OLS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
June 12, 2024
5:00 PM
Church Conference Room
MINUTES

Our Lady of Sorrows is a three-year-old through 8th grade school serving the Ladysmith community and surrounding areas since 1912. In cooperation with parents, parish, and community members, Our Lady of Sorrows School will provide a high quality educational setting in which children can grow academically, socially, physically, and spiritually. We strive to develop a better understanding of the Catholic faith within each student, as we prepare them to be confident, responsible, contributing members of the parish and community. We believe in nurturing and encouraging each student to realize his or her potential. Our Lady of Sorrows is open to families of all faiths, whereas one family, we will answer the call to know, love, and serve God.

I. **Opening Prayer** – *Bob opened the meeting in prayer. Those in attendance were Dave Elliott, Crystal Mogensen, Jaimie Wilk, and Jessica Wiles.*

II. **Approval of April Minutes** – *The April minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Jess and seconded by Crystal to approve the minutes. The motion passed.*

III. **Action Items**
   a. Other – *There were no action items.*

IV. **Old Business**
   a. School Finance – *Bob shared the Profit and Loss. It indicated total income of $856,231.98 and included the employee recovery tax credit (ERTC) in the amount of $187,526.31. Expenses were $825,960.31 The net ordinary income was $30,271.67. The school finances were recently reviewed by the trustees as well.*
   b. HVAC Project – *The project is basically complete. A local company was asked to provide an estimate on a yearly maintenance plan. That is pending.*
   c. School Report – *Dave provided a handout that gave an end-of-year report. We are anticipating an increase of 12 students next year. There will be an increase of three WPCP students. All teachers will be returning except for the music teacher who will be retiring. Dave gave a brief report on the areas of curriculum, communication and public relations, technology, fundraising, title and special education funding, and the needs for the coming year. We still need to hire a part-time music teacher. We have a person coming in to teach art one day a week to the elementary students. Diane Weber will be offering some time to assist with the religious education program. A question was raised regarding standardized testing. Dave pointed out that the best use of standardized tests is to determine specific areas of growth or lack of growth for each student. Bob*

acknowledged it has been a very good school year, thanks to the leadership skills of Mr. Elliott.

d. Tuition Payments – *Bob and Dave will be reviewing delinquent tuition and sending out subsequent letters.*
e. Fundraising – *There was extended discussion regarding fundraising efforts. It was decided that a survey will go out, asking parents to sign up as volunteers for any of the events which include a fall fundraiser, the OLS Basketball tournament, the wreath sales, and the golf scramble. Parents will be asked to consider serving on the planning committee for any one of the events. We will continue to review best practices in fundraising.*
f. Golf Scramble – *Bob reported that money turned in for the golf scramble was $5,725. An invoice from the golf club is still pending.*

New Business

g. Personnel Issue – *A personal issue impacting the school was discussed. The issue will be addressed by Fr. Papi and Bob.*
h. Other – *There was discussion to have students participate in the Mardi Gras Parade the third weekend of July. Information will go out to school families. Bob reported that Fr. Papi would like to see more social media presence for the school and cluster parishes.*

V. Closing Prayer – *Bob closed the meeting in prayer.*

VII. Adjourn (Next Meeting) – *We will continue to meet the third Wednesday of the even months. (This will likely change to the second Wednesday of the even months because of religious education classes.) The next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2024.*

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Lecheler