



LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
Board of Directors Meeting
December 21st, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Michelle Hajdukovich at 6:05p.

Present: Bill Arnold; Daniel George, Michelle Hajdukovich, Fr. Tom Lilly, Brian Ross, Jim Seeberger, Aaron Sperbeck, Anne Gore, Danna Hoellering, Kara Moriarty, Deacon Dave Van Tuyl, Shane Locke (present online)

Absent: Rys Miranda, Dr. Kevin Jones, Dan Sarlitto

The meeting opened in prayer, led by Father Tom. Members immediately broke into their small working groups (Finance; Development/Marketing/ Public Relations; Lumen Forward) for 30 minutes.

The meeting was reconvened at 6:36p.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the November 16th, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

Archdiocesan Perspective

John Harmon was unable to attend, but it was noted that the Reetz Foundation Grant (\$8,000 request) was approved. Grant funds will be used for Campus Ministry; National Catholic Education Association's Annual Conference (2 teachers) and an Annual Marketing and Development Conference (1 staff). Not all approved, oursIt was further noted that all grants were not approved, but Lumen's was in its entirety. The AOAJ is moving forward with its single gaming permit; Danna Hoellering/St. Benedicts and Brian Ross are primary and secondary signers on it. All 5 Catholic schools in the Archdiocese can access the permit.

Words from our Sister School - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (SEAS)

Dan Sarlitto, SEAS Principal. Unable to attend, skipped. Kara Moriarty noted that the school's Christmas Program was occurring on xxxx and would be both in person and live streamed.

Lumen Principal's Report

As written (attached), though Brian went on to highlight that final exams are next week; Thursday, December 16th last day for students and Friday December 17th was the last day for teachers.

Additionally, the results from the COVID survey regarding current policies and potential 'off ramps' were distributed to parents. In general, the comments were favorable but certainly represent a broad spectrum of opinion. Brian thanked Aaron Sperbeck, Rys Miranda and Kevin Jones for compiling the results, and getting them into succinct letter form for distribution to parents.

With regard to campus life, students collected over 1000 stuffing boxes for St. Francis Food Pantry; Christmas cards had been sent out to families and donors; the High School students had a lovely Winter Formal the weekend before; and our Junior High Boys Basketball team won the regional championships!

School Financial Report

Danna Hoellering, St. Benedicts/Lumen Business Manager went over the most recent financial statements. She noted as in previous months things looked really good and that things continue to trend in the right direction. The LUMENary Drive was nearly complete and early in its completion which has helped; other "extraordinary revenue" (grants) contribute to positive cash flow as well. There have been higher than expected costs in athletics (referee fees); and the cost of gas has been higher affecting that bottom line, as well. Overall however, things continue to look very good.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

Recruitment and Retention

In a written report sent 12/14 via email, Shane noted there was no new news from Recruitment and Retention but that he was grateful to all who helped with the COVID survey response, especially as the school looks ahead to Spring Semester.

Finance

Bill Arnold noted there was little else to discuss that Danna had not covered, but was pleased that things continue to remain strong.

Lumen Forward

Aaron Sperbeck noted that work was underway for the April 23rd Spring Speaker Series. This series will be held in conjunction with APU, with Kevin Jones handling many of the logistics. The speaker will provide up to 3 lectures: APU, UAA and Lumen. There was discussion about Clay and Laura Butcher being available to live stream the event again, and potentially purchasing some equipment that would be used by them but which would enhance the production experience. Like the Fall Series, the Spring one is already shaping up to be promising

BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS

Michelle requested that Anne Gore provide an update for both the LUMENary Drive and the upcoming “No Place Like Home” fundraising gala scheduled for February 12th, 2022.

From Anne:

LUMENary: We’ve currently raised \$69,828 towards our goal of \$75,000. That puts us at 93.1% - an end of year push to close us out and capture the remaining \$5,192 is do-able (hopefully, time permitting by Anne!) We’re well ahead of last year when it took us to May to reach our goal. 69% of donations have come from Lumen families, extended family, staff and school board. The total percentage of families who contributed this year is 88%, up from 54% last year, a 63% increase.

GALA: We’re on track with hopefully another successful event. There’s been anecdotal feedback from other non-profits that virtual events are not proving to be as successful as last year, perhaps last year they were novel and people eager for things to do during winter lockdowns. There is certainly a great deal of COVID fatigue here at the school and within our community so we will keep our fingers crossed for high participation rates and big buck donations. Please make sure to login and attend, Saturday, February 12th, 7p.

Michelle noted how proud she too, was of the COVID survey product, including the data, analysis, letter by the Board to parents, and was pleased that the feedback was mostly positive as well.

PASTORS COMMENTS

Fr. Tom echoed everyone else’s comments regarding the hard work done on the COVID survey, clearly a divisive issue in the school community and community at large. He thanked Rys, Kevin and Aaron for the ‘excellent, excellent work.’ He concluded by wishing everyone a blessed time off over the holidays!

CLOSING PRAYER // ADJOURNMENT // NEXT MEETING

The meeting concluded in prayer to St. Michael the Archangel and adjourned at 7:03. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18th via Zoom.