

## **NJA Governance Committee Meeting, October 16, 2020**

**Present:** Andy Schlidt, Andrea Scrobel, Maureen Schuerman, Jay Schwister, Doug Leonhardt, SJ

The meeting opened with a prayer at 7:35 and it was chaired by co-chair Andrea Scrobel

The committee focused mostly on board membership. There will be five people rolling off the board next June. To fill these spots, new directors should have these gifts and talents: attorney, a high school academic administrator possibly coming from Marquette High or DSHA, possibly someone from K-8 school similar to ours, and a strong marketing /communications person. Andrea will be contacting board members for suggestions in these areas. Andrea will also be having conversations with some people about possibly extending their terms because of a high board turnover this year and again in 2022. One committee chair will be finishing this year. Several committee chairs will finish their terms in 2020 so this will need to be prepared for.

The NJA Alumni Association asked whether they could have a place on the board. The Governance committee discussed the benefits of this and issues that could arise. The bottom line is a board member is invited to board membership because of his/her talents and is independent in the way the person votes on an issue. A board does not have members who represent a constituency or are chosen by others than the board itself. Maureen and Andrea will look over the alumni who are professionally involved and see if they fit the talent pool we are looking for.

There was a brief evaluation of the Board Retreat. From our perspective the marks were high considering it was virtual.

The final question: How can we connect with one another during this virtual time outside the formal meetings. Two suggestions came up—a virtual social (byob) sometime before Thanksgiving. The possibility of a Mass in the chapel at Nativity. Maureen will look to see if there would be the space to socially distance.

The meeting concluded at 8:30am.