



St. Nicholas Academy

APPROVED

St. Nicholas Academy Board of Limited Jurisdiction
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Meeting: October 1, 2013

In Attendance: Fr. Ray Kellerman, Fr. Tom Espelage, Sr. Helen Habig, Karen Stevenson, Millie Heil, Jason Fightmaster, Wayne Morris, Chris Pastora, Ralph Nardini, Cathy Honsaker, Dick Berish

Not in Attendance: Fr. David Howard, Rick Bohne

I. Call to Order and Faith Formation

1. Sr. Helen called the meeting to order and requested that those present say a prayer for Adele Iwanusa who sustained a bad fall prior to her scheduled leaving for Florida.
2. Fr. Tom led the opening prayer.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. The minutes were approved with 1 correction.
2. The new Board member from Holy Trinity was introduced. He is Barry Smith.

III. Governance

1. Dick Berish was present at the meeting and presented himself as the Designee for Fr. Howard. Discussion ensued since the Governance Model states that no employee can be a voting member of the Board. Dick proposed that his employment could be shifted to St. Peter and Paul Parish and he would then no longer be an employee of OLSH.
2. Cathy Honsaker moved that Mr. Berish be accepted as Fr. Howard's designee but that he remain a non voting member for this meeting. She also moved that he be accepted as Fr. Howard's designee once his employer is changed. All were in favor with the exception of two members who abstained.

IV. Parent Input

1. Amy Wilmick asked 2 questions. She was questioning whether St. Peter and Paul Parish would ever join the covenant. The answer given was probably not since that Parish school has been closed for several years. Her 2nd question concerned what school Fr. Howard would promote to parents who would approach him. She is afraid this could cause a conflict. Dick Berish pointed out that all information about the parish school for OLSH is SNA material. Millie Heil reminded the members that St. Peter and Paul Academy is not part of St. Peter and Paul Parish. Further discussion ensued and it was suggested that these questions be referred to Fr. Howard. Karen Stevenson reminded the members that the SNA news goes to St. Peter and Paul Parish and St. Savior Parish. The question was also raised as to why Fr. Howard has a designee while the other 2 priests do not.
2. Amy Smart asked why Fr. Howard would not be coming to the meetings. It was explained that he does not feel this is the best use of his time so he has decided to use his option to have a designee. Amy expressed her view that there has to be a connection between the Parish and the School. It is necessary that the priest supports the school and the families support the Parish.

V. Board Membership

1. Fr. Howard has decided to end the Board terms for both OLSH representatives, Karen Stevenson and Ralph Nardini. He will appoint a new Board member.
2. Barry Smith was nominated by Fr. Ray as the new representative from Holy Trinity. Cathy Honsaker seconded the motion. All were in favor of Barry joining the Board.
3. It was decided that officers would be elected at the next meeting.

VI. Principal Report

1. The school year is going well. The students are adjusting well. Midterms went out last week. Morale is good with the teachers.
2. Sr. Helen complimented Mr. Fightmaster for the wonderful weekly communications.

VII. Pastors Committee

1. Pastors Committee Minutes were submitted by Fr. Ray. No other report was given.
2. Sr. Helen complimented the Pastors on their work with the students on Catholic Social teaching.
3. The children are doing very well in their participation at Mass.
4. Six 8th grade students will be commissioned as Extra-ordinary ministers on October 4th.

VIII. New Business

1. Fr. Ray asked Ralph Nardini if he would continue to compose the Annual Appeal letter to go to Parents and Parishioners. The letter will include notification that the resources will be used for the security project. The letter will hopefully go out by the end of November. The importance of a capital fund was stressed. Ralph has agreed to remain a consultant for the Board.
2. Karen Stevenson will continue on the Marketing Committee for the remainder of the year. Karen also said that the Annual Report has a new format and will be included in the Annual Appeal letter.
3. Fr. Ray reminded the Board that there are 2 floating positions on the Board that still need to be filled.

IX. The next meeting was set for November 12th, 2013 at 7 pm in the Knight Room.

X. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer.