OLS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
August 22, 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***: Fr. Papi opened the meeting in prayer. Those in attendance were Dave Elliott, Fr. Papi Yeruva, Jaimie Wilk, and Bob Lecheler. Crystal Mogensen was present via phone.*

II. **Approval of August Minutes:** *The minutes of the June 12, 2024, meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Jaimie and seconded by Crystal to approve the minutes. The motion passed.*

III. **Action Items**

a. Other – *There were no action items to address.*

IV. **Old Business**

a. School Finance: *The balance sheet for the last fiscal year showed $176,968.24 in general checking. Total assets and liabilities were $1,979,940.65. The profit and loss for the past fiscal year showed income of $866,108.98. Expenses showed $891,819.47 for a balance of -$25,710.49. This amount is picked up via the parish subsidy. The balance sheet for the current fiscal year showed general checking at $154,816.19. Assets and liabilities were at $1,342,605.14. The profit and loss for the current year showed income at $19,987.00. Expenses were $36,063.41 for a balance of -$16,076.41. The current profit and loss did not include state subsidy which will be coming in later, along with additional tuition. A motion was made by Jaimie and seconded by Crystal to approve the financial report. The motion passed.*

b. School Report: *Dave provided a handout on happenings in the school. He addressed curriculum reviews in all disciplines. Dates for upcoming events were identified. Enrollment is at 82 students, up from 73 last year. The school facilities are in good condition, thanks to the work of Mark Zimmer, the custodian, and*

Rick Richardson who volunteered his time to help over the summer. Ideas for fundraising were again discussed. It was suggested that a committee be established to focus on different fundraising events for which committees can be formed. Anton Pospichal has been hired to teach fourth grade. Mrs. Luebke will teach second grade. Amanda Coggins has been hired to teach art part-time. Lani Burki has been hired as the night custodian. We are still in need of a part-time music teacher. It was suggested that Abigail Lynch be contacted to see if she would be interested. Bob will follow up. Dave explained the process for the self-study to take place this year. He indicated he is receiving support from other administrators in the process. A motion was made by Crystal and seconded by Jaimie to approve the school report. The motion passed.

c. Tuition Payments: *Bob reported that letters went out to those owing tuition in the past. Some responded with payments. Another letter will go out shortly to see if more will respond.*

d. Fundraising: *As mentioned above, there was discussion about forming a fundraising committee of interested parents and representatives of the PCCW and Knights of Columbus.*

V. New Business

a. Other: *Dave indicated that the mission and vision statements of the school need to be reviewed and revised by the executive board. A handout was provided. Bob will initiate responses in the development of both. Dave invited the executive board members to stop by school at any time to see how things are going. Dave also asked that contacts of families who might be interested in sending their children to OLS be passed along to Dave for him to follow up. Jaimie proposed that the 4-H leadership team be welcomed to meet with students to discuss leadership skills. Dave indicated that surveys will be going out to parents and other interested groups to provide feedback on the school.*

VI. Closing Prayer: *Fr. Papi provided the closing prayer.*

VII. Adjourn (Next Meeting) *It was decided that the board will meet the second Wednesday of the even-numbered months to avoid any conflicts with faith formation. Therefore, the next meeting will be October 19, 2024, 5:00 p.m., in the OLS Church conference room.*

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Lecheler