayer led by Fr. Peter Muhich.

**Agenda approved**

**Mission Moments:**

- The spring concert at the St. James Campus was a wonderful celebration of our students' musical talents.
- A second grader at the Holy Rosary campus, learning about the joys of the Sacrament of First Communion, is now a new member of the Church, and may be leading other family members to do the same.
- A member witnessed a student who chose to pray at Eucharistic Adoration after school one day.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes from April 4, 2019 Board Meeting moved and seconded. Carried.**

**Thank You's:**

Chair Lisi expressed thanks to all board members who have or will be leaving the board: Laura Schauer, Fr. Ryan Moravitz, Sr. Edith Bogue, and Hilaire Hauer (upon appointment as President). Cards were signed by members as part of a gift.

**Board Officer Positions:**

The following officers were nominated: Paul Fitzgerald as Treasurer, Karen Newstrom as Secretary, and Fr. Rich Kunst as Vice Chair. **Approval of slate** moved, seconded and carried.

Chair Lisi presented the desire to define a standing role for one of the board priests on the executive committee as well as provide intentional support to the President's leadership team. The titles of Vicar and Chaplain were briefly discussed, but each carry certain connotations that will need Diocesan review/approval. No action was taken at this time.



**New Members:**

Chair Lisi announced John Matthews, John Kenney, and Nick Minardi have accepted Bishop's invitation to serve a 3-year term on the Board. All three will begin their service at the Board retreat in June.

**Facilities Committee:**

The Campus Shared Services Lease document will be reviewed by Steve Olsen, campus priests, and President Hauer with the goal of presenting updated terms for final review at the Board retreat in June.

**Financial Committee:**

Paul Fitzgerald shared news that recent financial forecasts are projecting the 2018/2019 fiscal year to end with revenue ahead of expenses, thanks in part to a significant contribution from the Cross Lake parish community and effective expense management. Teacher compensation packages are currently being prepared. The committee has evaluated several endowment structures and recommends establishing two endowments, one term and one permanent, under the same fund administrator. Documents will be developed for final board review and approval.

**Curriculum Advancement Update:**

Principals Murray and Blazevic shared the proposed educational philosophy statement that will be presented at the State of the School event following the board meeting. An overview of the State of the School event agenda was discussed.

**Executive Session:** Entered at 3:40pm

**Adjourned** with closing prayer at 4:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Newstrom