

Grace Christian Board Meeting August 29, 2016, 6:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Opening Prayer

Board Members in Attendance: Ken Housh; Joe Pepple; Dan DesRosiers; Brian Bradshaw; Matt Sexton; Eric Bontrager; Scott Reeve

Visitors: Sheryl Bontrager

Prior Meeting Minutes And Approval

Motioned by Matt and seconded by Ken, unanimously approved. July notes and closed meeting notes were approved.

Chairman's Report

Board retreat in November (one-day)

We will look at future planning and by-laws. We will use an outside consultant to help us.

Still some budget work to be done for 2016-17 school year.

Public appreciation to the board, Todd, office for all the work they have done along with building and grounds chairman Brian Bradshaw.

Need to do monthly thank you cards. Need to thank Craig Wiker and Joel Lehman and Jason, Joel's helper employee and Jesse Charles of Charles Concrete, Peterman Concrete (Portage, MI) and gentleman who gave the concrete and landscaper who is going to make the area look nice. We are going to take a picture, thank you card and apple pie and give them to them.

Mike Owens with Michiana Supernet needs to be given a thank you also.

Thank you's for other donors (garage doors, etc.). Wanda Price has been mowing her lawn. A thank you to Cindy Bridgman for organizing the fair and all the volunteers that helped.

CPR training donated to the school. Will send thank you to them.

Security Policy needs to be worked on. Concealed Carry has to be staff specific. Do we need to consider allowing concealed carry staff at school. Check to see if staff would be comfortable with this.

Gary will look at legal sides of concealed carry and Eric will look at security side from school side with Mr. Zimmerman and the board.

ACSI will be checked into regarding this.

ACSI accreditation lead from accreditation team is coming September 23 to help prepare us for accreditation. Todd will meet with them. Todd will be in Indiana on Sept. 29-30 for training and prep for accreditation.

Continue having people from various areas of school to share. Next month Mike Dill, Kayli Price and Sherry Reeve, Miss Jackson to come and meet us.

Discussions about the website will take place between Matt and Joe.

Would like each board member to put something in the communique. Needs to be turned into Crystal before Friday to have it put in.

Fall Association meeting. Discuss changes in budget. Tuesday, October 4 for fall meeting at 7 p.m.

Head Of School

Made personnel changes as determined by the board.

First day of school.

School enrollment is 129 students as of today.

Pam Pylkas will look at possibly having high schooler be hired for aftercare.

ACSI Accreditation

ACSI status remains through this year. We are accredited by Advanced Ed as well.

Academic Committee

No report given

Finance Report

We had two delinquent accounts being followed up on.

Reports for June and July not ready yet. Taking a look to make sure everything is in the right place records wise.

Net income was better than \$50,000 but carried forward to this year. A gain of about \$35,000 after designated gifts.

Had funds to make payroll.

30/60/90 we were able to pay the bills.

Building And Grounds Report

Thanks for all who came August 20 for workday.

Lighting and tiles were replaced, more to do.

Lights in gym were out and anonymous donor gave for that.

Need more lights replaced in gym.

New garage doors are in.

Concrete looking nice, will be landscaped.

Worked on drainage.

Looking into getting a Knox box. This box has emergency key for local firemen and police to have access to school. Cost will be \$400-450.

Technology Report

Accelerated Reader - \$2200 in library fund. AR is \$2300 to purchase. Needs to be ordered soon.

Apple pie fundraiser will go towards \$2300 for AR. Apple pie fundraiser tentatively Oct. 17. That is build a pie day. All of September up to October 3 for pre-order.

Concourse, which for checking out books, is online and working.

Internet. They are going to put bigger dish on tower.

Phones are at place where we got them from. They will ship the phones to us.

Copiers and printers working well.

Advancement Committee Report

Still making efforts with the B&I program.

Grants – applying for St. Joseph rotary grant (chrome books for high school students, robotics).

Recipes for cookbook. Shooting for holiday time for cookbook.

Cindy Bridgeman working on other promotions for school. At other fairs, floats at parade in spring.

Looking at way to get volunteers to help in different areas.

Three donors paying for every student to have a Grace t-shirt.

New Business

Mr. Trapani addressed the board. Positive remarks and mentioned we need to get the word out that we are a great school and offer great things that other schools do not offer.

Closed Session

Next Board Meeting, Sept. 26, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.