

## **Minutes CEOF Board Meeting**

**April 30, 2025 Virtual**

Present: Julia Taylor, Kim Thompson, Fr. Dan Noll, John Bill Hoskins, Dan Bork, Carol Steltenkamp, Beth McNulty, David Bowling, Kyle Lee, Don Lloyd, John Stewart

Absent: John Stewart, Bishop Stowe

1. Opening Prayer at 3:30pm - David

2. The meeting was called to order and the February & March 2025 Minutes as well as the April 18 special meeting Minutes were approved

3. Treasurer's Report – Dan Bork (see attached) Work on completing Form 999 is making good progress and will be emailed to Board members for their review before filing it. The Board accepted the Treasurer's report.

4. Executive Director Report (see attached) Luminaria gross is in \$145,000 ballpark; post-event donations are currently \$11,500; ballpark net might be between \$85K and \$100K. Budget is \$100K. Board members expressed their pleasure with the event and with Kim's leadership. Some improvements for next year were suggested: less volume of the music, some seating available during the cocktail hour, etc. It was suggested that the speaker each year be a beneficiary of a scholarship to attend a Catholic school, and then have a speaker follow up by asking participants to donate an amount equal to that scholarship. Kim will place on a future Board agenda a discussion as to how "hard" or "soft" the request for donations at the Luminaria should be.

Kim did a breakdown of Luminaria 2025 attendees by parish (see attached.) How might underperforming parishes with school connections be targeted in preparation for Luminaria 2026 in order to increase allowable attendance, and perhaps more for Luminaria 2027, space permitting? Kim will put this question on a future Board agenda.

Regarding the keynote speaker for Luminaria 2026, the Board decided that the choice of Martin Sheen is too risky, and we will seek another speaker. Kim and Father Dan will communicate this to Mr. Sheen, with thanks and respect for his consideration.

Kim reported work is in progress for the golf scramble. She will reach out to Frank Taylor who offered help with teams. Work is underway to recruit more ladies. Instead of the small silent auction there will be a gift card raffle.

5. Catholic Schools Update – Kyle Lee reported end of school dates

6. Next meeting - May 21 at 3:30pm

8. Closing prayer at 4:40pm - Fr. Dan