

**LUMEN CHRISTI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**  
**School Board of Directors Meeting**  
**September 20, 2022**

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

**Present:** Bill Arnold, Michelle Hajdukovich, Fr. Tom Lilly, Aaron Sperbeck, Dr. Kevin Jones, Marcy Adkins, Audrie Williams, Marcus Holmquist, Jim Seeberger, and Deacon Dave Van Tuyl.

**Absent:** Brian Ross, Shane Locke, Daniel George, Kathy Gustafson, Anne Gore and Liz Loeffler

The meeting opened in prayer, led by Father Tom. Members immediately broke into their small working groups (Finance; Development/Marketing/Relations; Lumen Forward) for 20 minutes.

**The meeting was reconvened at 6:20pm.**

**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 Hajdukovich moved to approve the minutes from 8/20/22, it was seconded by Dave VanTuyl.

Archdiocesan Perspective

Liz Loeffler was not present due to organizing a retreat.

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

Kathy Gustafson not present.

Lumen Principal's Report

Brian Ross not present to deliver the Principal's Report, however, Michelle Hajdukovich encouraged the group to review the one he had sent ahead of time and to check out the new Lumen Christi Website: [www.lumenchristiak.org](http://www.lumenchristiak.org) to see our new school board picture and the school's new crest.

Mission Moment

Aaron Sperbeck, Bill Arnold, Kevin Jones, and Jim Seeberger all spoke on their positive experiences attending the Servant Leadership dinner. All four expressed how interesting the conversations were and how well the Lumen students represented themselves and the school.

### School Financial Report

Marcy Adkins went over the financial report that was sent out before the meeting, highlighting some higher expenses coming in at the beginning of the year which are normal but looking forward to those going down and leveling out as the school year progresses. Nothing more to note and no questions.

## **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

### Recruitment and Retention

Dave Van Tuyl spoke on how he and Audrie Williams spent their time getting to know one another as the only two present this meeting for this committee and he expressed she would be a great addition to this committee. He also said in reference to the Servant Leadership dinner that things like that very much helped his son and let us know Josh was doing great in his first month of college. He said he felt very prepared by Lumen.

### Finance

Bill Arnold reiterated what Marcy had spoken about during the "Financial Report" and mentioned that the completion of the Lighting of the Path program review was something to look forward to, as well as upcoming statements that were outstanding that would provide more information for the next meeting.

### Lumen Forward

Aaron Sperbeck spoke on the upcoming Speaker Series on 10/06/22 with Protect Young Eyes, asking for attendance from the school board and giving us a run down of the schedule and topic. We have had great feedback on this and are expecting a large attendance and no one under 14 is recommended to go. It will also be streamed. He also spoke about ideas for a college prep panel for the Spring Series.

## **BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS**

Michelle spoke briefly on the Speaker Series and asked the board to share the information they had been given with their communities. She acknowledged and thanked Rys and Kara for their time with us and briefly introduced Audrie Williams and Marcus Holmquist as our newest members, as well as, asked Father to speak on Ed Burks the new seminarian who will be with us for the next year. He will be in the school and parish and spending some time with the board here and there. The feedback from the welcome calls done by the board was 100% positive. Aaron shared that people definitely wanted to talk but everyone who shared said it went well and people were very happy with Lumen. Lastly, we went over the first sections of Lumen Christi's Strategic Direction Statements, "Faith" and "Family". We spoke on how Mass on Fridays was at a more accessible time for families and students and examples of what we were doing well and what we could do more of. One thing to be pointed out was we needed a statement on individual faith formation, also that we could be offering how to become Catholic or other opportunities to explore faith through advertising what is going on at St. Benedict's to Lumen families. This would also help us engage more with the parish. Doug Barry coming on at

Lumen but also working at St. Benedicts was also a win in that department. We discussed opening houses for the parish, maybe being part of their picnic yearly, and inviting them to our masses. Now that COVID is more in the rearview mirror we were looking at improving on organic socialization for students and parents and easier access to one another in our LCHS community. A major take away was to continue to look for ways to incorporate the communities of LCHS and St. Benedict's Parish. Next time we will be looking at the headings of "Excellence" and "Recruitment and Retention". Michelle said we are still looking for people to be members of the joint committee with SEAS for Catholic Schools week.

### **PASTOR COMMENTS**

Fr. Tom thanked all Board Members for their presence noting a lot of good ideas came out of the Strategic planning brainstorming.

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

The meeting concluded in prayer to St. Michael the Archangel led by Father Tom and adjourned at 7:10. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18th via Zoom.