

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

**The meeting was called to order at 6:02p via Zoom.**

**Present:** Bill Arnold, Fr. Tom Lilly, Aaron Sperbeck, Dr. Kevin Jones, Audrie Williams, Marcus Holmquist, Deacon Dave Van Tuyl, Anne Gore, Brian Ross, Shane Locke, Liz Loeffler, Ed Burke, Daniel George

**Absent:** Kathy Gustafson, Michelle Hajdukovich, Marcy Adkins, Jim Seeberger.

The meeting opened in prayer, led by Father Tom.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Approval of the Agenda

Deacon Dave Van Tuyl moved to approve the agenda, it was seconded by Bill Arnold.

Approval of the Minutes

Deacon Dave Van Tuyl moved to approve the minutes from 10/18/22, it was seconded by Bill Arnold.

Archdiocesan Perspective

Liz Loeffler, the AoAJ Director of Faith Formation and Catholic Schools reported that there wasn't any real news to report on, other than the Archbishop has been traveling extensively throughout the state and unfortunately will not be in Anchorage for Catholic Schools in January.

Liz did have the chance to meet with him for nearly an hour during the previous week however where they discussed the framework of religious education in the Diocese. This is where much of Liz's efforts will be directed over the next two years.

Lumen's May graduation (Thursday, 5/11) has been added to his calendar.

Words from our Sister School - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Kathy Gustafson was unable to attend but Brian extended the following on her behalf:

"Thanks to all who attended and supported our 'Black and White' Gala on 11/11. We're on track to far exceed expectations and should be able to share information about net proceeds within the next week or so."

Brian additionally noted per Kathy, SEAS students are really enjoying playing Lumen sports. The 6th graders will be coming to Lumen for a “Jump Up” day on 11/17, which will include a parent information night.

Finally, Kathy hopes that everyone’s Thanksgiving is great, and feels blessed that SEAS is part of such a great Catholic schools community.

#### Lumen Christi Principal's Report

As written and presented with Brian highlighting two SEAS events supported by Lumen students (Halloween Carnival; babysitting for SEAS Gala attendees), noting this student-lead support is something identified in the Board Retreat as a goal to connect the sister schools.

Brian noted a \$12k grant proposal to the Reetz Foundation had been submitted to the AoAJ. If awarded, the funds will be used to support teacher (2) attendance at the annual NCEA conference; the Campus Minister’s attendance at the annual CM Conference as well as campus ministry events and retreats.

Brian then noted we have two new coaches for varsity basketball (Kenny Barker/Girls and Pat Moran/Boys and that the school would be hosting a “Meet the Coaches” night the following evening and invited all to attend. Brian concluded noting that prior to the December Board Meeting we would be having a Rosary Rally for the basketball teams and invited all to join and attend.

#### Mission Moment

Fr. Tom introduced Seminarian Ed Burke who has been assigned to the Parish for 9 months. Ed arrived in September from Mount Angel and will be with us until May. He has been busy driving buses, subbing in Theology and other classes, working at the Archangel Attic, etc! Ed thanked Fr. Tom and noted what a privilege it was to be a part of the community and so many peoples lives. He appreciates everyone’s kindness and welcoming spirit and is humbled to be bringing people to God, and God to people. Please let him know how he can help in any way!

#### School Financial Report

Bill Arnold presented the Financial Report in Marcy Adkins absence. He noted on the Statement of Activities thru Oct 31 that the budget showed a revenue deficit of \$40k but the actuals showed a revenue excess of \$2k which is fantastic! Bill noted that inbetween now and the next meeting the Finance Committee will take a deep dive into the financials and look at projections through the end of the year.

### **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

*Note: The Committees did not meet separately in their standard break-out sessions.*

#### Recruitment and Retention

Shane Locke noted he had been in contact with Michelle and Anne re: alumni involvement and would be compiling/discussing that information later. He also noted In the absence of a

breakout meeting this month, he sent an email out to Committee members, please respond to that as you're able!

### Finance

As presented above by Bill Arnold.

### Lumen Forward

Aaron Sperbeck started his report asking all members to get Tuesday, March 28th on their calendars for the next Speaker Series. The Committee is looking at a 5 person panel format to discuss financial planning for secondary education and beyond. Many more details to follow going forward!

### Development Report

Anne Gore provided the following updates:

1. LUMENary Drive: We're currently at 80% staff participation (10/13); 80% board participation (8/10) and 91% parent participation! (68/75). The parent participation number is especially exciting as its the first time we have exceeded the 90% mark. (Previous years = 2020/21- 54%; 2021/22 - 88%). Dollar wise, we're at \$61,137, or 81.5% of our total goal of \$75k.  
Last year at this time we were at \$67,947 (net decrease of \$6,810) but that figure included one extraordinary \$10k donation. If we discounted that, we would have been at \$57,947 at this time last year, meaning a net gain of \$3,190 (4%) this year, compared to last year.
2. Gala: Preparations in the background continue with a team meeting on 11/22. Once the holidays come and go, it will be full on 'go-time.' We have big shoes to fill, given St. Elizabeth's wildly successful night on 11/11!
3. Enrollment: We have two students likely transferring into the 8th grade in January which will take that class to 20; and one student transferring into the 7th grade which will take that class to 21. Additionally we have 2 new families who have already submitted applications and paid registration for the 2023-24 school year. Enrollment shows no signs of slowing down!

### **BOARD VICE CHAIR COMMENTS**

In Michelle's absence, Aaron simply reminded everyone about the Rosary Rally prior to the December board meeting; and that joint committee planning for Catholic Schools Week would be pushed back to the December meeting as well.

### **PASTOR COMMENTS**

Fr. Tom began by noting that as always, he comes with profound thanks for all who are serving on the Board. Having a fully functioning Board is light years from where the school had been in the past and he thanked everyone for their hard work and commitment in getting the school to this point.

He noted he's having the time of his life teaching 12th grade Theology and that this was a small but extraordinary group of students interacting at a collegiate level. His 9th grade Theology classes were also dealing with complex and difficult issues with amazing maturity. He added a side note that in greeting a new 7th grader recently, he asked the student how he was doing and the response was "I'm having a GREAT time! I just LOVE Lumen!" Fr. Tom said this is a direct reflection of everyone's hard work, and so again extended his thanks to all.

Brian added that while at the SEAS Gala, he had several parents of 6th grade students approach him to say "We can't wait for our kids to attend Lumen." Liz Loeffler jumped into echo this sentiment noting that during the past week at SEAS (where she was helping in Kathy's absence) that she'd heard the same thing from 6th grade students themselves.

Fr. Tom concluded that it's just such a great position to be in and he's thankful for the gift of each and every one of the Board members. We're clearly riding a wave that doesn't appear to be ending anytime soon!

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

Led by Brian, the meeting concluded in prayer to St. Michael the Archangel at 6:43p.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 13th at 7p and will be in person.