

LIFE! Lutheran School
LIFE! Delegate Assembly meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2009, 7:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Members present: Todd Baker, Andrene Everson, Terri Kirkpatrick, Janeen Oien, Tammy Smith, George Walker, Paula Walker

Staff present: Pastor Chris Curry

Visitor: Stan Oberst

1.0 Janeen Oien called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

2.0 Paula opened the meeting with prayer.

3.0 August 11, 2009 minutes: NSC to approve the minutes.

4.0 finance report – Andrene distributed the finance report sheets (through August 31, 2009). The State Farm Bank CD (proceeds from the sale of Betty Brenner's home) will remain with that bank as it cannot be moved until its maturity date in February 2010. The Board thanked Tammy for her 12 years of serving as the school board treasurer! NSC to accept the finance report. (Report is available in the school office.)

5.0 Principal's Report – Chris Curry.

[Janeen shared that the program supervisor/case manager for the Oregon Social Learning Center praised Chris for his excellent skills as a school administrator after talking with him about some foster children possibly being enrolled at LIFE!]

* THE MINISTRY OF LIFE! Chris has requested that all parents meet with him when registering their children. After meeting with parents and hearing them share their concerns, struggles and challenges, and how LIFE! has ministered effectively to these families, it has underscored how vital this ministry is to our families. The ministry of LIFE! School is blessing children and their families.

* Enrollment for 2009-10 is currently at 51 (preschool – 8th grade).

* Tuition is now being spread over a ten-month year, and Chris is asking families to submit separate checks for tuition, child care and milk/lunches.

* The new storage shed (behind Grace's storage garage) is nearly complete thanks to the work of a LIFE! parent, Bob Geisler, Chris and one of his sons.

* Room #2 has been cleaned out and is now available for Grace to use for Sunday school and LIFE! teachers to use when needed.

* Families receiving scholarship assistance are being asked to use their talents for the school in tangible ways (i.e., playground remodel, the shed, social activities).

* Andrene appreciated Chris' tuition report (comparing assistance discounts to full tuition differences). She encouraged Chris to also submit the school's monthly budget for more accurate forecasting and planning. He assured the board he would follow through with that request in the near future.

* Our new preschool teacher (Kirsten LaShot) has her teaching certificate from Pacific College. She also teaches the middle school class during Chris' classroom release time in the afternoon.

* Chris reported it would be very helpful to have someone who could be available to give the teachers brief breaks from the classroom and provide lunchroom duty so the teachers would get some relief.

* Chris was asked how most of our new students' families heard about LIFE! He said some were previously students who are now returning, some found our school on the Internet (not our website, but general school searches), a few looking at our website, but mostly word of mouth—friends of our current families. No one thus far has said our newspaper or radio ads brought them to LIFE! It was strongly suggested that our website provide a link to the Missouri Synod's page stating our Lutheran beliefs and doctrine/statement of faith.

6.0 Board Business

* Revamping our LIFE! Foundation. Andrene did extensive research that will be helpful in this process. Serving on this ad hoc committee is Chris, Janeen, Andrene and George. Bethany Price (currently the LIFE! Foundation treasurer) will also hopefully serve on the committee. Todd will continue looking for new members – those who might be interested in helping with the revamping process, and those who would rather serve after the foundation is “new and improved”. The foundation needs to get rid of the time share in Hawaii that was donated to the foundation by someone (in hopes of managing it to raise funds for the school). ReNae Bopp (Grace member/travel agent) is selling another time share in Hawaii and put a blurb about LIFE's time share in her ad as well, but needs more details about it to market it successfully. (Dave & Lennie Tritt, Grace members) found the time share when they were in Hawaii and said it's very nice. Do we hold the deed to the time share? Tammy will check with ReNae about what she needs and get any information Rob Wiesert might have about it.

* Back to School Picnic: Wednesday, September 16, 6:00 pm. Cindy Curry is coordinating the picnic. She will call people for food donations, set-up and clean-up volunteers, etc. The board is invited to attend.

* Tammy has letters to be submitted to our bank to change signers on the accounts. There was discussion about the details, the use of a school debit card, number of check signers, etc.

* Todd still needs volunteers for the Oregon football deli booth. The first home game is Saturday, September 12th. There are sign-up sheets for each home game posted on the LIFE! bulletin board in the school lobby.

Closing Prayer. George closed the meeting in prayer.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next LIFE! Delegate Assembly meeting: Tuesday, October 13, 2009, 7:00 pm. [Possibly the October meeting will be moved to Tuesday, October 6, TBA.]

Submitted by Paula Walker
09/10/2009

Upcoming School Activities:

* Wednesday, September 16, 6:00 pm – Back to School Picnic

* Wednesday, September 30, 8:45 am – Pastor Dave Horn will lead Chapel, “Singing the Cross and the Empty Tomb”. Pastor, singer, song writer and finger-style guitarist, he and his wife, Sabra, are a traveling music ministry team serving as a resource for others in their ministries. Pastor Dave’s particular interest is presenting the riches of the Gospel in a new and refreshing way through practical music with a wealth of Biblical imagery. He led worship at Grace one Sunday this summer and is very entertaining and talented. Everyone is invited.

* Thursday, October 1, 7:00 pm – LEST parent meeting