



**Annual Meeting
Of the
Board of Directors
November 11, 2015
Minutes
St. Francis Xavier Conference Room**

Welcome by

Members Present: Bishop Ricken, Joe Bound, Fr. Getchel, Fr. Viertel, Fr. Bergstadt, Fr. Dorner, Fr. Everts, Sr. Jane Riha, OSF, Fr. Kabat, Fr. Demuth, Dcn Tim Reilly, Bishop Morneau, Fr. Cirignani, OFM, Fr. Dan Felton, Fr. Cribben, O. Praem, Fr. Shilcox, O. Praem, Fr. Weber, O. Praem

Others Present: Kim Desotell GRACE President; Bill Micksch, BOT Chair; Heidi Janowski, GRACE Business Services Director; Marv Wall, GRACE BOT Finance Chair; Donna Meulemans, GRACE Executive Assistant.

Not Present: Fr. Beno, Fr. Vander Steeg, Fr. Harper, Fr. Neilson, O. Praem

- I. Motion made by Fr. Kabat to approve the agenda; seconded by Fr. Demuth; motion carried.
- II. Motion made by Fr. Everts to approve the March 4, 2014 minutes; seconded by Fr. Dorner; motion carried.
- III. Bishop Ricken's Opening Remarks
 1. The Diocese will be moving into a new area diocesan wide to reach out to our families in a new way.
 2. Welcome Kim Desotell as the new GRACE president.
 3. Bishop will be spending more time in regards to the Momentum of Catholic Education as one of his top priorities. Catholic schools are very important.
- IV. President's Report – Kimberly Desotell.
 1. Pastor Comments
 2. There needs to be a Leadership job description for pastors associated with schools and a separate one for pastors not connected to schools and the role GRACE plays in regards to each of those pastors.
 3. GRACE needs to put information out to the families with regards to the cost of educating a child and the scholarship amount each parish contributes to a registered family.
 4. What are the expectations of church attendance, expectations of service and participation in the parish? We should do an evaluation of the goals that were set from the onset of GRACE to where we are now.
 5. Clarification is needed on who is in charge of the spiritual care of the schools, especially when there are parishes with no school sites.
 6. Suggestion to create an Office of Chaplain having one of the priests take on the leader position to help foster the relationship between the schools and the parishes.

V. GRACE Financial Reports – Marv Wall

1. 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget Presentation (power point)
2. Review and approval of GRACE 2014-2015 audit.
 1. Motion made by Fr. Bergstadt to approve the 2014-2015 audit; seconded by Fr. Cribben; motion carried.
3. Proposed 5 year Parish Subsidy Formula
 1. GRACE Finance Dept. will send a letter to each parish finance council via the Business Administrator the explanation of the new subsidy formula.
4. Motion made by Fr. Viertel to approve the 5 year Parish Subsidy Formula; seconded by Fr. Shilcox motion carried.

VI. *“Do you consider yourself to be an active parish member?”* – Bill Micksch

1. The student count is no longer a factor with the subsidy, that’s where the active parish member question comes into play.
2. Community - Service – Support
3. It was proposed to include “Call to Faith” questions to GRACE families in the enrollment process.
4. Motion made by Fr. Demuth to approve the 2016-2017 budget; seconded by Fr. Dorner; motion carried.

VII. Other Business:

VIII. Bishop Ricken’s Comments

1. This is Dcn. Tim Reilly’s last meeting.

IX. Adjournment and Closing Prayer/Blessing

X. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm