

Executive Summary of the Minutes
-October 2, 2007 Meeting-

President Dick Gaietto called the meeting to order. Dora Contreras led the group in prayer. In attendance were Father Ross, Father Szybka, Matt Plotts, Heidi Brodman, Ken Bowers, Martin Koop, Dick Gaietto, Dora Contreras, John Bremyer, Ted Rombach, Tony Mass, Trish Haley and Sister Rozanne Swope, recording secretary.

Stewardship Presentation by Sister Carla Murar, OSU: Dick Gaietto introduced Sister Carla Murar, OSU, to the BOT members. She defined stewardship as a way of life, a call to conversion, a response to our Baptismal call, following Christ no matter what the cost; an attitude of mind and heart carried out through our actions. All we are and have is a gift from a generous God and we are called to share and develop all we have been given. A good Christian steward is one who is loyal and honest and who receives God's gifts and shares them with justice and love. She added that mature disciples decide to follow Jesus Christ no matter what the cost. They are called to daily conversion. They see God as the origin of life, as the source of all they have and are. They are the caretakers of God's gifts. Bishop Arneau states that gratitude is the foundation of stewardship. Sharing the good news is stewardship; stewardship is the tool to evangelization. He also states that stewardship needs to be viewed through prayer, service and sharing, not as time, talent, and treasure. Sister Carla maintained that it is vital that we discover the talents we have and use them for the benefit of others not only in church or for the parish, but also in the workplace. That is part of evangelization. The theology of stewardship helps us to prepare for our return. It is broad in range, embraces our entire life, and challenges us to be faithful to our calling. In her presentation, she shared with Board members that Father Dave Reinhart and Mike Gosset from Cardinal Stritch are working on stewardship with feeder parishes and their enrollment has increased to approximately 350 students. Sister Carla went on to describe seven habits of a successful stewardship school and noted that religion textbooks have stewardship lessons included within them. We need to help teachers understand that and to infuse stewardship within parent meetings. Finally, she shared with Board members various resources that might be used to cultivate stewardship in adults and students.

Father Szybka stated that it was important for the BOT members to work through the process and not to focus just on treasure/money. He added that it might be beneficial for someone to talk to the people from Cardinal Stritch.

Development and Marketing Director: Ted Rombach was authorized by the Board to seek funding and to begin interviews for a Development and Marketing Director.

Review Status Reports from the Schools and Committees: The Board decided that the status reports from the schools and committees will be reviewed during the special meeting of each month, and that the Financial data will be presented at each regular meeting. Ted Rombach distributed the minutes from the September 26, 2007 meeting of the Development/Marketing Committee. Chuck Eingle sent back a letter concerning Development Director's Office. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for October 24th.

Identify a President-Elect for '08-'09 and Confirm Beginning Date for this Term: Following a brief discussion, it was decided to table this conversation until the next meeting, scheduled for

October 16, 2007.

Special Meetings: Dora Contreras, Heidi Brodman, and Dick Gaietto plan to attend the Workshop for Catholic School Governing Boards in Sandusky on October 19, 2007. The financial planning meeting for the '08-'09 school year is scheduled for October 22, 2007, from 8 AM - 4 PM.

The meeting was adjourned and the Board moved into executive session for further vision-planning.