**St. Luke School Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 1, 2020 7:00 P.M.**

*In Attendance:* Msgr. Schaedel, Kevin McCusker, Rob Stapleton, Joe Heidt, Katie Kumler, Daren Beam, Jen Schaefer, Katee Schrage, Larry O’Bryan, Bis Feldmann, Maribeth Cloud, Johnathan Grismore, Mary Jo Woodside, Katie DeLisle

Kevin McCusker called the meeting to order at 7:05. Msgr. Schaedel opening the meeting with a prayer.

Mr. Grismore shared we had a good start to the school year. The Back to School Newsletter was well received and received good feedback. While weather is moderate, students may have classes outside in designated areas that have been mapped out by staff. Additions to Ram Page include a section which includes any updates or new information from the Marion County Health Dept. Several parents agreed that it was wonderful how well the opening of school, carpools, and classrooms were functioning and required only a few modifications to the plan.

Jennifer Schaeffer provided us with an overview of attendance which is 531 students including three students doing remote learning. Classrooms sizes average 22 students.

Discussion was held about how to increase the number of Kindergarten students for next year. Suggestions included: Continue communication with pre-schools directors, testimonials from parents about St. Luke’s. No in school tours of the building are currently being given due to Covid restrictions.

The Commission decided to continue having our meetings in person with appropriate spacing between members and the use of masks.

Bis Feldman, PTO President, advised us that 172 families have paid their dues to the PTO. Trash bags sales which has been a good fund raiser is beginning and distribution of bags will be Friday and Saturday October 2 and October 3. The funds raised by the PTO support such things as field trips, stipends for teachers for special programs or needs, outdoor learning.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50

Respectfully submitted

Mary Jo Woodside