

**Light of Christ Catholic Schools of Excellence
Board of Directors**



Light of Christ Catholic Schools

**August 17th, 2023
SMCHS – Forum Room
1:15 pm Board Meeting**

I. Call to Order – Opening Prayer

Present: Fr. Ehli, Fr. Hochhalter, Fr. Johnson, Fr. Kovash, Msgr. Schumacher, Mitch Armstrong, Lorne Duppong, Elizabeth Jones, Greg Vetter

Absent: None

In attendance: Gerald Vetter, Daniel Neff, Tracy Friesen

Msgr. Schumacher welcomed Fr. Kregg Hochhalter and Fr. Russell Kovash as the newest members of the Light of Christ Board of Directors. Effective July 1, 2023, Fr. Hochhalter is the pastor of the Church of St. Anne and Fr. Kovash is the pastor of the Church of the Ascension.

II. Approval of Agenda/Minutes - (*emailed document*)

A motion was made to approve the agenda, as well as the minutes from the June 22, 2023 board meeting.

Moved: Mitch Armstrong

Second: Greg Vetter

The agenda and minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Management Reports

a. VP of Academic Affairs

i. Academic Update – (*Update*)

1. Tracy Friesen provided an academic update, which included personnel, curriculum, and professional development. The focus for this year's professional development will include the book *Educating for Eternity: A Teacher's Companion for Making Every Class Catholic* by Brett Salkeld.

IV. New Business

V. Living Mission

a. President's Office

i. Re-Enrollment and Enrollment Report - (*Update*)

1. Enrollment – (*Update*)

- a. Gerald Vetter provided an update on student enrollment. To date, there are a total of 1,476 students enrolled in Light of Christ Catholic Schools. This is an increase of 42 students (+2.9%) from the previous academic year.

ii. School Activities Report – (*Update*)

1. Elementary School Logos – (*Update*)

- a. Progress continues to be made in a unified marketing plan for the three elementary schools.

***Note:** All approvals by the Light of Christ Board still need to be *confirmed* by the Bishop (the Board President).
All approved contracts also need to be passed through Diocesan Legal Counsel and Catholic Mutual Group.

- iii. SANS and Legislature– *(Update)*
 - 1. Gerald Vetter updated the board on an upcoming legislative committee study related to the 2023 legislative session.
 - b. Finance & Mission Advancement Offices:
 - i. BOC Committee Report by Committee Chair – *(Update)*
 - 1. The Business Operations Committee met on August 3rd at the Church of Corpus Christi. Dan Neff presented an update on Phase 2 of the Stability Initiative, as well as details for the upcoming Appreciation Mass and Social on September 7th. Other items discussed were mission advancement and donor relations.
 - ii. Mission Advancement Report – *(Update)*
 - 1. Dan Neff reported that the Mission Advancement Department continues to focus on the launching of the second phase of the Stability Initiative, as well as corporate sponsorship.
 - iii. Financial Report - *(emailed document)*
 - 1. Financial Management Proposal – *(Approval Requested; emailed document)*
 - a. Dan Neff presented the financial dashboard and statements from June and July.
- VI. Closing Prayer – Adjournment
- a. Next Meeting: *September 21st, 2023, @ 1:15pm*
 - b. The meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Fr. Jared Johnson
Secretary, Light of Christ Board of Directors