

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
STELLA MARIS ACADEMY
Virtual ZOOM meeting
September 2, 2021**

Present: Fr. Seth Gogolin (Chair), Bishop Daniel Felton, Fr. Tony Wroblewski, Fr. Rich Kunst, John Kenney, Bob Lisi, Paul Fitzgerald, Karen Newstrom, Nick Minardi, Andrew Hilliker (President, *ex officio*), Cynthia Zook (Director of Schools, *ex officio*)

Absent: Margaret Romano, Sr. Kathleen Del Monte, Fr. Jim Bissonette

Guests: Jesse Murray (principal), Julianne Blazevic (principal), Tricia Pilon, Amber Michelizzi, Beth (?), Cindy Jennings, Emily Huneke, Emily Patrick, Greg (?), Holly Kassing, Kellie Scissons, Laura (?), Molly Burton, Natalie Eklund, Joe Gerard, Kikki Lukovsky, Amanda Baker, Paul Michelizzi, Peggy Frederickson, Rachel Curtis, Sara Seehus- Privette, Stacey D(?), Steve Gerads, Sara Fitzgerald, Sue Grohn, Sonya Morris

Public comment period:

Sixteen guests spoke during the public comment period, voicing a mixture of opinions regarding the masking protocols outlined in the 4-level COVID mitigation plan.

Meeting opened with prayer at 3:00 PM

President/Administration Update

President Hilliker shared an update which can be reviewed in the President's Report (attached).

The transparency of Covid-19 mitigation planning decisions recently made was questioned, bearing in mind those decisions were not voted on by the Board. The President affirmed that comment and clarified that the Covid Mitigation Committee engaged in the planning efforts does include selected members from the Board, Diocese of Duluth, and SMA leadership team.

Enrollment has grown with all three campuses currently experiencing wait lists in several grades.

The Hills purchase agreement has been sent to the Vatican for final review.

Committee Assignments 2021-2022

The chair provided members a list of 2021-2022 Board Committee memberships as follows.

Fr. Seth Gogolin - Executive (Lead)
John Kenney - Executive & High School (Lead)

Paul Fitzgerald - Executive & Finance (Lead)
Karen Newstrom - Executive & Nominating (Lead)
Cynthia Zook - Executive & Nominating
Fr. Tony Wroblewski - Development/Marketing (Lead) & Facilities
Fr. Rich Kunst - Development/Marketing
Bob Lisi - Policy and Planning (Lead) & Facilities
Nick Minardi - Facilities (Lead) & High School Committee
Sr. Kathleen Del Monte - High School & Development/Marketing
Margaret Romano - Policy and Planning & Development/Marketing
New Member - Finance & TBD

Finance Committee

The committee did not meet since the last board meeting. July and August financials will be reviewed at the September finance committee meeting and posted for the board ahead of the October board meeting.

Opening of an SMA Charles Schwab brokerage account for executing the investment plan is in motion.

A first draft of CLA's Agreed Upon Procedures has just been provided to the treasurer and business office manager for initial review. The final draft is likely to be available for board in October.

Executive Session entered at 4:01 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Lisi
On behalf of Karen Newstrom - Secretary