

Minutes of October 26, 2012 CSGK Board Meeting

Attendees: Pastors: Fr. Creagan, Fr. Derda, Fr. Farrell, Fr. Schmidt, and Msgr. Martin; Lay Members: S. Bradshaw, J. Cavanaugh, S. Clark, K. VanderMolen; LAC Reps: J. Farrell, M.; Principals: T. Eastman, B. Reits, and A. Zommers; CSGK Staff: M. Anderegg and S. Harding; Other Parish Staff: Fr. Adams

Call to order: 3:35pm

Opening Prayer: Fr. Creagan

Approval of Agenda: October 26, 2012

Motion: Fr. Schmidt moves to approve Agenda; Msgr. Martin seconds. Motion passed.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes: September 21, 2012
2. Principal Reports
 - 2.1. Hackett Catholic Central (T. Eastman)
 - 2.2. St. Augustine Cathedral School (A. Zommers)
 - 2.3. St. Monica School (B. Reits)
3. Local Advisory Council Reports
 - 3.1. Hackett Catholic Central (J. Simonds)
 - 3.2. St. Augustine Cathedral School (J. Farrell)
 - 3.2.1. Farrell again asked about the letter of thanks/recognition from the CSGK to each of the teacher/staff at St. Augustine School for the achievement of School of Distinction 2012. The letter would be signed by Steve Clark. Clark indicated these would be distributed within the next week.
 - 3.3. St. Monica School (M. Romstadt)
4. Committee Reports
 - 4.1. Enhancing Community (S. Bradshaw)
 - 4.2. Advancement (S. Harding)

Motion: Bradshaw moves to approve the Consent Agenda; Fr. Schmidt seconds. Motion passed.

Financial Review: Finance Committee (K. VanderMolen)

1. The Finance Committee reviewed the September 30, 2012 financial statements and expenditures are at 23.6% which is below 25% which is where we are at in our fiscal year.
2. Eastman provided 3 bids for the Ark roof repair and the committee. The Committee recommends going with the \$31,400 bid from Sherriff-Goslin which includes repair and replacement of the damaged layers of the roof. The money for the repairs would come from the Fund balance. If a motion by the Board is made and approved, the request will be sent to the "Please Advise" Committee of the diocese.

Motion: Fr. Schmidt moves to approve the bid of \$31,400 from Sherriff-Goslin to repair and replace the damaged roof of the Ark building; Cavanaugh seconds. Motion passed.
3. The Committee discussed ways to improve the application process. The Committee discussed removing the application fee and rolling it into the tuition amount. The average amount would be \$130. It is hoped that the application process will be easier and more efficient for all involved. The Committee will continue to pursue this avenue.

Motion: Bradshaw moves to approve the Financial Statements for the three months ended September 30, 2012; Clark seconds. Motion passed.

Other Business:

1. The 2012-2013 goals for each Principal/School were reviewed.
2. Alliance Update:
 - 2.1. Clark provided an update on what he knows about the Alliance. As of January 1, 2013, the CSGK and the BCACS were supposed to have one payroll system controlled by the Alliance; however, this change is on-hold because the Michigan Catholic Conference (MCC) has informed us that it will be unifying its entire system, and the payroll will need be done on the schedule established by the MCC.
 - 2.2. A concern about the establishment of the Alliance (in general) was addressed by Monsignor Martin. He indicated that he had not been approached or asked about the formation of the Alliance (which would include St. Augustine School). St. Augustine Cathedral Parish is a juridic person established by the church under canon law, and the Pastor, Monsignor Martin, acts on behalf of the parish and its assets. Changes in any parish (or its assets), like those being proposed by the Alliance, must be authorized by the Pastor of the parish. Monsignor Martin indicated that this had not yet been done. This complicated issue, which places canon law in opposition with civil law, will need to be addressed by the affected pastors and the Office of the Bishop. The CSGK Board strongly encourages such resolutions before moving forward on the formation of the Alliance.
3. Fr. Derda passed out materials on the Eucharistic-centered prayer festival called The Presence which is scheduled for the weekend of February 15th-17th of 2013. The festival for high school students in and around the Diocese of Kalamazoo will be held at Hackett Catholic Central. It is a weekend veiled in Eucharistic mystery, great speakers, and live music. Fr. Derda is asking for our help on this project. Clark suggested that the information be handed over to Simonds so that the HCC LAC can possibly enlist the help of its members and other Hackett parents.

Motion: There being no other business before the Board, Fr. Schmidt moved to adjourn; Clark seconds. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:28pm.