

GRACE Board of Trustees
February 10, 2026
Minutes
6:30 p.m., GRACE Riverside Office

Present: Sue Amtmann, Nick Anderson, Dr. Steven Gale, Sarah Green, Eric Guzowski, Chet Lamers, Ty Little, Dana Pecho

Others Present: Kim Desotell, Eric Schreiber, Nate Tackaberry, Melissa Wolscanki, Lori Ashmann-Recorder

Not Present: Dan Bins, Bridget Erwin, Ed Kippley, Samantha Wagner, Kelly Williams

Nick Anderson called the meeting to order. Nate Tackaberry led the opening prayer.

1. St. John Paul II Classical School. The Board welcomed Headmaster Eric Schreiber, who introduced himself and provided an overview of his first year to date. He shared key highlights, both successes, and challenges encountered during this initial period. In part, the school is experiencing increasing enrollment, strong fine arts programming, and passionate family engagement. Continued focus areas include strengthening facilities, improving scheduling, enhancing security, and fostering greater cohesion across the school community. Discussion ensued including teacher compensation and the gym facility project, along with their impact on the school community. President Desotell acknowledged Headmaster Schreiber's excellent contributions and leadership, and extended appreciation for his faith-filled work and direction in guiding the school. President Desotell on behalf of the Board offered best wishes for his upcoming doctoral defense.
2. President's Report: Kim Desotell highlighted the following from her provided report:
 - a. SJPII Gym Fundraising: A reset of the campaign is underway including a rebrand. A recap of the fundraising to date was provided. The timeline was also discussed.
 - b. Holy Cross Catholic School: The donor continues to address site elements impacting next steps.
 - c. Enrollment: Status of 2026-27 enrollment was provided including an overview of variables and fluctuations. There is a large eighth grade graduating class. Discussion followed.
 - d. Reclaiming Sunday: President Desotell shared Bishop's Rickens's message for reclaiming of Sunday as the Lord's Day, to recognize the importance of Sunday in our lives and the life our faith community, prioritizing time for worship, family, rest and charity
 - e. Principal Search: The leadership vacancy at Holy Family Catholic School has been posted, with Dr. Stephanie Shedrow serving as chair of the search committee. The school continues to benefit from robust interim leadership. Discussion followed.
3. Minutes: Motion made by Ty Little and seconded by Sue Amtmann to approve the December 9, 2026 Board meeting minutes and presented Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried.
4. Board of Trustees Chair Report: Nick Anderson reported on the following:
 - a. 2026-27 Meetings: Nick Anderson requested feedback on next year's meeting schedule including guests. Discussion followed.
 - b. 2026-27 Tuition & Fees E-vote Outcome: Nick Anderson extended gratitude for the Board's prompt attention to the electronic vote conducted following the Board's December meeting, at which the motion was seconded and approved to implement a 2.5% increase for 3PK and 4PK tuition for the 2026-2027 academic year.

5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Facilities: Chet Lamers reported that he will be presenting the Committee's forced ranking exercise and outcome to the principal leadership team at its next meeting. An update was provided on the Facility Grant cycle which is focused on support of safety initiatives this year.
 - b. Education: Sue Amtmann reported that the Committee continues its work developing the Portrait of an Eighth Grade Graduate and further addressing how this Portrait will be used. The Technology Services team is addressing AI and further details are available in the Committee minutes.
 - c. Finance: Sarah Green reported on financials ending December 31, 2025. In April, the Committee will be bringing forward the proposed 2026-27 budget. The Committee continues to address insurance and cash flow policy.
 - d. Advancement: Nate Tackaberry reported on status of the Annual Appeal and proceeded to report on the compensation campaign feasibility study. Work continues to refine the case statement, establish a goal, outline a timeline and associated tasks. Required permission will also be sought.
6. Other: Question arose regarding status of the Choice Reserve and discussion followed. Board evaluation and recruitment will be further addressed at the April meeting.
7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 14, 2026