

SEVEN DOLORS BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
School Meeting Room
August 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

I. Call to order

A. Prayer: Maria Heymans-Becker

B. Roll Call

Board Members: Priya Felling, Angie Rushmeyer, Paul Schiffler, Jason Spsychala, Joe Stangler, Vicki Winkels, Karla Zierden, Fr. Edward, Maria Heymans-Becker

Present: *Priya Felling, Angie Rushmeyer, Jason Spsychala, Joe Stangler, Vicki Winkels, Karla Zierden, Fr. Edward, Maria Heymans-Becker*

Absent: *Paul Schiffler*

C. Welcome new HFS board members (*Joe Stangler & Vicki Winkels*)

II. Recommended Actions

A. Routine Matters

1. Approval of the Agenda - *Karla motion to approve, Angie 2nd, approved.*

2. Approval of Minutes from June meeting - *Priya motion to approve, Karla 2nd, approved.*

3. Budget Review of year-end 2018-2019 financials – *reviewed. Maria will also create a financial summary of the year-end report for next meeting.*

B. Election of board officers

1. Chair- *Priya made motion to nominate Paul Schiffler, Vicki 2nd, approved if Paul accepts.*

2. Vice-Chair/Treasurer- *Jason Spsychala motion for himself, Joe 2nd, approved Jason Spsychala.*

3. Secretary- *Angie made motion for Priya, Vicki 2nd, Priya accepted nomination.*

C. New Business

1. Distribute: Board of Ed. New Contact List (*need to update*), Board Sub-Committees (*assigned*), Board of Ed. Parish Council Monthly Representatives (noted), and Board Meeting Dates & Prayer Rotation List (*discussed*).

2. New staff updates: *Hired a half-time Gr.5/6 teacher, Gina Gagliardi Benson and P/T office manager, Karen Neidermeier-Gill.*

3. School survey results from students, school families, & parishioners - *Board members reviewed the survey results from our students, parishioners, & parents... Maria will work on compiling a summary (will share high, medium, and low areas) for next meeting.*

D. Unfinished/Continued Business

1. Follow-up on HFS' involvement in Seven Dolors Church Bazaar – *Our Games Committee will be having a wrap-up meeting next week (August 20th) to discuss ideas & changes for next year. Board discussed the positives of the new games and visibility. Now have ground layed for next year's bazaar. Board also recommended that the school asks for candy donations, etc. to throw out in Heritage Parade next year.*

2. Review & discuss any further updates needed of current HFS Board Constitution (*Note: Article III Membership Section 1 updated at May mtg.) *Parish Council also thought the HFS Board should update the constitution to make it reflect the current school board and school structure. Maria will make possible updates and email it to Jason to review before proposing the updates to the complete board at the Sept. meeting.*

3. Further discussion on creating new HFS Strategic Plan objectives/goals for 2020-2026 accred. cycle - *Maria noted it would actually be: 2020-2025. HFS received a one-year extension last year with the new changes here. Maria shared that some of the goals that the staff would like to focus on in our new plan would be to continue to implement of ALICE (lockdown safety) & stronger Emergency Preparedness, as well as working with our new Area Catholic Community (ACC). The board goal would like to focus on how to incorporate/partner with our school district in the future (a continued effort of partnership) and combine new draft goals 3 & 4 (to build & develop mission of Catholic education within our new Area Catholic Community and increase collaboration & partnership with surroundings schools).*
4. Review of Catholic Mutual's coverage of Directors & Officers Liability Insurance - *discussed. Maria sent out an email to the board in June, laying out the coverage the school had (through Catholic Mutual) and gave the board a copy of this information at the board meeting.*

III. Information and Proposals

- A. Pastor – *Fr. Edward shared about the repaving project of the parking lot – The parish & Mother of Mercy will be covering the expenses. The Albany Mutual grant is helping fund part of the project. New pavers will be going in at the entrance of school (planned to be done before school). The school will cover the cost of this landscaping project.*
- B. Principal Update – *Received \$10k grant from Albany Mutual to purchase 18 chromebooks, new office computer, & a new lease on an office photocopier. Parishoners also gave a donation to the school to purchase a 3-year subscription for a new myOn online reading program, which costs \$8,900. The donations totaled \$10,500 to support this project and technology. We discussed having our students create a thank you card to send to to the donors.*
Accreditation update: Maria is meeting with Kari Staples this week in Brooklyn Center to work out the details of the accreditation visit in April. Maria will also work on getting a team together. The board was given a State of the School Report & an updated HFS Calendar. E-learning & Flexible Learning Days were briefly discussed and Maria shared what they would consist of. (Families will be sent home a folder of educational activities the students will be expected to do if there is a snow day.)
- C. Committee Reports –
- D. Confidential Matters –
- E. Parish Council Meeting Rep for next council meeting (August 29th at 7:30 p.m.) – *Maria Becker (or Jason Spsychala, if Maria cannot attend)*

Angie made motion to adjourned at 8:07, Vicki seconded.

IV. Next Board meeting: Mon., September 9th? – 6:30 p.m.