Date: 26 March 2026

Called to Order: 5:34pm by Amanda Fields

Opening Prayer: Led by Father Peter

Roll Call: *denotes voting members; ** denotes ex-officio members/representatives

Present: Amanda Fields* (P), Scott Peterson* (VP), Beverly Quinton*, Chari Smith*, Jaquie Harmon*, Jaime Richling*, Kristel Jahnke**, Shawn Augustine**, Father Vincent**, Father Peter**, Jodi Testa** – Teacher Rep

Not Present: Briana Webster*, Alexa Saucedo *, Rosemary Kane*, Beau Deacon*, Father Vincent**, Father Kade**, Geoff Andrews**, Bishop Vincke**

Guests: Mrs. Bleau, Ms. Remily, Bill Cook, Don Haffner

Approval of Feb Minutes: Motion to approve by Scott Peterson, seconded by Jaime Richling

Fr. Peter's Remarks: The Purple Star designation was a very big accomplishment – congrats and thank you to all those who worked on this, it's a big advertisement point for the school. The gym was repainted last weekend from the residual water damage from the roof replacement. The gym floor is set to be replaced after school gets out in May, insurance is covering the cost. The new building committee is working on the curb appeal around the school to improve the landscaping, especially the south, front and exit sides. April 17th, Abilene is coming for the morning to shadow 5th and 6th grade. Next week is Holy Week and Easter, so it will be a sacred time and looking forward to experiencing this at St. X. Please look over the flier labeled "The Plan", that was given out to families at conferences and let Fr. Peter know if you suggest any changes or have any concerns.

Committee Reports:

Finance Report: For the month of February, total revenue from the school and parish was $81k and expenses were $154k. More has been taken out of the diocese savings and Edward Jones investments.

Parish Council Report: There are 3 council vacancies as of July 1st, two that are a one-year term and one that is a three-year term. If there is anyone that is interested please see Alexa in the parish office for an application. The annual fund meeting was helpful with great information from Dan. The parish survey is pushed to the fall, possibly September.

School/Principal's Report: See attached report.

- From Mr. Augustine: The Catholic identity survey was completed with about 50% participation and good feedback was received. Enrollment began March 23rd with registration packets in the office, and the online fillable forms are also live on the school website. There are currently three teacher resignations – Alex Becker (Math 7-12), Amy Whitaker (PreK 4), and Taylor Hagge (K), to go along with the other open positions already listed. The school auction is April 18th and the itemless item being auctioned is for Music, PE and Technology. Stations of the Cross have gone well with the students and there are many upcoming activities through the end of the year.
- Questions from Fr. Peter: Future discussion to include 7-12 attending the Chrism Mass.

Marketing/Activities Report: See attached report.

- From Mrs. Jahnke: Busy month with enrollment materials being updated and rolled out; the Alumni Banquet is coming up – the 50th reunion class is helping; the Purple Star work was completed, work on the SGO and Annual fund is underway; Kindergarten Round Up was a success; 8th and 5th grade shadow days are coming up; track has started and tops are in but still waiting on bottoms so the pictures have been moved to April 7th; 8th grade graduation; the activities committee has a scholarship reminder out.
- Questions/Clarifications from Fr. Peter: Potential for the alumni newsletter to be emailed monthly instead of being mailed once a year; best way to get word out for enrollment - currently on all media but word of mouth is important; the bulletin is being looked at to possibly move mention of school info and school events to the front pages instead of the back cover.

PTO Report:

- Pizza was hosted the night of the concert, and it went well; meals were provided at parent/teacher conferences for the teachers; scholarship applications for the seniors are being looked at; working on military child month, the elementary and middle school dance and the awards banquet. Nothing new from the meeting last night. Fr. Peter is invited to the next meeting.

Current Business/Ongoing:

- Soup supper and stations on March 31st is being co-hosted by School Council, Parish Council and Finance Council. Jaime, Alexa and Amanda are

available to help with the stations/supper. Everyone please bring a soup/bread/crackers to be dropped off around 5pm if able.

- Update on the annual fund from Father Peter: There was a meeting on Tuesday to talk to the parishioners and still aiming for summer, after the auction, to start funding.
- SGO: No update, there may be a postcard coming soon.
- The auction is in full swing and have received good feedback from attendees and volunteers on the mailings. The caterer is being finalized along with the setup and photo booth. The online portion is still being worked on for silent auction, etc. Ticket sales are low but mailings just went out. Lots of donations are in but silent auction items are still needed. Scott is working on our basket – please donate an item or money to him if you haven't done so.

New Business/Actions:

- Teacher salaries: Need to have a joint council meeting to discuss, hopefully around April 7th/8th.
- Memberships: Jaime Richling is stepping down due to work and other commitments; Beau Deacon is being deployed but he is finding a proxy until he returns.

Open Discussion:

- Ft. Riley welcome to the new military families is going well and there is a sign-up to fill in for Amanda during track season.
- How to keep the school safe: if the school and parish are having events at the school on the same night, people can wander into the school more easily. Is there a way to lock the gym doors, have a gate, or continue to lock off the breezeway doors? There have also been concerns about loitering at aftercare and parents have noticed and been asking. Jodi Testa has offered to be stated by the gym door this Tuesday for soup and Stations of the Cross to monitor.
- Fr. Peter has asked for thoughts on how to promote St. X at Mass. If anyone has thoughts on how to craft the message of how great St. X is while being respectful about other school choices, please share. Some ideas included: promote the faith aspect; try to offer little bits of information over time in new and different ways; offer the statistics of how many children stay in the Catholic faith if they attend Catholic school; sense of belonging and smaller class sizes at St. X, faith-oriented and family-based brings a sense of

belonging; there are many different things that students are exposed to at St. X that they might not get to try at a bigger school (sports, etc), bring the high schoolers to talk to the congregation, offer the information about the school simply as what we have to offer and not as a comparison to other schools.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Peter

Next Meeting: Thursday, 23 April 2026 at **5:45** (motion by Amanda and seconded by Scott)

Meeting Adjourned at 6:46pm