

Divine Mercy Catholic Academy
October 9, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

Location: St. Benedict John Paul II

Board Members Present:

- Kathleen Martella-Zucco, Chairperson
- Dr. Eric Ecklund, Vice Chairperson
- Julie Edwards, Secretary
- Jeanette McCann, Treasurer
- Dr. William Brotz
- Marsha Critchfield
- Father Angelo Patti
- Father David Peles
- Father William Rosenbaum
- Maria Sanders
- Thomas Smith, Divine Mercy Academy Principal
- Sister Donna Marie Leiden, SC, Diocesan Director of Education
- Jo-Ann Semko, Diocesan Director of Elementary Education

Financial Report:

- Maria Sanders was introduced as new DMCA Business Manager
- Identified families who have not made a payment or set up a payment plan for 2017-18
- Board discussed procedures to follow to address non-payment
- Reviewed financial report

Principal's Report:

Mr. Smith's Highlights

- The PTO Cash Bash was successful and raised over \$5,000
- Five new students were enrolled
- Former St. Benedict PTO donated their remaining balance of \$2,600 to the DMCA PTO
- Update on donations received for the STREAM and athletic programs
- Full page ad in the Tribune Democrat was donated to DMCA
- Rick Huffman has been hired as the STREAM coordinator. Start date TBA

Old Business:

- All Board members have received DMCA Board e-mail addresses to be used for all school communication
- Sr. Donna to send East/West lease agreement to the Bishop for execution

New Business:

- PTO and Athletic Association would like to have separate checking accounts. All money must go through the Business Manager's office. Bank statements can be provided to these groups.
- Motion was approved to allow half of the money raised over the \$800 fundraising requirement to go towards Bishop McCort High School tuition for current eight graders. A policy will be drafted about this.
- DMCA has obtained approval from the Diocese to establish an endowment fund for STREAM for donor contributions.
- DMCA STREAM program has applied for a \$10,000 grant from the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies. We should find out about the grant in November.
- Mr. Smith discussed setting up a media room (green room) for 7th and 8th graders to live stream school events as part of the STREAM initiative.