



***Finance Meeting Tuesday September 19
Time 6:15 PM Assumption Library***

Agenda

1. Prayer Daniel Minter
2. Finance Meeting
 - a. Welcome Jack Felsheim – Finance Coordinator Diocese of La Crosse
 - b. Update on 2022-23 financials
 - c. Update on 2023-24 budget
 - i. Update on WPCP and fiscal impact
 - ii. Potential 1 month subsidy forgiveness
 - iii. HR audit proposal
 - d. Update on Controller search Daniel Minter

***Education Commission
Time 7 PM***

3. Opening Prayer Daniel Minter (2 min)
4. ACS 2023-24 Calendar Highlights Brad Mattot (2 min)
5. Reports (10 min)
 - a. Schools – see printed report
 - b. President/Diocese
 - c. Athletics
 - i. Homecoming game 11 AM Saturday Sept. 23 vs. Pacelli
 - d. Advancement
 - e. Enrollment
 - f. Royal Parents
6. New Business Brad Mattot
 - a. Annual Mission Statement Review
 - b. Screen time policy
 - c. HR audit proposal
 - d. Begin review of ACS policy book pages 1-19 (see Google file <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15CEZ7fbDfjHQ5GExLKURBHyRHnX0No74?usp=sharing>)
7. Any other business (5 min)
8. Closing Prayer Daniel Minter

2023-24 Meeting Dates 3rd Tuesday of the month August 2022 – May 2023 6:15 PM Finance and 7 PM Commission

Commission Meeting Notes from August 15, 2023

Prayer

Calendar Highlights

- Bingo starts Sept 17th @ noon

Reports

- As included in packet

New Business

- Bylaws of Education Commission were included in packet.
- Discussion regarding name change of SLECC. Decision tabled until a later time.
- Fr. Schaller addressed our move towards a "Classical Curriculum"
 - An increasing movement is taking place to move towards this, due to the general decline of academic rigor and structure in schools.
 - In a Classical Curriculum focus is placed on the study of language, history, memorization, logic reasoning, speaking and writing. A school culture of moral virtue, decorum, respect, discipline, and studiousness among both students and faculty.
- Virtual School of Milwaukee
 - With 30+ home school students in our area, a discussion was had to see if ACS would be able to fill this need. Students would enroll in virtual school through ACS.
 - ACS would pay Catholic Virtual to run this program, keeping choice money and tuition dollars at ACS.
 - Jimmy Lynch to look into this and see if it would be beneficial for ACS.

Other Business

- Commission will continue to meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month
- We said a sad goodbye to Michele Haas who is leaving ACS to pursue a new employment opportunity. We wish her well and thank her for her many years of service at Assumption. Her knowledge and professionalism will be missed. Job will be posted to replace this position.

Meeting adjourned with a prayer



Our Lady Queen of Heaven K-2 Sept. 19, 2023 Commission Report

The new school year is off to a great start. The students and staff are excited to be back and are enjoying learning together. We have eighty-eight students enrolled at OLQH.

Through the *Virtue=Strength* program our students are learning about the virtue of faith. This Catholic virtue-based formation program is being used in grades K-12 this year. One of the components of this program is Catholic identity through school ceremonies. Fr. Guanella conducted a classroom blessing ceremony on Friday, Sept. 1 as part of this program. He blessed our students and their classrooms.

Homecoming week is scheduled for Sept. 18-22, 2023. Our OLQH students will participate in themed dress down days, attend an all ACS system Mass, and enjoy a special performance by the AHS band.

We have begun implementing the new Rod & Staff mathematics program from Memoria Press in our K-2 classrooms. The Memoria Press mathematics program fosters basic math mastery based on memorization and repeated practice in the lower grades.

Our students have finished taking their Renaissance Star tests (early literacy and/or reading, and math) for the fall testing window. The data received from the Star Assessments will be used by teachers and staff to learn what students already know, what they are ready to learn next, to monitor student growth and to identify students who may need additional help.

OLQH and SVDP faculty and staff are continuing our Compassion Resilience trainings this school year. In these trainings our staff will explore their professional role in alleviating student, colleague, and other's distress while maintaining their own well-being.

You are invited to join us for Mass at 2 pm on Friday, Sept. 29 as we celebrate Grandparents' Day.

Respectfully submitted by:
Shelley Bruley

Mission: To inspire excellence and personal growth grounded in Catholic principles and tradition

Vision: A community of academic excellence, Catholic in spirit and culture, nurturing integrity and respect.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL



September 2023 Commission Report

A BUILDING WITH FOUR WALLS AND TOMORROW INSIDE

Beginning of the Year

Our Royal Rising/Orientation for our new students was well attended. Our third graders, 4th and 5th grade new students, and new staff received Royal t-shirts. Rocky Rococo pizza, salad, a cookie, and beverages were offered for those busy families. They were ready to go on the first day!

Phy Ed/Gym

Children wear their non-marking shoes when playing on the surface. We ask that all parents and visitors use good judgement when utilizing the SV gym. Coaches need to follow the process with maintenance. Flyer is on the door by the broom. ***The doors always need to be checked to make certain they are secure, especially the doors going out of the building.*** Share this with anyone you know who is utilizing the SVDP gym.

Spirit Point Mentoring Program

The staff at SV has put together an opportunity for all students to be able to have small group time with a staff mentor. Training has included 7 Habits for Happy Kids, 40 Developmental Assets, Are You a Royal, and the Diocesan Virtue Program/Virtue=Strength. Our groups meet once month at the end of the day.

Volunteers Welcome

We are currently looking for volunteers to read with students and also to help out in the kitchen during our lunch time.

Field Trips/Presentations

We are planning our fieldtrips already, and have already had one presentation-Nature's Niche!

Playground

We continue to improve our playground with a new gaga ball pit mat and more pea gravel for the equipment area. The field section is in need of more love, levelling, and landscaping to make it as safe as it can be.

Sound System

We are beginning to form a plan for the sound system in the gym. It would be used for our daily prayer services, concerts, plays, and athletics.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Fochs



ASSUMPTION MIDDLE SCHOOL/High School (6-12)

MS/HS

The school year has gotten off to a great start. We have been extremely impressed by the new staff members and we are excited about the future of the Middle and High Schools. We have received many positive comments about how smoothly the start of the year has gone and we are very fortunate to have added 30 families to the building.

We began the first day of school with a Eucharistic Procession where all 6th-12th grade students processed around the building following the Eucharist.

Throughout the first couple of weeks students have been getting to know their teachers, any new students and focusing on their schooling. Students completed their STAR Assessments and we will soon be organizing the data to see areas where we can help students improve in their reading and math skills.

We have been very blessed to welcome Teresa Branas Garza to our faculty. She will be teaching our Spanish II courses. We are using Catholic Virtual during the first semester for Spanish I, III and IV.

The high school student council has been working hard on preparing for homecoming. They are currently working on the theme and the various activities throughout the week. This year we will be celebrating the all system Mass on Friday, September 22 followed by our school parade. Both SVDP and OLQH students and staff will be in attendance for both the Mass and the parade. We will also be holding our pep rally on Friday evening. There will be a tailgate party with live music and food from 4:00-6:00 prior to the pep rally. All proceeds will go towards the Washington D.C. trip. .

Campus Ministry

This year we are seeing a large amount of students in attendance for daily Mass. It has truly been inspiring and something that we hope continues throughout the whole school year.

This year the Campus Ministry team started an event called Fireside Lounge. The first event was very successful. There were many students and it was well received. Campus Ministry will run this event open to all high school students throughout the year on Wednesdays evenings.

This coming summer the high school will be organizing a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi June 17-26. This is a very exciting opportunity for the school. The trip is open to all Assumption High School students with priority given to Latin students and upper classmen first. We are wanting to offer an opportunity for students that goes beyond the classroom formal instruction and introduces them to truth, beauty and roots of our Catholic faith.

Upcoming Dates

Sept. 11 8th Grade Heavy Metal Tour (Tour various businesses in the local area through Mid-State)

Sept. 13 AMS Natures Niche Remnants of Rainforest Environmental Education Program @ SVDP

Oct. 5 Hex 1 Ends

Oct. 13 Paul Kim (Dynamic Catholic Speaker)

Oct. 16 and 18 Parent Teacher Conferences

Volley For a Cause



Stratford vs Assumption
PREYING ON CANCER

ASSUMPTION VOLLEYBALL BENEFIT NIGHT FOR CANCER CENTER

The Assumption Royals Volleyball Team will be hosting their annual

Volley for a Cure Cancer Night

against the Stratford Tigers

On Tuesday, October 3rd at Assumption High School.

All proceeds are donated to the Wisconsin Rapids Aspirus Cancer Center

The JV Game will start at 5:30 and the Varsity Game will start at 7 p.m.

Raffle Baskets

Over 25 baskets will be included in the raffle.

Basket Tickets will be available for purchase that evening.

Winners will be drawn and announced between the 2nd and 3rd Varsity game.

Basket Raffle Ticket cost — \$3 for 1 ticket / \$10 for 4 tickets / \$20 for 10 tickets

T-Shirts



T-shirts are available for purchase on line -

Order deadline: Wednesday, September 20th

Pickup at AHS office October 2nd.

To order: please use the following link:

<https://stores.thedesignmonkey.com/assumption/shop/home>

An individual doesn't
get cancer,
a family does-

**Together
We Fight**



President's Notes for September

The school year is off to a great start. As you see on the enrollment report we had the largest student body in about 10 years. This is an effort by everyone who works for Assumption Catholic Schools and a testament to how we live our mission.

Notes from the Diocese – work is restarting on the Diocesan curriculum. As a guiding document the Diocese is using the Cardinal Newman Society Standards – these are more global statements – not specifics that would guide a teacher in a detailed lesson. That work is also ongoing.

Diocese of La Crosse <https://diolc.org/schools/curriculum/>

Cardinal Newman <https://cardinalnewmansociety.org/educator-resources/resources/academics/catholic-curriculum-standards/>

The 5 diocese of Wisconsin are also looking at changing their requirements for administrators and teachers. There are two reasons behind this change – one is the influence of secular society on the DPI and some educator preparation programs and how some facets of this are in direct opposition to our Catholic faith. The second is the overall teacher shortage. I and an administrator from Aquinas will be working on a project for the superintendent's to recommend quality Catholic friendly alternatives to the traditional DPI license program.

As of 9/11/23 the controller search is still on going. We had a candidate but were unable to come to a mutually agreeable compensation agreement. The applications have been reopened.

Work on the budget for 2024-25 now begins in earnest. The first step is for Father Schaller and I to determine the dollar amount of the parish investment and then we move to other areas of the budget.

Advancement Commission Report - September 2023

Raised Royal Newsletter - Sept 2023

Raised Royal newsletter rough draft has been designed. Will be including a letter from the new Assumption Foundation President, Mary LaCasse. Once proofed, will be on track to be bulk mailed at the end of the month with help from ODC.

Auction Royale – November 4, 2023

Auction Royale planning continues. The event is Saturday, November 4th to be held at The Ridges in the West Wing. Menu has been decided for a sit down meal. Mark Skibba and Phil Hartley have agreed to be the Auctioneers. We have a great group of volunteer ladies helping to solicit items in person, online and on the phone. We have had several meeting to date to brainstorm ideas of how to get our Assumption families, donors and community to attend. We have had a great response to Sponsorships and donations. Invites have been laid out. QPP now has the design and working with them for printing. We will be mailing the end of this week. Stay tuned for further details as we progress with the planning.

Annual Appeal - November 2023

Work will soon begin on our annual appeal mailing for Royal Fund 2023-2024. Projected mail date would be mid-November of this year.

Class 1973 Stage Renovation Project

I am currently working with Pete Brey, Brian Ruesch and Kevin Potter all from the 1973 AHS Alumni Class. This class is wanting to renovate our stage. Stage floor has been refinished. Molly Thomas and I are working with getting the correct measurements on the curtains before we order them. Donations have been coming in from the 1973 Class. To date, \$23,975.00 in donations have been received with the potential of another \$6,000 pledged. Their goal is to obtain \$25,000 for this project. The 1973 Class is scheduled to have their 50th Class Reunion with tours of AHS on Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 9am – 11am.

Class 1983 Reunion

The Class of 1983 is planning on a reunion on Friday, Sept 22/23rd. I am still waiting to hear back from them about which day would be best for a building tour.

Material Girls Quilt Club

Sue Wolfe, my contact for Material Girls Quilt Club, stated the group enjoyed their rental dates this past summer of June 15-17, 2023. They have already asked to return next summer, June 19-22, 2024. This coincides with the Cranberry Blossom Fest.

Veterans Day Ceremony

I have been in contact with Tom Sachs and Nancy Quick regarding having a Veteran's Day Ceremony here at AHS in the gym on Friday, November 10th 10am – 11am. Dan Minter, Jimmy Lynch, Molly Thomas, Peg Wettstein and I will be having a meeting with Tom and Nancy on Friday, September 15th at

10am here at AHS to discuss the event and what AHS can offer them to include our students providing music, etc.

Assumption Foundation / ACS Scholarships

Scholarship recipients were informed mid-August of their awarded scholarship. Once the thank you from the recipient has been received in the Finance or Advancement office, the scholarship is then put onto the student tuition account and a thank you to the donor is mailed out. There are approx. 15 students that were sent reminders on Monday Sept 11th, of needing to get their thank you in.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorna Holewinski
Director of Advancement

ENROLLMENT REPORT

ACS Enrollment 2023-2024				Updated 9/6/2023				CURRENT YEAR			
OLQH (K-2)			SV (3-5)			AMS(6-8)		AHS(9-12)			
5K	30	3			33	6		9		39	
1	31	4			31	7		10		40	
2	27	5			26	8		11		29	
	88				90			12		38	
							117			146	Total K-12
											441

WPCP UPDATE: 190

SNSP UPDATE: 29 & 1 Partial

ACS Enrollment 2022-2023				Updated 9/7/2022				Prior Year			
OLQH (K-2)			SV (3-5)			AMS(6-8)		AHS(9-12)			
5K	28	3			27	6		9		36	
1	26	4			25	7		10		29	
2	30	5			34	8		11		38	
	84				86			12		36	
							117			139	Total K-12
											426

WPCP UPDATE: 166

SNSP UPDATE: 25 & 1 Partial

Breakdown of new students:

1st gr: 5 6th gr: 9 9th gr: 5
2nd gr: 3 7th gr: 4 10th gr: 7
3rd gr: 4 8th gr: 6 11th gr: 1
4th gr: 6 K 30
5th gr: 1 grades 1-12 51
Total New 81

Breakdown of students who did not return: 22

1st gr-3 8th gr-4
2nd gr-2 9th gr-6
4th gr-1 10th gr-2
5th gr-1