

Concordia Lutheran Schools of Omaha
Board of Directors

Concordia Jr.-Sr. High – Zoom Meeting
Tuesday, March 31, 2020
Minutes

Call to order: President, Don Klepser called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Andy Linkhart, Stacey Hord, Don Klepser, Ryan Hahn, Lee Handke, Gaye Lynn Schaffart, Kim Sucha, Rev. Rick Kanoy, and Robert Lindau.

Staff present: Rob Cooksey, and Aaron Sailer.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion made and seconded to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed.

Devotions: Devotions were led by Rob Cooksey.

Motion made by Gaye Lynn Schaffart and seconded by Kim Sucha to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda Approval:

- a. Minutes from the January 2020 meeting.
- b. Financial Report: Discussion was held concerning the capital campaign. Currently, there is an informal agreement between The Steier Group and Concordia Lutheran Schools that no payments will be given to them until pledge money starts coming in. Gaye Lynn Schaffart will follow up and report back to the Board.

New Business:

- a. Head of Schools Report: Mr. Cooksey reported on the quick response of faculty and staff to distance education. Concern for tuition and enrollment depending on the status of the pandemic. School is officially off until April 30, 2020, but most likely there will not be in-person school on either of our campuses for the remainder of the year. Staff is currently working on graduation plans with respect to social distancing. Pastor Jay and others have discussed St. Mark's willingness to increase their partnership with the Academy. The Gala was a success. Concordia is a candidate for some loan forgiveness, Aaron Sailer is discussing and pursuing options with LCEF. Based on current enrollment projections, we are preparing for a hiring freeze while keeping in mind our goal for excellence. Grand Canyon University is still looking to partner with us for possible online curriculum for Juniors and Seniors.
- b. Finance Committee Report: A budget was presented but given the current status of the pandemic it is difficult to know what our enrollment will be and the impact of this on Concordia's future. With this in mind and knowing that the Delegate meeting will probably need to be postponed the Board did not approve a final budget at this time.
- c. Capital Campaign Update: We all realize that this is a challenging time to launch a capital campaign, but our need remains great, and in line with our campaign theme – Forward with Faith – we are moving forward with the silent phase of the campaign. At this time we have recruited the Honorary Chairs, General Chairs, and Cabinet Members. Meetings have been going on for several weeks with the campaign goal still \$3 million in retiring debt. Currently we are seeking pledges from the Chairs, School Board, teachers and staff.

- d. Board Nominations: Andy Linkhart has agreed to run for another term. This leaves one Board position open.
- e. Pre-Delegate meeting and Annual meeting: The Delegate Meeting will be delayed until large groups can gather again. This delay should not have an impact on loan forgiveness and other issues.

Other Business:

There being no other business at this time, the meeting adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Lindau
Board Secretary