

SEVEN DOLORS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES:  
**School Library**  
**September 10, 2013 at 6:30 pm**

I. Call to Order

A. Prayer

B. Roll Call: Jeff Meyer, Jill Seiler, Greg Kalthoff, Staci Kalthoff, Pam Mareck, Sister Alice, Brother Brad. Missing: Ami Ohman-late, Darren Teske, Fr Michael

C. Director of Faith Formation Report: Open House went well, first class starting 9/11, Teachers are in place and all things seem organized and ready to start. Wed nights 6-7 will be grades 1-8, 3 per month. Sunday night 6-7 will be grades 9, 10 & 11. Diocese has put standards in place for grades 1-8 that will be followed by the teachers.

II. Recommended Actions

A. Routine Matters

1. Approval of the Agenda: Stacy approved, Jill 2nd
2. Approval of Minutes of Aug meeting Jill approved, Greg 2nd
3. Review of Finances for Aug: discussion regarding more transparency of our spending, having two budgets H&S and school board, discussion about aging tuition.

B. Unfinished Business

1. Summary of Survey results for newsletter: will be posted on portal with an option of requesting comments. Implementing the possibility of surveys to graduating families and or 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers.
2. Fundraising: Discussion held re: Home and School and School Boards roles and how we can better work together to optimize dollars for the school, to keep tuition lower and to keep the school functioning at top levels. Differentiating between what is discretionary and operating spending and the possibilities of reorganizing to keep tuition from increasing will be discussed at the meeting with H & S.

C. New Business

1. Enrollment report: 147 student enrollment Prek-6<sup>th</sup>.
2. Discussion was held on the eligibility guidelines for scholarships. It was decided to table the matter until we begin the budgeting process for the next school year.

3. MCA score summary: compared HFS to State of MN, unable to directly compare to Albany Elementary as numbers were grades 3-8. Numbers are very good in comparison to state. Discussion had re: how can we do even better. Get the Best education for our students.

4. Annual Goals from Accreditation Strategic Plan: discussion had about implementing plans for various options, ie: advanced learners in math and the selection of new curriculum. Currently implementing new social studies curriculum for the current year.

5. Board Committee Assignments: Discussion was held as to committee assignments that will be finalized at the next meeting.

### III. Information and Proposals

#### A. Pastor

#### B. Principal Update

1. Preschool- Kara Markman was hired for the aide position.

2. Telephone Foundation Grant Proposal: Asked for 9 laptops for teachers, if grant isn't received we may need to purchase a few laptops for those that are significantly worn. May need to consider fundraising for these.

3. Diocesan Staff training for teachers Dr. Robert Marzano: workshop attended by staff in August and there will be further training 3-4 times this year, covers overall school improvement from grading to instruction.

#### C. Committee Reports

1. Alumni Newsletter: approved to be sent

#### D. Guests

#### E. Confidential Matters

### IV. Next meeting October 8, 2013

#### Council Meeting Rep

September 19, Jill

October 17, Ami