



**Attendance:** Emily Riley, Martin Linder, Tom Dunlap, Rod Thimke, Fr. Anthony Recker, Sr. Carolyn Schaffer, Tip Hosack, Ian Miller, Kathy Molek, Andrew Wefle

**Excused:** Stacey Dvorak

**Guests:** Riley Conway

The November 20, 2024 Governing Board meeting was called to order by Board Chair Emily Riley at **6:00pm**.

1. **Opening Prayer** - Fr. Anthony Recker
2. **Welcome Ms. Riley Conway** - Ms. Conway was in attendance to observe tonight's meeting as part of her ongoing education to obtain her Masters Degree.
3. **August Meeting Minutes** - August minutes were approved after a motion by Kathy Molek and a second by Tom Dunlap. A vote of the affirmative made by all members present.
4. **October Work Session Minutes:** October minutes were approved after a motion was made by Andrew Wefle and a second by Rod Thimke, a vote was taken with all members voting in the affirmative.
5. **Financial Reports** - Mr. Mike McLaughlin was unable to attend tonight. Mr. Wefle gave an overview of the Ohio's Ed Choice program which is ahead of schedule for our school from last year.
6. **President Report** - Mr. Linder provided an update on the following:
  - A. Mr. Linder sent a letter to Governor Dewine's Office, as well as Representative Stein and the Speaker of the House. The letter was in appreciation of how well the EdChoice program is working and included a letter from a parent. The parent expressed how the EdChoice program has helped her family financially.
  - B. Vision 2037 is moving along this year already! Plans are underway for updating classrooms for the '25-'26 school year. Mr. Linder plans to meet with teachers as early as next week.
7. **Board Chair Report** - Emily Riley provided an update on the following:
  - A. Mrs. Riley advised the group that our current Secretary Tom Dunlap has been elected to Huron County Commissioner (congratulations!), and was concerned he would not have time to continue as the Secretary. Mrs. Dvorak was asked to consider accepting a nomination. Mrs. Riley will check with Mrs. Dvorak to see if she would be interested in filling in.
  - B. Mrs. Riley touched briefly on the email the board members received regarding the closure of school for the State Volleyball final in which our Lady Flyers were participating in. Ideas and feedback were shared to aid in future decision-making.
  - C. The December meeting will be a work session with Ms. Kristen Cardone of Huron County Mental Health Services Board (MHAS) coming in to speak. After that will be a Christmas party with fellowship and cheer to follow.



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**8. Pastor Report -**

- A. Fr. Recker advised that things are going pretty well with only 2 priests although it does keep them busy.
- B. Fr. V will be traveling home as he has not been home in a couple of years, and will be gone the entire month of January
- C. Bishop Mindy from Tandanizia will be with us for 2 weeks in February. While he is here he wants to work on some fundraising for back in Tandanizia to promote christianity.
- D. Fr. was looking for a job description for the Campus Minister position to assist in finding a priest so they have an idea what would be expected of them. Mr. Linder advised that he has one he will share.
- E. December 9th is now a Holy Day of Obligation.

The body moved into Executive Session at 6:52pm to discuss personnel, with no business to follow. Motion by Tom Dunlap and second by Rod Thimke.

**The full meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM.**

**Next Meeting:** Work Session - December 18, 2024