



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
STELLA MARIS ACADEMY
MARCH 1, 2018**

Present: Bob Lisi (Chair), Paul Fitzgerald, Cynthia Zook *ex officio*, Fr. Richard Kunst, Fr. Ryan Moravitz, Laura Schauer, Karen Newstrom (acting Secretary), President Hilaire Hauer *ex officio*, Sister Edith Bogue (by phone), Bishop Paul Sirba (joined at 5:00 pm)

Absent: Fr. Jim Bissonette, Fr. Peter Muhich, Steve Olson

The meeting was convened at 3:37pm. Opening prayer was led by Fr. Rich Kunst

The Agenda was approved without amendment.

Minutes:

The minutes of the February 1, 2018 Board meeting were amended.

Motion by Paul Fitzgerald, seconded, to approve the minutes as amended. Carried.

Mission Moments:

Karen Newstrom shared that a teacher at the Holy Rosary campus expressed her happiness at how the changes at SMA have affected her teaching.

Hilaire Hauer noted that she has been able to take advantage of many opportunities to visit with our families over the past few weeks.

Fr. Ryan Moravitz related how a passerby in San Francisco commented on the Stella Maris emblem on his jacket.

Public comment:

Paul Thomsen voiced concerns over the implementation and size of the tuition change. He expressed the view that there was a lack of communication, a large increase that doesn't allow for tuition assistance for middle-income families. He questioned the plan for future increases.

Jennifer Deming, representing the Family Association, reported the FA's presence at Middle School information nights and Kindergarten Roundup. They are reviewing draft bylaws for the Association. The St. John's campus will host a skating event (subsequently cancelled) and the Holy Rosary campus a pajama movie night in March. Suggestion that the Board meeting agenda be posted at meetings.

Next steps regarding Formation Model and School Strategic Plan:

Hilaire and principals are working with a timeline and hoping to make a campus visit to St. Agnes this spring. Sr. Edith and Karen both expressed interest in participating. The date is yet to be determined.

High School:

Fr. Ryan said the committee continues to explore the SWOT of potential sites and asked that further discussion be moved to the executive session. It was noted that our budget for 2018-2019 includes only PreK-8 operations, not anything related to the High School.

Other business:

Fr. Rich suggested we need more sessions for discussing tuition. There is also a need to mitigate the social media clamor regarding the tuition increase.

Board Member Terms:

When the Stella Maris Academy Board was formed last year, terms were staggered so that there would not be turnover of the entire board at once. Four one-year terms are now expiring, those of Bob Lisi (chair), Fr. Richard Kunst, Steve Olson and Karen Newstrom. The Secretary ascertained that all four Board Members are willing to be appointed to a full three-year term.

Membership on the Board is by appointment from the bishop from a slate provided by the Board Nominating Committee and approved by the Board. The Nominating Committee recommends that all four members be appointed for a three-year term. This is a motion from a committee.

Motion by Laura Schauer, seconded, that the Board recommend to Bishop Sirba that the four members be appointed to three-year terms. Carried.

The Board entered Executive Session.

Actions taken during Executive Session:

Bishop Sirba joined the meeting. He received the recommendation that the four Board members be re-appointed. Bishop Sirba agreed to re-appoint Bob Lisi, Fr. Richard Kunst, Steve Olson, and Karen Newstrom, each for a three-year term to begin at the expiration of their current term. The Board decided that this action was outside of the Executive Session.

Bob Lisi reported that Fr. Ryan Moravitz would not be able to continue as Vice Chair after his term ends in March. The Board elected Fr. Richard Kunst to assume the role of Vice Chair and serve on the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Newstrom