



LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
School Board Meeting
October 19th, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Michelle Hajdukovich at 6:03p.

Present: Michelle Hajdukovich, Fr. Tom Lilly, Brian Ross, Jim Seeberger, Bill Arnold, Aaron Sperbeck, Kevin Jones, Dave Van Tuyl, Danna Hoellering, Daniel George, Shane Locke, Anne Gore,

Absent: Kara Moriarty, Rys Miranda, Bill Arnold

The Board immediately went into breakout sessions by committee and then regrouped at 6:22

The September meeting minutes and October agenda were both approved as written.

Mission Moment

This month's mission moment was presented by John Warren, Lumen Athletic Director. He reports that everyone is happy to be back in person, and playing sports! As a result, the school has a record number of students turning out for the teams. There were 21 High School co-ed soccer players and 26 Junior High co-ed players (including a handful of SEAS athletes 'playing up.' Both teams worked hard all season, culminating in 4th place overall for High School and 1st place for Junior High.

With soccer over, the focus turned immediately to High School girls volleyball and Junior High boys and girls basketball. Like soccer, there were a record number of athletes who turned out for the volleyball team – 23! With more than enough players, we're able to field both a JV and Varsity team. With the addition of a second team, there was a bit of a scramble to find coaches, but "it's a good problem to have." The school just finished hosting the SPIKETACULAR tournament which brought together teams from all over the region, COVID protocols were followed with everyone masked up and no problems reported.

Junior High basketball has yet again, record number of players. 19 boys, 10 girls including a handful for both teams of SEAS "playing up" students. This season is very early, but it's fun to report that a large number of players comes with a high level of enthusiasm!

Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau (AoAJ) Update

Updates were provided by John Harmon on numerous items:

1. The Reetz Foundation: \$8k is being allotted per school; schools need to submit project narratives and budgets to the AoAJ in order to secure this funding. There will be additional funding for scholarships.
2. Synod on Synodality: Beyond parishes, the AoAJ wants to include schools in this process. Mary Gore at the AoAJ will be coordinating this effort.
3. There will be an all schools Mass to mark “Celebrate Catholic Schools Week” at the end of January – Archbishop Bellisario will be celebrating.
4. Due to increased enrollment numbers, Lumen may become reclassified from a 1A to a 2A school.
5. With the unification of the Archdiocese of Anchorage and Archdiocese of Juneau, a new EIN number was established for the new AoAJ; a new gaming permit had to be applied for which will be ready for use by schools soon.

Principals' Updates

Sister School/St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

N/A, Dan Sarlitto was unable to attend.

Lumen Christi:

Attached as written, by Principal Ross. Further, Brian notes that around campus, we're doing the best we can with COVID – there have been positive cases among one staff and two students but all were managed with focused contact tracing and recommended quarantining. Spirit week was coming up, with one day dedicated to fundraising for breast cancer awareness.

Staff were busy with parent teacher conferences the previous week and are looking ahead and preparing for re-accreditation in the spring. Both staff and students have been invited to attend Our Lady of Guadalupe Lord of the Miracles Mass on Sunday, the 23rd and we are hoping for a strong showing! Enrollment wise, 3 student withdrew so overall student count is down to 101. With regard to Reetz Foundation grant funds, Lumen will be applying to send 2 teaching staff to the NCEA conference in the spring; and the Director of Advancement to a Partners in Mission Development conference, also in the spring. Ending on a high note, Brian noted that the Riflery Team won their first match this week against a JROTC team in the south.

Committee Updates

Lumen Forward

Aaron Sperbeck provided feedback from the September Speaker Series. First and foremost there were no technical glitches for online viewers (thank you to Clay and Laura Butcher) and there was a full house for in-person attendance too. All feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with many in person attendees staying to mingle afterwards. Aaron is looking forward to the proposed April 2022 Spring Speaker Series!

Michelle thanked Aaron for all of his hard work in helping to make this as successful as it was.

Finance Committee

N/A, Finance Chair Bill Arnold was unable to attend the meeting.

Recruitment/Retention

Shane Locke indicated there was nothing to report, other than the Speaker Series was fantastic, and thank you to Aaron for helping build the Step and Repeat! Cheers to Michelle for working to bring this event to life.

Financial Update

Danna Hoellering, Finance Director reported for Bill Arnold who was unable to join the meeting. All members should have received the latest financial statements; in a nutshell – expenses are currently over budget but revenues are way over budget! Overall – things are looking very good for the school. There were no questions from the Board. As noted earlier during the AoAJ update, the new gaming permit will soon be in place with Lumen the first entity to be able to use it, for their annual Gala in February.

Board President Update

Michelle noted that last night's St. Benedict's parish mission presentation was fantastic and encouraged anyone who could participate tonight, to do so. Michelle noted that she too, had been receiving great feedback on the Speaker Series and was thankful to all for the help in bringing this idea to fruition. In a broader sense, it was noted that this event was born from review and reflection on the school's Strategic Development Plan, specifically in regard to creating faith filled, social opportunities for the school community, and beyond. Michelle asked for all members to continue thinking about what other opportunities might be created to fulfill other points of the Strategic Development Plan.

Michelle mentioned the school's annual LUMENary Fund Drive, noting that \$75,000 was the financial goal for this year, and 100% School Board participation is the goal for every year!

Michelle asked Anne Gore to give a brief update on the Annual Fundraising Gala. Anne did so, noting that the date was set for February 12th, 2022 and the tongue in cheek theme "There's No Place Like Home" had been selected since it was decided to have the event be virtual again this year. While it's certainly a disappointment to not be able to gather in person, COVID may still be a concern in February, and last year's virtual event had the largest net profit from any previous gala. More details to follow!

Pastor's Comments

Fr. Tom echoed his thanks for all of the hard work by all, in pulling the Speaker Series together. Then in the absence of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Principal Dan Sarlitto, Fr. Tom reminded all members that we are "One School/Two Buildings" and asked that everyone support their Gala on November 12th. And to support the LUMENary Drive – 100% Board Participation is key.

Final Prayer // Next Meeting // Adjournment

The meeting concluded in prayer to St. Michael the Archangel and adjourned at 6:40p. Michelle again recommended that anyone who could, attend the St. Benedict's Parish Mission talk starting at 7p. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16th at 6p. The meeting will be virtual.