



*“Fostering disciples of Christ through Catholic faith, service and academics”*

**Attendance:**

X = present: [redacted] = Duplicate

Parishes	Pastor		Parish Rep	
Holy Name	Fr. Sam Martin	X	Mike Murphy	X
Resurrection			Laura Reamer	X
St. Michael		[redacted]	Cathy Hackel	X
St. Anne	Fr. Tom Lindner		John Knoll	X
St. Mark	Fr. Al Slowiak	X	Rick Svennes	[redacted]
St. Matthew	Fr. Sebastian Kolodziejczyk		Jack Reeves	X
St. Mary	Msgr. Joseph Diermeier		Claire Meney	
St. Paul				
St. Therese	Fr. Albert Saleth		Marcy Stenstrom	X
NCMS/HS Chaplain, Associate Pastor	Fr. Erik Mashak			
Mary Mother of Good Help	Fr. Al Burkhardt			
<b>Committees</b>			<b>Ex-Officio</b>	
Commission Chair	Rick Svennes	X	Jeff Gulan, President	X
Finance Chair	Chris Pfender		Sarah Keene, Director of Adv.	
Athletics Chair	Ross Bodenheimer		Tom Reichenbacher, Diocese	
<b>Guests</b>			<b>Support</b>	
Jacci Lepak	Shirley Heise	X	Controller	
	Terry Vechinski	X	Renita Ulrich, Recording Secretary	X
	Carl Fech	X		
	Amy Faust			
	Sarah Welch			

**I. Opening Prayer by Fr. Sam Martin**

**II. January 2023 minutes reviewed and approved as written**

**III. President & Principals’ Reports**

- A. No questions
- B. Thank you to principals for sharing their reports ahead of the meeting.

#### IV. Finance Committee Report by Jeff Gulan in Chris Pfender's absence

- A. Initial budget – projecting for 20–student reduction
  - a. Separate meeting will be held April 18 to look deeper into the budget
  - b. On track to solve some budget issues
  - c. Question raised: With tuition already set, how will the deficit get caught up?
    - i. Possibly combining some classes
    - ii. Reducing some expenses

#### V. Holy Name of Jesus Classical School Discussion

- A. Jeff sent informational video prior to the meeting
- B. Biggest risk seems to be finding a headmaster who is committed to stay while the school gets established
  - a. Qualities desired in headmaster: humble, sincere, confident
- C. The right people is more critical than finances
- D. The first year will be spent on public relations, building repairs, etc.
- E. Where do we see enrollment coming from?
  - a. Survey results indicate approx. 40 students interested – 3–4 are current Newman students
  - b. Classical is a completely different style of education from Newman
- F. From a financial standpoint
  - a. First year operational costs needed before opening the school
  - b. First phase of upgrades to the building completed in Summer 2023
    - i. Contractor is ready to start work in May
    - ii. Upgrades will be done in steps according to needed space each year
  - c. Raise approx. 2 million dollars over the course of 3 years – the Bishop decides what percentage has to be raised up front
  - d. Shortfall will need to be privately funded—not funded by Newman system
  - e. What does the demographic look like 2–3 years from now and is it sustaining?
- G. Messaging
  - a. How do we justify consolidating classrooms at Newman and opening a new school?
  - b. Part of the Newman system, but completely different product
  - c. Financially autonomous but administrated by Newman President
  - d. Define integration w/NCS: share mascot, administration, etc.
- H. Next steps:
  - a. Circle back with ways to address the concerns that were raised
  - b. Fr. Sam Martin will present plan to the Bishop

#### VI. Discussion Topics

- A. Wausau School District decision – impact on Newman Catholic Schools
  - a. We want students for the right reasons – because of their faith
  - b. Tours and meeting families help determine if/how we can best meet children's needs

#### IX. Future Planning – Topics for Next Meeting

- A. Enrollment Report/Projections
- B. Specifics desired: comparison to area trends, year-by-year by grade

#### X. Closing Prayer by Father Sam Martin

#### 2022-2023 Education Commission Meeting Schedule

Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. at NCES: St Anne

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Tuesday, May 30, 2023