

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
STELLA MARIS ACADEMY
Stella Maris Academy High School Campus
October 13, 2022

Present: Fr. Seth Gogolin (Chair), Sr. Kathleen Del Monte, Nick Minardi, Fr. Rich Kunst, Bob Lisi, Joe Gerard, John Kenney, Fr. Jim Bissonette, Margaret Romano, Paul Fitzgerald, Andy Busam, Andrew Hilliker (President, *ex officio*)

Absent: Wade Mathers (Director of Schools, *ex officio*), Karen Newstrom, Fr. Tony Wroblewski

Opened at 3:00 PM with prayer.

Mission Moments:

- .Tennis event at Longview with students/parents/staff. SMA had two of the courts while there were section finals at the other two courts. About 15 people were there to watch the section finals while there was no room at the SMA courts due to how many people were there. A great turnout of SMA families!
- Great work by volunteers putting new woodchips in at St. James playground.

Approval of Agenda: Andrew Hilliker asked for an addition to the work session to ask for board feedback about a school calendar question. The agenda as amended by Andrew was Moved by Sister Kathleen, seconded by Margaret, and carried.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Fr. Rich, seconded by Paul, and carried.

President's Report:

High School Building:

- Due to unforeseen circumstances in the demo stage, heat in the 1995 addition was lost. A temporary solution will be implemented by Friday, October 14th to bring heat back into the occupied space.
- Interior Design - Sample provided for the board this evening- clean and beautiful!
- Advancement and Funding - We hosted the clergy in September for their Duluth Deanery Meeting, engaging the clergy to further awareness of the project.

Sentinel Spirit:

- Publication is nearly complete on the first Sentinel Spirit this year.
- Anticipated print/mail date will be early November.

Final EANS Funds Submitted:

- SMA submitted the last of the reimbursable expenses from the EANS funds that were awarded to SMA- these funds were primarily used for the technology category and expensed out new interactive boards and required white boards and speakers.

Grade Configuration:

- Video presentation will be sent out following fall break outlining configuration proposal and an invitation for parents to provide feedback / responses at each campus or virtually.

Sentinel Day of Giving (Give to the Max Day):

- SMA will participate in the MN Day of Giving on November 17- this will be tagged for SMA as 'Sentinel Day of Giving'.

Sentinel Service:

- Our Sentinels are out serving this month! Projects range from raking/clean up to engaging the elderly to supporting programs for veterans, homeless, and youth.

Bishop's Dinner:

- Bishop's Dinner is scheduled for October 30 at the Greysolon Ballroom with Msgr. Shea from the University of Mary, Bismarck as speaker.

Enrollment

- Total school enrollment currently stands at 579 students, up from last year's total.

SMA Community Open House at SJA:

- St. James Campus will host a community open house on October 25.

Financial Committee:

Financial reports reviewed for both the 2021-2022 fiscal year end and annual report.

Motion to accept the 2021-2022 year end financials made by Fr. Jim Bissonette, seconded and carried.

Motion to accept the 2021-2022 annual report made by Sr. Kathleen Del Monte, seconded and carried.

Facilities Committee:

Wood chips installed at St. James and planning for installation at St. Johns.

Policy and Planning:

Committee has met to discuss strategic planning and next accreditation. Plan is to begin self-study efforts Winter 2022/23 to draft a new school strategic plan by end of 2022-2023 school year, followed by accreditation visit with MNSAA in the 2023-2024 school year.

Nomination for Board Chair:

Motion by Fr. Seth Gogolin to nominate John Kenney for Board Chair effective with the December Executive Committee Meeting to fulfill the remainder of Fr. Seth's term through July 1, 2023, seconded and carried.

Moved to work session at 3:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Lisi

Board Member on behalf of Karen Newstrom – Board Secretary

