

## OLS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

February 12, 2025

5:00 PM

Church Conference Room

*MINUTES*

### **Mission Statement**

*OLS provides a Christ-centered Catholic education for students of all faiths. Together, we will foster each student's path to heaven, pursuit of excellence, accountability, and service to others.*

- I. Opening Prayer** – *Fr. Papi opened the meeting in prayer. Those in attendance were Peggy Schoenfuss, Jessica Wiles, Jaimie Wilk, Dave Elliott, Crystal Mogensen, Fr. Papi Yeruva, and Bob Lecheler.*
  
- II. Approval of December Minutes** – *The December 11, 2024, minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Jaimie and seconded by Jessica to approve the minutes. The motion passed.*
  
- III. Action Items**
  - a. *Approval of Tuition Increase - Following the financial report, a motion was made by Jessica and seconded by Jaimie to increase tuition to \$2,400 for each child of a parishioner and \$3,150 for each child of a non-parishioner, with volunteer hours of at least ten hours reducing tuition by \$100 per family. Scrip requirements will be removed from tuition. The motion passed. A motion was made by Jaimie and seconded by Crystal to increase 3K to \$35 per day and \$25 per half day. The motion passed.*
  
  - b. *Other*
  
- IV. Old Business**
  - a. *School Finance – The balance sheet currently shows \$57,646.99 in school checking and \$14,487.95 in hot lunch checking. There was a question about the specifics of after school care income. Bob will check on it. Income for tuition is currently \$264,001.19. This compares to last year at this time to be \$226,644.90. Total income for this year is listed at \$436,770.86. Total expenses are \$771,992.93, for a net balance of -\$335,222.07. There were other specific questions regarding the finance statement. Bob will view a detailed report to provide responses to the questions. There was discussion about what the parish could support for the school deficit and if parishes in the cluster who have students at the school should be assessed the difference between tuition and actual cost to educate a student. Bob pointed out that several parishes in the*

- cluster make significant contributions to the school. A request was made for a budget comparison with actual school profit and loss. Bob will put that together.*
- b. *School Report – Dave provided a handout with information pertaining to the school. Teachers are discussing reading instruction across grade levels. A calendar of events for February through April was provided. Dave explained plans to make sure instructional minutes meet DPI requirements for next year. Donations recently received will be used for school materials and paying down the principal of the HVAC loan. A listing of enrollment predictions and staffing was provided. Fundraising activities were discussed. The Annual Fund has brought in \$2,950 thus far. Dave expressed concern about the golf outing as an invoice has not yet been received for last spring. Linda Zimmer received \$230 in a grant to visit a dairy farm. Dave reported on the possibility of E-Rate. It has yet to be determined if it will be financially sound to apply. Dave indicated that he is willing to come back next year, given his family situation. A survey of the principal by teachers and staff has been sent out, with the results going to Bob for review. Evaluations are going on with the teachers. The results will be shared with the Executive Board. Bids have been submitted for more Promethean boards. A schedule for next year has been drafted. Dave is still waiting for the public school to release their schedule. The Executive Board will be asked to attend a special meeting in the near future to address the WRISA site visit next fall.*
  - c. *Tuition Payments – A review will be made of delinquent payments and a follow-up will be made.*
  - d. *Fundraising – There has been ongoing discussions of establishing a fundraising committee. It was recommended that a meeting date be set and specific parents be invited to attend.*
  - e. *OLS Basketball Tournament – The overall impression of the tournament was that it went well. It was agreed that having it at the middle/high school is better than the elementary school. There were no concerns raised regarding the tournament. Net income from the tournament was around \$10,000. It was recommended that reservations be made for next year’s tournament at the middle/high school.*

**V. New Business**

- a. *Staffing – There was discussion regarding the number of staff and the needs of children. All staff indicated they plan to return next year, except for Darrell Gago who plans to retire as the physical education teacher.*
- b. *Other*

**VI. Closed Session** – *There was discussion of staffing personnel for next year. Bob and Fr. Papi will follow up with Dave regarding the discussion.*

**VII. Closing Prayer** – *Fr. Papi closed the meeting in prayer.*

**VII. Adjourn (Next Meeting)** April 9, 2025, 5:00 p.m., OLS Church conference room.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Bob Lecheler*