



**NORWALK
CATHOLIC**

Norwalk Catholic Governing Board

Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2023

Attendance: Emily Riley, Martin Linder, Sue Riley, Fr. Anthony Recker, Kathy Molek, Ian Miller, Stacey Dvorak, Andrew Welfle, Jen Collins (virtual), Rod Thimke, Tom Dunlap

Guests: Mike McLaughlin

The Governing Board meeting was called to order by Board Chair Emily Riley at **6:02pm** in the Learning Commons of St. Paul High School.

1. **Opening Prayer** - Jen Collins
2. **Recitation of Norwalk Catholic Mission**
3. **Introduction & Welcome to Tip Hosack:** Mr. Hosack was welcomed to the meeting.
4. **Approval of August Meeting Minutes:** Rod Thimke moved, seconded by Kathy Molek
5. **Financial Reports** - Mike McLaughlin provided an update on our year end financials: Mr. McLaughlin reported that he has created a line item for EdChoice monies to better track these funds. Approximately 375,000 dollars have been received YTD. Cash flow is reportedly right on track where he expects it to be. Mr. McLaughlin is watching the grant funds closely as some monies have flowed in for widows, etc. Expenses are right in line with staff doing a great job with spending. We are in an awkward position right now with Ed Choice as tuition is flowing in as families sign up and the state works out the issues they are having administering the process. Also, tuition receivable is under review, once again to the EdChoice start up and issues with state. Around 15% of students are yet to be awarded Ed Choice monies. Ed Choice monies awarded up to November was 362,829.00.
6. **President's Report** - Martin Linder shared his report on the latest happenings of the past month, to include: Mr. Linder gave a brief overview of the presentation to the maintenance committee. Overall the committee was very receptive to the idea of having a study completed by outside firm as to what issues needed to be addressed, and how soon. The November annual fund raising video was shown and it was stated that it may be used on giving Tuesday
7. **Board Chair Report** - Emily Riley
 - A. Mrs. Riley went over our new quarterly meetings and how we should use the off months to work on our committee work. She will be looking into assigning committees in the very near future. Mrs. Riley also advised that our work in committee needs to be flexible as to the mechanics of the committees.
8. **Pastor Report** - Fr. Recker
 - A. Father Recker advised that we are in charge of the teachers/ministers and we need to make sure our teachers be true ministers as well as teachers of our Catholic Faith.
 - B. Very busy time of year, restructuring into a tri parish community
 - C. All School Mass December 15th at 9:15am

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Next Board Meeting: Holiday/Social Gathering with FCEDO on 12/13/23. There will be NO MEETING as previously scheduled on 12/20/23.

Building on the legacy of our parishes, families, and alumni, the mission of Norwalk Catholic is to guide students to cultivate a personal relationship with Christ rooted in the Catholic tradition and to educate students in a rigorous academic environment to serve and lead in the global community.