

**LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
**School Board of Directors Meeting**  
**March 15th, 2022**

**The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Michelle Hajdukovich at 6:00p.**

**Present:** Bill Arnold, Michelle Hajdukovich, Fr. Tom Lilly, Brian Ross, Aaron Sperbeck, Anne Gore, Deacon Dave Van Tuyl, Shane Locke, Rys Miranda, Dr. Kevin Jones, Jim Seeberger, Kara Moriarty, Dan Sarlitto

**Absent:** Daniel George, John Harmon

Members immediately broke into their small working groups (Finance; Development/Marketing/Relations; Lumen Forward) for 20 minutes.

**The meeting was reconvened at 6:22p. Father Tom opened the meeting in prayer.**

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### Approval of the Agenda

Michelle Hajdukovich moved to approve the agenda, it was seconded by Aaron Sperbeck.

### Approval of the Minutes

Michelle moved to approve the minutes from the February 15th meeting as written, Dave VanTuyl seconded the motion.

### Archdiocesan Perspective

John Harmon was not available.

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

On February 28th, the school went "mask optional." That transition seemed to go smoothly. Current enrollment for 2022-23 is 179 which is up slightly from last year at this time (173.) It appears no one is leaving over COVID policies which is great. Full enrollment is around 188 (24 students each in K-6, 20 is Pre-K. The 2022-23 School Calendar should be done by next week.

Evaluation of staff intent forms looks good and all staff are likely returning. One Teachers Aide will be completing a 6 month internship and another teacher is looking to change roles, but otherwise things look like they will remain the same, staffing wise.

The school recently received an \$11,000 grant from the Kremer Foundation, a Florida based organization which provides scholarship funds for Catholic elementary schools across the nation.

Auction planning has begun for next year! As has planning for the school's re-accreditation process for grades K-6. Dan is hoping to leverage on the work Brian has been doing for Lumen's re-accreditation.

School ends on May 19th, in between now and then are a thousand activities! Science Fair, picnics etc.

#### Lumen Principal's Report

As written. Brian notes he is happy to answer questions on the calendar of activities through April.

Board Member Interviews for the re-accreditation process are on Thursday, March 31st, Brian is soliciting volunteers for this, please contact if you are interested.

Boys & Girls State Championship are right around the corner, there will be passes for all school board members in "Will-Call" at the Alaska Airlines Center. Please come to as many games as you can to support our teams.

#### Mission Moment

Graduating senior Joshua Van Tuyl was asked to reflect on and share his thoughts about his 4 years at Lumen. An eloquent young man, Joshua recounted that the blessings he feels from being a part of Lumen were too numerous to count!

Academically, Dr. Carlson taught him to think critically for himself and not to simply accept what others say. Mr. Bauzon and Mrs. Craig taught him to think methodically - take one step at a time to solve hard problems. He looks to Mrs. Brewer as the one who taught him to push himself, to try harder, to maintain discipline and accountability.

Faithfully, Fr. Tom and Mrs. Loeffler instilled in him the sense to love others, despite differing beliefs. In his time at Lumen he came to fully embrace the importance of treating others as Christ would treat us. Despite individual obstacles, everyone is a beloved son or daughter of God. No one individual is the most important in the room!

Joshua recounted how thankful he is that he could attend weekly school masses, to worship with the rest of the school and that in his mind, Catholic education = God's love! He is so thankful for the rigorous education and will carry all that he has learned through the rest of his life. He is so grateful for his time and Lumen and is excited to head to college, fully prepared!

#### School Financial Report

Danna Hoellering, Finance Manager was unavailable, but Bill Arnold from the Finance subcommittee noted that the financials continue to look great, with a surplus still on the books after another month.

## **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

### **Recruitment and Retention**

Shane noted that Michelle had asked the Recruitment/Retention Committee to look at ways to potential bolster our Alumni activity. Dan George was unfortunately not available and is a critical piece of this discussion so it will be addressed at a later time.

Anne noted that there would be a new marketing brochure coming out within the next month or so, and that the school's website will be completely redesigned over the summer.

### **Finance**

Bill Arnold spoke again, once again noting the rosy financials but moved on to go over the upcoming 2022-23 budgeting process.

The first budget will be up for approval at the April Board Meeting (April 19th). Assuming approval, it will go next to the Parish Finance Committee and then to the AoAJ by the end of April. The budget will be built around the number of students enrolled with a registration fee paid as of 4/15. Additional budgets with fewer/higher number of students may be created and held in the wings, as well. The anticipated number of students is in the high 90's/low 100's.

### **Lumen Forward**

Aaron Sperbeck noted that the Spring Speaker Series is a solid go for April 23rd! Aaron will reach out to Anne in order to fine tune set up details. Marketing (using graphics designed by C+L Creative/Clay & Laura Butcher) will be starting within the next few days.

## **BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS**

Michelle was pleased to reiterate that the final Gala numbers show \$130k/gross; \$117/net. Mark your calendars now for February 11th, 2023, with the theme of Denim and Diamonds.

As Brian noted in his Principal's Comments, we need 3 or 4 board members to be available for the Cognia re-accreditation interview, please let Michelle or Brian know if you're available. This is not an onerous process and Michelle would like to encourage as many as possible to be available. Reviewing school documents, e.g., the by-laws, mission statement, etc. prior to the interview time would be helpful if you're able to attend.

We need to recruit several new members for the Board. Please think about parents, those in the community, etc., who might be able to bring time, treasure, talent in support of the school. Please send recommendations to Fr. Tom.

Again to echo Brian's comments, please attend games as possible to support our boys and girls basketball teams. There is a 7a.m. Mass tomorrow - please attend if you can and let's send our players off in a faith centered way.

### **PASTOR COMMENTS**

Fr. Tom noted he had little new to add other than to reiterate what Brian, Michelle and Aaron had said earlier regarding good and hard work on the Gala, the Speaker Series, the re-accreditation process, the support of the student athletes. A secondary thanks to Kevin Jones for his help in securing such an excellent speaker for our Spring Speaker Series. Fr. Tom encouraged everyone to heavily promote the April 23rd event, as appropriate!

### **CLOSING PRAYER // ADJOURNMENT // NEXT MEETING**

The meeting concluded in prayer to St. Michael the Archangel and adjourned at 7:11p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19th, 6p.m. in person, at the Lumen Library.