

Guardian Angels Central Catholic

School Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

The Guardian Angels Central Catholic School Board met on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish rectory.

LeAnn Ritter called the meeting to order.

Father Weeder began the meeting with a prayer.

Roll call was taken. Board members present included: Janelle Nebuda, Justin Steffensmeier, Matt Ridder, LeAnn Ritter, Danelle Smith, Ryan Steffensmeier, and Jeff Timmerman

Board members not present: Ashley Strehle, Tom Hagedorn, and Ben and Michelle Borgmann

School Organization Representatives Present: Paul Ridder (Development Committee) and Blayne Knobbe (Booster Club)

School Organization Representatives not present: Aliza Brunsing (SPA)

LeAnn asked all present to review the July minutes. No revisions were requested. Ryan made a motion to approve the July minutes. Jeff seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Booster Club: Blayne gave an update on financials with the main expense for July being the gym floor resurfacing at \$5000. The membership supper is to be held on Friday Aug. 19. Blayne reported that the Believers and Achievers would not be doing tailgates at all the football games, so she requested that the Booster Club provide one for the homecoming game. There was some confusion as to whether the Believers and Achievers are or are not doing the tailgates. Blayne was going to check on this. The Booster Club will be providing a Jayrun. This will be a fundraiser involving both the grade school and high school students with the money going toward facilities maintenance. The Booster Club is also applying for a grant from the Cuming County Power District called Operation Roundup. This money would go toward facilities maintenance. Finally, Blayne said she is still working on updating Booster Club policies.

Development Committee: No report

SPA: No report

Facilities Committee: Jeff reported that work has started on the steps of the Activity Center. LeAnn showed the bill from Tony Kaup for the cement that replaced the bricks by the sidewalks. The bill came in at just over \$21,000. The estimate was for \$15,000. The additional money was for small repairs not included in the original estimate.

Finance Committee: Justin reported that the first month of the new budget year was underway. The salaries for both schools showed only 7% of the budget while usually this is 8%. Paula and John stated this was probably because the budget included teaching positions that were not filled. They would look into this and get back to the school board. Other expenses such as worker's comp and instructional supplies are front loaded at the beginning of the year. Ryan made a motion to approve the July budget. Janelle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presidents report: Father Weeder will cover Father Matt's classes on Father Matt's day off.

Paula and John: Nothing from Michelle Cohee. Matt asked about tuition assistance for students who would like to come to GACC who are not Catholic. Father and others said yes. Salary increases for teachers was also discussed. LeAnn suggested the finance committee work on this.

A new bus was purchased for \$98,000 with Jayfest funds minus some donations directly for the bus. Father had discussed this with the Jayfest committee.

Building update: Father Weeder gave an update on the North Star building swap proposal. The parish council formed a subcommittee for this proposal. Mark Schlickbernd contacted an architect. This architect said it they could put plans together with a cost estimate for \$47,000. North Star and their attorneys are ok to go ahead with this option. Father has not signed any contracts. Mark mentioned a donor would cover the cost of the architect since the parish council had only approved \$25,000 previously for the architect. The subcommittee was ok with the architect moving forward. The other option would be to remodel the convent. Once there are plans for both we would be able to compare plans.

This led to a discussion. Ryan asked why there is another space committee from another group working on a school related issue. Couldn't we worked together? Paul would like us to wait for Mr. McAndrews and Paula to have some time to see what space is needed or could be better utilized. LeAnn presented a paper from Mark that was presented at the Parish Council. LeAnn has several concerns for the North Star proposal because of the lack of transparency and for the process by which the proposal has been brought forward. LeAnn said she could ask an architect to get a cost estimate to build the same size building as the proposed new North Star building. Danelle supported the idea to work together with the parish council, and reminded us that we are here for the kids. She does not want us to get torn apart because of a building.

New business: John reported 18 of 20 7th graders and some other new students came for new student orientation. Today was the first day of school. The house program is being reintroduced. Safety drills were gone over. Staff training on these drills took place earlier. The afternoon was a fun time for the kids. John also reported that we received \$14,000 plus from the CARES Act that was used for cleaning supplies.

Paula reported that the parent information night was held last night. Several drills will take place before the end of August. School pictures will be before the end of August. Karen Kriekemeier was hired as an aid for kindergarten.

Justin informed the board that Ann Prinz has worked here for 44 years. He would like us to have recognition for her of some kind, something like the bulletin. We could also include staff updates so that all of the community would be informed.

Justin also presented a paper from Harry Knobbe that had a long list of projects that have been completed over the years. The main point of the paper was the work that could be done as a community rather than hire out the work.

LeAnn asked if we could put Parish Council and School Board minutes online so that all of the community has access to the discussions.

The next meeting is September 14, 2022.

Father closed the meeting with a prayer.

Ryan made a motion to adjourn. Matt seconded the motion. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Ridder