

MINUTES
AMHS Board of Trustees Meeting
September 22, 2021

Present: Sue Adams, Rich Bacigalupi, Bill Brooking, Mike Burns, Brett Carlton, Jeff Cymbaluk, Terri Fewel, Mytyl Hernandez, Millie Judge, Talia Manhke, Armando Medina, Larry Moore, Joan Ritter, Steve Schmutz

Absent: Mary Kelly, Alicia Mitchell, Brian Murphy, Shannon O’Kelley, Pat Sievers

Opening Prayer – Steve Schmutz

Roll call – Sue Adams called the roll, and a quorum was declared.

Approval of Minutes – **The Board approved the minutes from the August meeting** of the Board of Trustees.

School Report – Steve Schmutz

School resumed in person in late August with enrollment at 450 students and the addition of three students through the new international student exchange program (PAX). On campus activities held in first few weeks of school included an opening day assembly, school dance, first liturgy, Curriculum Night and many fall sporting events. Students are doing a great job following mask wearing and social distancing requirements, and the school has come up with creative ways to enable better distancing during the lunch hour. Alicia is preparing “Christ in The Classroom” training for staff and on-boarding our new Business Pathways Program Director, Jess Hall.

Governance – Jeff Cymbaluk, Steve Schmutz

The Governance Committee approved the plan to hold the 2021 DREAM Auction in person on Friday, November 19th at Angel of the Winds Arena with a multi-day virtual component from November 18-22 as well. We will have a back-up plan for holding the event 100% virtually if required by the state or county. Rich is our auction chair again this year and he will work on the selection of a board sponsored auction item with Denise Jannusch and Steve. Please send your donations for this item to the attention of Denise or Steve (or call the office to pay using your credit card). AMHS is also holding a “Paint Your Senior Parking Spot” fundraiser on September 26th to raise money for the class of 2022’s Grad Night.

Finance Committee – Millie Judge, Joan Ritter, Jeff Cymbaluk

Joan reviewed the balance sheet and P&L statement through August 2021. The committee will present a recommendation from Morgan Stanley at the next board meeting to better distribute and invest our unrestricted cash reserves currently held in savings.

Spirituality, Health and Wellness Committee – Sue Adams

A letter will be mailed to all Fund-A-Need donors this fall highlighting the new Campus Ministry space, changes to the cafeteria wall and athletic ticket window in process, implementation and use of the Character Strong curriculum and other upcoming SHW events. The Character Strong content was used for a staff retreat on September 17th and the “No Place For Hate” event will be held on September 27th. Other events planned for fall and early winter include a student wellness reassessment using the Healthy Youth Survey, campus ministry guest speakers, and the College Cats Connection alumni Q&A for juniors and seniors in December.

Planning and Innovation Committee – Pat Sievers

The Campus Ministry space upgrade is 90% complete and a new vendor is in the process of being chosen to complete the rest of the project as well as the cafeteria kitchen wall modifications and athletic ticket office window construction. The softball field is being upgraded with turf gifted from Seattle Prep with the only cost being to move and install it. Future possible facilities needs are being assessed including classroom FF&E and HVAC systems. \$308K of the \$397K federal COVID grant funds for technology have been spent on technology upgrades including touch screen panels, charging ports, laptops, docking stations and the CANVAS LMS software upgrade.

Advancement Committee – Shannon O’Kelly

As previously mentioned, the 2021 DREAM Auction will be held in person on Friday, November 19th with a virtual component as well. Shannon O’Kelly and Alex McGinty will return as auction hosts. The Fund-A-Need auction item will focus on launching new opportunities for experiential learning including innovation and design spaces for project-based learning as part of the Business Pathways Program. Procurement efforts are well underway with many exciting items, events and packages already received. There will be a pre-sale for Kraken tickets to the October 1st game in Everett as well as a raffle this year to raise money for both the auction and sports teams. Lauren Lee was responsible for the fantastic upgrade to the AMHS website this summer.

Alumni Relations Committee –Talia Manhke

The Founding Staff Legacy Garden celebration and unveiling was held on August 14th. Social events for homecoming are planned for October 15th. Winter events planned include a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, a Mock Trial alumni event and selecting a designated location for future alumni gatherings.

The next Board meeting will be on October 20, 2021.