

HCEF Board Meeting May Minutes

Meeting: Tuesday May 13 - 7:45 – 9:30am **SEAS SCHOOL**

Members Present: President Leon Endres, Vice President Sarah Wise-Schwieger, Nick Conzemius, Rachel Koenigs, Todd Spaeth, Shawndel Spader, Tim Sullivan, and Kari Kasel - Secretary

Members Absent:, Doug Laumeyer, Father Dave Hennen

Ex Officio Members Not Present: Jerry Bambenek

Opening Prayer: Todd Spaeth

A special prayer was shared to remember Doug Laumeyer, a long-time board member and founder of the foundation, who passed away on 5/2/2025.

Call Meeting to Order 7:45 am

Review and approve minutes from the April 10, 2025 board meeting.

Sarah Motion, Shawndel 2nd

- **Financial Information (Jerry)**
 - There is \$205,000 available to place with RBC.Funds moved.
 - Final Spring Fling totals are pending.
 - Kari Motion, Sarah 2nd
- **Administrative/Marketing Support (Spader Group)**
 - **Administrative Update**
 - No updates
- **Committee Updates**
 - **Marketing Committee Update** – No updates
 - **Spring Fling Update (Shawndel, Kari)**
 - Working on final number.
- **Current SEAS School Needs (Tim)**
 - No current needs.

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- **Guest, Rachel Dahl, Partner, DeWitt LLP**

The board met with our attorney to discuss options for an Endowment Fund. Several options were presented, and it was unanimously decided to proceed with an endowment fund for future foundation growth. Rachel will be preparing documents for board approval.

- **Mission Statement**

- A decision was made to make minor adjustments to the mission statement to better align with the foundation's goals.

Hastings Catholic Education Foundation enhances Catholic education in Hastings, MN area by providing essential financial aid and fostering community support. Our mission is to empower students with strong faith and academic excellence through tuition assistance, scholarships, and investments in operational and capital needs, including advancements in educational technology. We are steadfast in our commitment to sustaining and expanding the reach of Catholic education, promoting educational opportunities for every student.

- **New Business**

- **Written Action of the Board**

- **Officer Election**

- Leon Endres, President
- Sarah Wise-Schwiger – Vice President
- Nick Conzemius – Treasurer
- Kari Kasel – Secretary
- Board Members: Shawndel Spader, Rachel Koenigs, Todd Spaeth

- **Recruitment of new board members**

- Several individuals were discussed as possible new members.

- **2026 Breakfast**

- Confirmed for Sunday, March 1, 2026

- **Raffle**

- The raffle moved to 2026, and the drawing will occur after breakfast.

The next meeting is June 12, 2025. Meeting adjourned at 10 am.

Respectfully, Kari Kasel, Secretary

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