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Saint Thomas Aquinas School Board Meeting Minutes- April 9, 2019

Board Members Present: Sarah Staley, Emily Engstler, Fr. Stephen Meyer, Pat Powers

Staff Present: Duane Siepker-Principal

Other Attendees: Jason Ribbens-Recorder, Ben Rahe

Meeting called to order at 5:44 p.m.

Opening Prayer led by Sarah Staley

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Addition of Agenda Item: There was a motion by Pat Powers to add an item to the agenda for approval of faculty contracts for 2019-20 school year. Second by Sarah Staley. Item approved by unanimous vote.

Budget Report: We are at 75% of the budget year. Total income is at 74% and total expense is at 77.5%. The checking account balance was \$33,581.24 as of 3-31-19 and the holding account balance was \$15,000 as reported for the meeting. Hot Lunch balance is \$972.48.

Administrator's Report: The last day of school will be on June 5. The 3- and 4-year old preschool classes are full for next year. Iowa Assessments began on April 8th. Radon testing is done every two years, and will be done at the end of the school year. The spring music programs are on April 8th and the 15th. Grandparents Day will be held on April 26th. We look forward to the annual Friends of St Thomas Aquinas Ball on May 4th. The theme for this year is Casino Royale.

Development Director Report: No report given.

Finance/Parish Council Report: The Renovation Committee met on April 8th. They are working on getting lots of details sorted out to move forward.

Unfinished Business:

- **2019-20 School Calendar:** Motion by Emily Engstler for an open forum for public comment regarding the proposed school calendar. Second by Sarah Staley. The floor remained open, no comments were received. A motion was made by Emily Engstler to approve the 2019-20 school calendar as proposed, second by Sarah Staley. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- **Principal Search Process:** After multiple interviews with the candidate, Fr Meyer and the school board was in consensus to extend an offer to Theresa Schleisman. Details of the offer will be arranged between Board President Sarah Staley and Archdiocesan Administrator Ann Conlon.

New Business:

- **2019-20 School Contracts:** After extended discussion there was a motion by Sarah Staley to freeze salaries and extend contracts to all current faculty members. Second by Pat Powers.

Closing Prayer: Our Father by the group

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 14, 2019 5:30 p.m.

Recorded by: Jason Ribbens