

Guardian Angels Central Catholic
School Board Meeting Notes
May 21, 2025
6:30 p.m. Rectory

The meeting was called to order by Matt Ridder.

Fr. Weeder opened the meeting with a prayer.

Roll Call was taken:

Board Members present: David Karnopp, Matt Ridder, Carmen Schlickbernd, Tracy Schwer, Mark Wooldrik, Fr. James Weeder, Allyn Knobbe.

Board Members not present: Leanne Ritter, Ben Borgmann, and Dan Woodbury.

Committee Reports:

Booster Club: Andrew mentioned that starting the next fiscal year, the budget of the Booster Club will be under the office of the School Budget. We are just asking the Booster Club to raise the money and plan the events, but Sue Wolff will be handling the finances. This had been talked about during April's meeting.

SPA: Paula said Kacie Borchers is the outgoing president, and Jessica Hagedorn will be the new SPA president. They are currently working on a design for a new staff and school spirit t-shirt.

Capital Campaign: Lisa mentioned Justin S. will be speaking at the alumni event, and they will put together some information on the status of the Capital Campaign.

Numbers have not changed much:

Checking account	\$2,112.95
Money Market	\$1.931 million
Available Dollars	\$1,933,773.58
Spent to date	\$612,980.45
Collected	\$2.458 million
Uncollected/Pledged	\$2.136 million
Total	\$4,594,346.56
Matching Grant	\$87,103.67

Facilities: Currently at a pause while waiting on what the parish council will be doing with the convent.

Andrew spoke to Mike about the HVAC project. In a week or so, the gym should be completed. Paula asked for some help moving the library around to make space for the resource teacher. Paula has also done some tours with incoming 6th-grade parents to see where the classroom will be in the high school building.

Leanne made a motion (via her notes for the board) to approve replacing the south door to the high school with the security software installation. We award the bid to the lowest bidder, excluding the demolition fees. Tracy seconded the motion. Matt said the total project would be around \$15,000. The money would be paid out of the Capital Campaign funds.

All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Matt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April's meeting. Mark made the motion to approve. David seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Finance: The committee is putting together a monthly intention calendar for tasks to be completed. Things included in the calendar: teacher contracts, letters of intent, establishing the budget, salary scale, and tuition increases.

Governance: Mark asked if everyone had read the changes to the bylaws and the handbook. David made the motion to approve the changes. Allyn seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. The bylaws will be sent to Vicki Kaufold.

Advancement/Development: Carmen said they want to plan a kick-off event this summer. In September, they want to put together an annual report. In October, they intend to set up an annual appeal.

President's Report: Annie Jr was a success. Confirmation and First Communion were held. Justin and Andrew went to the Installation Mass for the new Archbishop. We had two seniors qualify for state events: Jordan Timmerman in track and Beau Oligmueller in golf. Strategic Plan, they have had two steering committee meetings that have gone well. Mark W. and Leanne R. are the school board representatives. The Steering Committee is establishing where they want to create goals and have come up with the following pillars: Mission and Catholic Identity, Operational Vitality, Communication and Transparency, Student Life, Academics, and Faculty/Staff. They have also created goals under each of the pillars. Coming up, Justin mentioned that staff have collected all the surplus items we have that are not being utilized and will be having a "free will donation" "as is" garage sale. The items were dumpster-bound. The thought was this is a way to make a little money off of them. Bishop Neuman is purchasing the tables from the STEAM Lab. Scotus and Columbus Public are purchasing some of the old robots.

Andrew said over the summer, there will be many PDs for the teachers, such as Reading Intervention, Progress in Math, and the Apple rep will be here to do a one-day training for the teachers. There will be a Science and Reading symposium in October.

Four things Andrew will be working on in the next month are: checking in with all families who are in arrears with their payments and making sure we can get clean slates for the new year. We have about \$110k owed to us: \$4k in cafeteria, \$10k in childcare/ECEC, and \$90k in tuition. It should be noted that some of that tuition is from previous years. There is a donor who is willing to help write off some of this if a family cannot pay for it all by themselves.

Another item is moving the strategic planning from "silent" to a more public document. Andrew also wants to communicate with families about tuition for next year. The school has been receiving family contracts for next year. Finally, Andrew will be working on a year-to-year calendar.

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New Business: Convent Building: Allyn K. has had a lot of people reach out to him about the convent. Most people did not realize that there was a donor ready to do the demo needed to turn into classrooms. Allyn also feels there should be a deadline for a decision. We ran into a similar situation, and too much time was taken, and then nothing was done. We can encourage those making a decision to see that this needs to be a speedy process. Andrew asked Fr. Weeder what we can/should tell the public. Fr. Weeder was wondering about the timeline for renovating the building. It was asked if the building would be used for the younger children, or possibly Junior High students. It would be looked at as a "best use" when deciding.

Matt asked how the changing of bank accounts is coming along. Andrew said the ones the school can handle (that we have oversight over), such as the Booster Club, will be done at the end of the fiscal year. If current accounts are using our tax number, then we will have control and signing privileges. If the people who currently have control of these accounts do not want the school to have control/signing privileges, they will not be able to use the school's tax number. It will have to be removed from the account, or they will have to open a new account. Andrew is asking that this be a part of the governance or finance policy. Fr. Weeder stated that he and ReNae need to be in the same room and make a call together down to the bank to finalize the last of the accounts.

Mark talked about the Supporting Organization that had been mentioned at the previous meeting. Dan Waters, an attorney from Omaha, will be hosting a Q&A about this in the cafeteria on June 12, 2025, at 1 p.m. Endowment Committee, School Land, Parish Council, and School Board, and other stakeholders are invited to attend. Mr. Waters has set up this program for St. Robert's in Omaha and St. Patrick's in Elkhorn. He is helping St. Wenceslaus establish it for them. A Supporting Organization will have its own EIN. This enables a donor to be specific about where they want to assign their donation. Mark is hoping we can show a lot of support for this program to the Archdiocese.

Andrew mentioned that of the tuition letters/contracts sent out, roughly 40% have been returned, and one quarter of those have declined the additional grant.

We have received good feedback from the election bio's of those running for school board. Eric Klitz and Brittany Kaup will be the new school board members.

The Purchase Request form has been set up for teachers/faculty.

Fr. Weeder mentioned that some people had approached him about the overlap of term limits. He reminded them that with the new board of limited jurisdiction, the terms were reset.

Fr. Weeder also asked how we let people know we hear them, even if the result is not what they wanted.

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Vicki Kaufold would like to do a board orientation in July, but she is not able to do it on the Wednesday the school board meeting is scheduled. Andrew asked if we should have an additional meeting, or move our July meeting to a different date. Andrew will ask if there is another Wednesday that would work for her.

Fr. Weeder closed the meeting with a prayer.

Mark made a motion to adjourn. Allyn seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Schwer