

Executive Board of Trustees

January 26, 2011

MEETING MINUTES

This meeting was held by teleconference and started at 12:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dan Fortier. Father Sam opened the meeting with a prayer.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Dan Fortier, Merle Pedersen, Evan Jones, Kay Gamache, Rick Rutherford, Jane Baldock, John Riel, Phil Raekes and Fr. Sam Bellino.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Strategic Planning / Search Committee – Evan. Dan Fortier will be new director. Merle Pederson will assume role of Chairperson. Phil suggested that we make the change at the end of our February 25, 2011 board meeting.
- Financial Committee – Kay. Donations are a little behind for this time of year, but expenses are in line. Fr. Sam says quarter ending in September was down, but quarter ending in December was up. Total donations were still down by about \$11,000.
- Nominating Committee – Fr. Sam. Fr. Thomas of Ellensburg said no. Al Smith of Wenatchee said he was still too busy. David McKinney of Yakima and working for Smith-Barney interest was unknown at this time (he applied for the Director position). Dan will follow up with him. Dan expressed that the best nominators are ourselves, and that we should ask people we know. He will be available to meet prospective board members for lunch.
- Policy & By-Laws – Fr. Sam. Need to do second reading of By Law amendment for changing the title of Chair of the Board of Trustees to President.

OLD BUSINESS / NEW BUSINESS:

- Grants – Rick. Grant applications are in the hands of committee members, and we will have our recommendations ready at the February 25, 2011 board meeting.
- Scholarships – John. Process is not started yet. We reviewed the committee members and selection procedures.
- Cardinal Event – Jane B. has a letter prepared to go out to Fr. James Martin of New York requesting him to be speaker. Also considering Fr. Bob Spitzer. Should we first invite the new Seattle archbishop or the new Spokane Diocese bishop? Fr. Sam reminded us that we need to ask for nominees seven months in advance of the event, and to make sure we are on the calendars of what ever facilities we need.
- October Retreat – Fr. Sam. No arrangements have been made yet. Dates are October 21-23, 2011. People were pleased with Alpen Rose Inn and the way meals were done.

- Letter from Fr. Siler – Dan. He has talked to bishop briefly about the letter; Bishop Sevilla is concerned about “Cross Purposes”. Dan plans on seeing him again about this issue. Phil is particularly concerned about Fr. Siler’s remark that the foundation “needs the bishop’s permission” for fundraising. Merle suggested inviting Bishop Sevilla to our next meeting specifically to explain his position.

CHAIR’S REPORT:

Dan thanked Evan and the search committee. He would also like to create a donor fund in Fr. Sam’s honor.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Fr. Sam already discussed all that he had planned.

The next meeting will be on Friday, February 25, 2011 at the Yakima Country Club at 3:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Rutherford

Secretary