

**Guardian Angels Central Catholic
School Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 10, 2024**

The Guardian Angels Central Catholic School Board met on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish Rectory.

Leanne Ritter called the meeting to order.
Father Weeder began the meeting with a prayer.

Roll call was taken. Board members present included: Matt Ridder, Ryan Steffensmeier, Carmen Schlickbernd, Dan Woodbury, Tom Hagedorn, Leanne Ritter, Jeff Timmerman

Board members not present: Ben/Michelle Borgmann, Mark Wooldrik, Tracy Schwer

Leanne asked if there were any additions or corrections to the December minutes. There were none. Motion to approve made by Dan, seconded by Jeff. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Booster Club: Booster Club meeting started at 6pm tonight. A few school board members attended right before our 6:30 meeting. The major point of discussion was about installing new scoreboards in the gym. Booster Club is estimating \$150,000 to \$200,000 for a couple of options. They would be video boards that would have new scoreboards with a shot clock and have the capability to run advertisements. Other schools have profited \$30,000 to \$50,000 per year in advertisement sales. The next step for the Booster Club was to get more detailed information from Daktronics.

Leanne said she'd gotten a couple emails and phone calls of people voicing concerns of how we can spend money on a scoreboard right now, when we have other things that need immediate attention, and we're into kicking off a capital campaign. Leanne also shared those same concerns. She was concerned about how it looks to go ask for money on things we absolutely need while we're putting up scoreboards for \$200,000. Matt was also concerned about the perception of putting up these video screens, understanding the shot clock is needed; but we'd still be paying for the shot clock as an add-on to the video screens. Father said the main reason the booster club is looking at this is to generate revenue, which we can all understand. The board thought \$50,000 in advertising per year was astronomical and not realistic for our school. It was shared at the booster club meeting that the video screens would come with their own curriculum and that the company would instruct the teachers on how to teach the students on how to run the electronics and create advertisements. There were high school teachers and the AD in attendance who said we don't have a media teacher and hardly any students interested in a media class, so it was a concern about who the responsibility of the advertising would fall on.

The question was brought up as to who does booster club answer to? Does school board have the final say on what the booster club spends? Father said he had the same questions and said we should be working together because we're both entities at school. Father thought we should come up with a plan to work together. Father is going to tell the Booster Club to hold off on the new score boards because our priority is the capital campaign.

Development Committee: no report

SPA: No report.

Facilities: nothing. There has been no update on the HVAC options and cost estimates from Morrissey. Leanne will contact them.

Matt is going to make some phone calls to local contractors to get bids for the bathroom and locker room remodels.

Finance Committee: Finance committee didn't meet tonight due to the booster club meeting being at the same time. Ryan informed the board that the revenue for both schools is at 45% and we're 50% through the school year. The high school is at 44% of the expenses for the year and the elementary is also at 44% for expenses. Paula and Justin did not know of anything new that would majorly affect the budget. Justin said the Stalp realty check came in over break and MaryLou Ritter was going to get that put in the bank. Father clarified that was already in the budget as part of the Hank Stalk Trust. Carmen made a motion to approve, and Dan seconded. Motion carried.

Governance Committee: All signature pages for the new governance have been turned into the Archdiocese and we're waiting for final approval.

Teacher Excellence: Paula reported that they were able to get a lot of promotional gadgets ordered with the help of Joyce Stalp and they're ready to go for the Wayne State Teacher Fair which is coming up later in January. Also, Conner Kreikemeier will be making a short video that will be played at the teacher fairs as a recruiting too. They are talking with Joyce Stalp about paying a stipend that could be paid to student-teachers who come to our school.

Communications Committee: Michelle reached out to Leanne and is going to a meeting set up with the campaign committee so she can help get the message out.

Capital Campaign: There is a capital campaign meeting on Tuesday, January 16th at 4pm. Before the end of the year, \$81,140 had been donated.

Justin is working on signing our school up on the Nebraska scholarship website. This will allow students applying for scholarships to see and choose our school if they live in our area. We're putting all available scholarship opportunities on our school website, so everyone knows what's out there. The Nebraska scholarship is Kindergarten and 9th grade only. Catholic Childrens Scholarship: we have multiple families qualify for this each year.

Father: The alumni letter which was supposed to be sent out last November has not gone out. He's hoping to get it sent out and start a scholarship with the money that comes in from that letter.

Justin: nothing

Paula: First reconciliation is January 17, 07:00 p.m., and that's why we moved our board meeting. The Wayne State Teacher Fair is on January 31. Catholic Schools Week is coming up and Paula reminded the board members to contact their list of business for their donations. We need to contact businesses and get everything to Tami Bracht by the end of this week.

Leanne: Vickie Kauffold, Archdiocese Catholic Schools Superintendent will do our orientation for the new board of limited jurisdiction on January 24th at 4:30pm.

Officers under the new board were elected. Leanne Ritter: chair; Matt Ridder: vice-chair; Tracy Schwer: Secretary; Ryan Steffensmeier: Treasurer. Matt made a motion to approve these officers, Tom seconded; motion carried.

We would like to enter into a contract with Norm Ridder with McPherson & Jacobsen to run our search efforts for a president. The contract would be for \$4000. They would advertise the vacancy, recruit applicants, screen applicants, and facilitate the interview process for the permanent president position. Ryan made a motion to approve the contract; Carmen seconded; motion carried.

A president search committee was formed to include Dan, Tracy, Mark, Ryan, Leanne, Father.

Everybody's invited Tuesday to the campaign committee. They are ready to add people to the committee to start doing some of the work. The entire school board must be involved.

Matt Jansen and Leslie Kreikemeier attended the meeting. At the end of the meeting, they were asked if they had anything they'd like to share. Leslie shared that the score board idea was bad timing with the capital campaign getting ready to kick off. She thought it would turn donors away from the campaign if they attend a game in our gym and see all this new technology and then are asked to give money for necessary things. She thought there are bigger needs in our facility: locker rooms.

Matt agreed with Leslie. The score board is a great idea, but the wrong time. The heating in the high school is still an issue. He came to his classroom on Saturday and the temperature was 58 degrees. We hosted ACT's and kids complained they were too cold to concentrate on the test. He thinks the heat is being turned down over the weekend. He thinks it clicks off on Friday afternoon and turns back on Monday morning.

Father is going to talk to Al Wordekemper about making sure the heat stays on over the weekend. Justin is going to make sure the heat stays on over the weekend.

Father said there's a donor who's willing to pay the new president salary for the first three years. That will give us a transition period to work through our salaries and budget to make sure we have a plan to sustain the president's salary.

Father closed the meeting with a prayer.

Matt made a motion to adjourn; Ryan seconded; motion carried.

Next meeting is a special meeting on January 24th at 4:30pm at the rectory.