

**SETON EDUCATION COUCIL**  
**MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 21, 2016**

at

**SETON CATHOLIC**

**Present:** Msgr. Dennis Duprey, Fr. Timothy Canaan, Fr. William Reamer, Fr. Scott Seymour, Christopher Hay, Brian Snell, Michael Howley, Stacie Chapman, Stephen Gagnier, Martha Frost, Cheryl Kabeli, Sr. Helen Hermann, Lynn Gilbert, Susan Pellerin, Christine Boule, Sally Yanulavich

**Excused:** Patrick McGill and John Deon

**Guest:** Carrie Trombley

President Christopher Hay called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Fr. Reamer led the Opening Prayer.

**Agenda:** Motion to accept – Stacie Chapman; second by Brian Snell – approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the October 17, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes – Msgr. Duprey; second by Fr. Reamer - approved.

**Public Comment:** None at this time.

**Student Council Report:** None

**Principal's Reports:**

Sister Helen Hermann – Seton Academy

Sr. Helen submitted a written report, which had been sent to all Council members prior to the meeting. There were no questions about her report. She also provided test score information which was discussed in committee reports below.

Lynn Gilbert – Seton Catholic

Lynn submitted a written report, a copy of which was provided to all Council members. It includes enrollment information and information pertinent to several standing committees. Lynn provided an update on the

Junior Knights Day for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Seton Academy on November 10, 2016 at Seton Catholic. A copy of the flyer for this event is in her report. Lynn indicated 77% of the 5<sup>th</sup> graders and 76% of the 4<sup>th</sup> graders participated. Lynn passed around a Student Mobility Report, which the Council discussed.

## **Committee Reports:**

### Academic

Sister Helen and Father Reamer discussed the test scores for Seton Academy students, which she had provided. It was also discussed by Lynn Gilbert that there would be five to ten Seton Catholic students taking Regents exams in January.

### Buildings and Grounds

Seton Catholic's Principal's report contained information on this topic. Stephen Gagnier reported. The run of the new boiler went well with no leaks – it will be run a second day. There are insulation issues with some of the steam supply piping. This all should be ready next week. The piping for the second boiler is corroded and may begin leaking. This will be watched. A chimney estimate is still needed from Rushby. Gates Roofing sill wants to do an estimate.

### Development

Susan Pellerin provided a report for all Council members. She talked about the Thanksgiving mailing. The meeting with the physician recruiter at CVPH, Lisa VanEtten, went well. Christmas Dinner sponsor donations are at about \$1,250.00 to date. The MAI Alumni Association is on board for the reunion next year. The Pearl family approached her about a Go Fund Me account for the purpose of signage at both schools. Agnes Pearl offered to manage this. The Xiong family met with Susan, Lynn and Mr. Everleth, expressing interest in making donations for a memorial garden for their son, which would include picnic tables for the students. The numbers were impressive as he wishes to give back to the school his son loved. This family's prior donation has been released by the Xions for use as Seton sees fit.

These discussions regarding fundraisers and donations prompted discussion on several fronts. Sister Helen and Christopher Hay raised a similar issue – the Go Fund Me account which was brought up may compete

with our current fundraisers and we have a policy against that. Cheryl Kabeli pointed out that this type of account can be set up for a specific goal and could reach people (Alums? Friends of Seton?) out of the area. Fr. Timothy wanted more information about Go Fund Me accounts. Christine Boule pointed out that at a recent conference the participants were advised regarding the need to have fundraising focused on a cause. Guest Carrie Trombley spoke up and pointed out that a Go Fund Me account can set a date or a goal and does not have to stop if a goal is met. Msgr. Duprey chimed in that our regular fundraising would have to be watched carefully to see if “regular” fundraising and going again to our targeted population affected it. Sister Helen also worried that there may be a problem with the Diocesan auditors if there is a different account set up. No doubt there will be more to come on these issues.

#### Student Life

Stacie Chapman provided a written report regarding student’s activities at both schools.

#### Fundraising:

Although no committee report was scheduled for this month Cheryl Kabeli reported that the fundraiser at the Pyramid Mall raised \$300.00.

#### Finance:

Although no committee report was scheduled for this month, financial reports were provided by John Deon for Seton Academy and by Sally Yanulavich for Seton Catholic and distributed to all Council members.

Msgr. Duprey asked Christine Boule about fundraising and payments for mandated services.

### **Executive Session**

At 7:10 p.m. Council member Brian Snell moved that the Council enter Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Stacie Chapman and unanimously approved. An Executive Session was held. At 7:28 p.m. Msgr. Duprey moved that the Council exit Executive Session. That motion was seconded by Fr. Canaan and unanimously approved.

### **Adjournment**

Adjournment at 7:29 p.m. Fr. Canaan led the closing prayer.

**Next Meeting - Seton Academy on MONDAY, December 19, 2016  
at 6:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted

Michael J. Howley  
Council Secretary