The May meeting of the Kuemper Catholic School Board was called to order by Chairman, Tom Brincks, on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the high school library. The meeting was opened with the school board prayer. Members present included Tom Brincks, Dr. John Evans, Fr. Tim Friedrichsen, Bob Lally, Fr. Kevin Richter, Fr. Randy Schon, Mike Sibbel and Gary Wiskus. Absent was Carrie Meyers.

Also present were President, John Steffes; administrators Ted Garringer and Kathi Milligan; business managers, Kris Collison and Christie Sundrup.

An Opportunity for Input was extended. Bailee Schleisman, Infection Preventionist from St. Anthony Hospital was present. She thanked the Board for Kuemper’s facemask mandate this school year.

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 20th meeting was made by Fr. Kevin Richter and seconded by Gary Wiskus. The motion passed.

Administrator and Staff Reports:

**Administrative Reports**

Written reports were submitted by Ted Garringer, Kathi Milligan and Mike Power.

**Marketing & Enrollment Management**

In Susie Hulst’s written report she stated that the current enrollment is 1,129 students. Enrollment in May of 2020 was 1157. There are currently 88 students on the preschool interest survey for the 2021-2022 school year. Heather Pietig and Susie produced videos that were featured at the virtual part of the Kuemper Ball on May 1. They are covering all the special events that take place in May (baccalaureate, graduation, awards ceremonies, etc.)

**Alumni/Annual Giving**

Cindy Lawler reported that the gross amount announced at the Ball was $651,321. Homecoming for 2021-2022 will be held September 24, 2021. Classes from 1970 and 1971 are planning their 50th reunions over homecoming weekend.

**Development/Fundraising – Foundation**

Sharon Olerich’s written report stated that as of April 29th, $99,439 of the $736,166 goal has been collected for the Msgr. Lafferty Tuition Fund. The Foundation approved contributing $10,000 toward the purchase of a new van to replace the Uplander van. The Foundation will move forward with getting bids for a future capital campaign Feasibility Study. Plans are underway for the annual “Take Me Out To The Ball Game” baseball grill-out in June for Eternal Knights.

**Finance & Budget**

Christie Sundrup reviewed the general fund income and expenses for April 2021, the 2020-2021 Working Fiscal Year Budget.

**Committee Reports:**

A. Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Leadership & Governance – May 11

The committee discussed Board Membership Rotation ideas. The committee recommends not changing the board rotation membership for this coming year but new ideas will be studied, such as: Consider a non-voting board membership for the non-corporate parishes and ‘other denominations’
families to provide voice and insights. Consider revising the current 6 laypersons + 3 pastors board members to either 7+2 or 5+2 with rotating pastors. Finding a more balanced representation of board membership based on parish size. They also discussed the pros and cons of decreasing the number of board meetings per year. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14th at 5:00 p.m.

The Board decided to continue the school's facemask mandate for eight more school days until May 28 to finish this school year. Facemasks helped create an effective routine that has allowed Kuemper to remain in school face-to-face at all centers since August giving your students a more complete educational experience all year long in the middle of a global pandemic. The Board wants to celebrate a strong finish to the school year by continuing to do our part to help end this historic pandemic.

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B. Last Day of School – Friday, May 28 – 2 hour early dismissal

C. Holy Spirit & St. Lawrence Centers Lease Agreements with St. John Paul II Parish
   Gary Wiskus moved to approve the recommended leases, with the omission of the folding tables and chairs (paragraph 7 & 11 respectively) for Holy Spirit & St. Lawrence Centers with St. John Paul II Parish. Mike Sibbel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Baccalaureate Mass – May 19 at 8:30 a.m.

67th Graduation – Sunday, May 23 at 3:30 p.m. – Carroll Stadium (if inclement weather – KHS Gym)
Board members are invited to attend and be formally recognized at graduation.

Fr. Randy Schon moved to go into Executive Session at 4:50 p.m. seconded by Mike Sibbel.

Mike Sibbel moved to go out of Executive Session and back into regular session at 5:05 p.m., seconded by Fr. Tim Friedrichsen. The motion passed.

Fr. Tim Friedrichsen led the closing prayer.

Gary Wiskus moved to adjourn at 5:07 p.m., seconded by John Evans.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, June 15 at 4:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Respectfully submitted,

John Steffes
President

Joanie Buelt
Recording Secretary