

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
STELLA MARIS ACADEMY
Stella Maris Academy High School Campus
May 4, 2023**

Present: John Kenney (Chair), Fr. Rich Kunst, Fr. Tony Wroblewski, Paul Fitzgerald, Andy Busam, Bob Lisi, Karen Newstrom, Fr. Seth Gogolin, Robb Enslin, Sr. Kathleen Del Monte, Margaret Romano, Andrew Hilliker (President, *ex officio*), Wade Mathers (Director of Schools, *ex officio*)

Absent: Joe Gerard

Guests: Mary Angelica Romano (age 2 wks), Nick Minardi

Opened at 3:00 PM with prayer.

Mission Moments:

- SMA high school students had an informative visit to CSS.
- The beauty of the May crowning caused a mother of formerly home schooled children to comment that she regretted that her older children had missed the opportunity to participate in the yearly devotion.
- A non-Catholic family has converted as a result of exposure to the Faith through their child's schooling at SMA.
- The girls softball team is experiencing a great season with both wins and team solidarity.
- The Stellabration has sold out of seats for the first time!

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Fr. Seth Gogolin, seconded and carried.

Approval of Minutes for April 13, 2023: Moved by Bob Lisi, seconded and carried.

President's Report:

High School: The roof suffered significant damage due to ice dams. Insurance has been contacted and bids sought. The drive and walking path will be resurfaced now that installation of the waterline is completed.

Capital Campaign/We're All In!: Over two million dollars has been pledged so far for the Capital Campaign, not including the \$4.2 million dollars for the purchase.

CSS/SMA Steering Committee: The initial meeting was held to discuss opportunities, obstacles and next steps.

Hiring: Two positions have been hired and interviews for remaining positions will be held next week.

Enrollment: Current enrollment is constant at 578. Projected enrollment for next year is 645.

Owner's Rep Update:

With 40,000 man hours, the building project has thus far been accident free. The third and fourth floors will be completed in time for tours at the Stellabration; the first and second floor will be completed within thirty days after that. At a current cost of \$5.8 million dollars, the project is within 2% of the original projection.

Finance Committee:

Motion from the committee to liquidate the quasi endowments currently held through CUF and create true endowments with the funds. Seconded, carried.

Motion from the committee to approve the budget as proposed last month. Seconded, carried.

Policy/Planning:

The accreditation visit is scheduled for November 13 to 16.

Motion to submit MSHSL application for the '23-'24 school year. Moved by Fr. Seth Gogolin, seconded, carried.

Closed at 3:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Newstrom
Secretary