

LIFE! Lutheran School
LIFE! Delegate Assembly meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Members present: Todd Baker, Andrene Everson, Terri Kirkpatrick, Stan Oberst, Janeen Oien, George Walker, Paula Walker

Staff present: Pastor Chris Curry

- 1.0 Janeen Oien called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- 2.0 Stan Oberst opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer.
- 3.0 CONSENT ITEMS : approved
 - a. Finance Report (through February 28, 2010).
 - b. Minutes (meeting on February 9, 2010).
 - c. Principal's Evaluation document.

4.0 Board Business

4.1 – BOARD REVIEW. Todd is still working on the review, will email it to the board prior to our April 13th meeting, so it can be discussed at that meeting.

4.2 – FOUNDATION. George recommends the board take over the Foundation function until we find a couple volunteers outside the board to research the issues and serve on the Foundation. The Foundation Bylaws do state the Foundation needs to be a separate board from the school board. Bethany Price has been willing to keep the Foundation books, make a report annually to the board, and do its banking, but she does not actually serve as a Foundation Board member. She did caution us that any restricted funds in the Foundation must be maintained as given (unless the donors agree to some other use of the funds). Terri suggested that we could seek volunteers at the annual Association meeting in April. Janeen commented we might also address any needed Foundation Bylaw changes at that meeting. [NOTE: There will also be a joint congregation meeting on Sunday, March 21, 2 pm. That could be an appropriate time to solicit volunteers as well.] We need to know the date the Foundation Bylaws were approved. Is the Foundation to be the fund raising arm of the school, simply invest the funds donated, or do both? The goals of the Foundation need to be determined to coincide with the school's "charitable ministry" desire. Janeen will contact the NW District office: Could the District's attorney be a resource to review the Foundation Bylaws and policy? The three options seem to be: dissolve the Foundation, the school board take over the Foundation function, or continue with two separate boards. If we wish to continue as is, the Foundation Board must be "staffed".

4.3 – ANNUAL MEETING. Possible dates: Sunday, April 18 or April 25, 2 pm, here at Grace/LIFE. All members of the Association congregations are invited and encouraged to attend. The purpose of the annual meeting is to present information about the school to the Association and present the past year’s board activities. Janeen (Hope), Andrene (Messiah), and Chris (Pleasant Hill) will check their church calendars so we can choose the date that will work for everyone. The board members need to arrive by 1:30 pm, so we can set up chairs and bring snacks to share, make coffee, etc. Andrene suggested some of the recent student projects be on display that afternoon. Janeen asked Chris to make a brief Power Point presentation as he did last year.

MISSION STATEMENTS. Janeen distributed the five different mission statements currently being used in different documents/places as “food for thought”. She also distributed a company’s mission and vision statements to help clarify the difference in the two kinds of statements. We need to “fine tune” our mission statement and then use the same one consistently. Everyone was asked to individually brainstorm some mission statement ideas before our April meeting and share them with the entire board. [NOTE: One consistent theme seems to be “discipleship”.]

5.0 Principal’s Report – Chris Curry

1. Chris emailed the school’s current policy manual to all board members.
2. CAT tests will be given on April 5-9. The tests have already been distributed to the teachers to examine and determine how many to order.
3. Reuben Leapoldt has agreed to coordinate Grandparents Day on Friday, April 23.
4. The “in process” student handbook has been located, and Chris will continue updating it.
5. We need volunteers for the David Lomond “Elvis” Gospel concert on Friday, April 9. The board was asked to please consider helping in whatever way possible.
6. Community advertising will be light this spring.
7. Enrollment remains at 53: lost one student, gained one student.

ASSIGNMENTS for our April 13 meeting.

Chris’ assignment: Finalize configuration. Share scenarios and student numbers with preschool 3 through 8th grade being offered. Emphasis should be on function, not budget.

Board assignment: Round robin emails regarding Board Review (from Todd), school scenarios/ configurations, and mission statement thoughts.

Closing Prayer. Stan closed the meeting in prayer.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next LIFE! Delegate Assembly meeting: Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 7:00 pm. Opening devotion and prayer: Terri Kirkpatrick.

Submitted by Paula Walker
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Upcoming School Activities:

March 7-13: National Lutheran Schools Week (activities include inter-grade level teams building "card castles", a visit to Cascade Nursing Facility to sing and visit with the residents, pajama day, Bible character day, crazy hair day, hat day, school color day).

March 22-26: Spring Break.

April 2: Dismissal after the 12 noon Good Friday worship service at Grace.

April 5-9: Achievement tests.

April 15: Dismissal at 12 noon for kindergarten-8th grade.

April 16: Parent-Teacher Conferences.