

Board of Directors Meeting  
January 7, 2025  
6:00 p.m. in GCC conference room

Board members in attendance were: Mike Fawl (President), Berrigan Willmott (Vice-president), Marshall Madill (Treasurer), Kelli Forbes (Secretary), John Schierling, Debbie Gloss, Cheryl Garrett, Brandi Wells and Dustin Elder. Also in attendance was Becky Florance.

**Opening prayer** was led by Dustin Elder.

**Approve agenda and minutes of 12/3/24 meeting, 12/13/24 emergency meeting, and 12/17/24 online vote:** The agenda was approved by consent. Brandi made a motion and John seconded to approve the minutes of the 12/3/24 meeting, the 12/13/24 emergency meeting and the 12/17/24 online vote. There were no corrections or discussions and the motion passed.

**Recognition of visitors:** No visitors were present.

**Executive Session:**

**Motion:** I move we go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-appointed personnel. By: Berrigan Willmott; Second: Marshall Madill. Passed.

(Executive session was held from 6:03 p.m. and extended to 6:50 p.m. with Board members and Becky Florance present.)

Mike Fawl stated that as a result of executive session, we are going to form an executive committee, which will be made up of Brandi Wells, Cheryl Garrett and Berrigan Willmott.

**Financial report:** Marshall distributed and reviewed the financial report and discussion was had. There was also a brief discussion about teacher contracts.

**Review brochure insert:** Marshall spoke about donations coming from a variety of sources, mostly private people, and more and more are earmarking it. Brief discussion was had about school choice.

A lengthy discussion was had about tuition and actual costs per student. Mike stated that with the rent which will be paid to Grace Community Church, costs per student are actually \$5,000. Marshall explained how the ACE scholarship program awards half of the tuition, so tuition should be set at the school's actual costs. Further discussion was had, including kindergarten roundup.

**Motion:** I make a motion we set the amount of tuition for next year at \$5,000 with an asterisk explaining that there will be a minimum of 25% scholarship available. By:

John Schierling; Second: Berrigan Willmott. Passed.

Further discussion was had about scholarships and staying with the graded 20% decrease for additional children in a family.

**Motion:** I make a motion that tuition for the first child is \$5,000, the second child is \$4,000, the third child is \$3,000, and so on, and the same scholarships of 25% apply.  
By: Brandi Wells; Second: Berrigan Willmott. Passed.

**Advertising – mailings:** Becky stated she ordered the mailings and tried to mail them before the break, but needed to get permission from the teacher who resigned, as her picture is still on the mailings. The resigned teacher did give her permission and Becky will be mailing them.

**Principal's report (December):** Becky distributed copies of the Principal's report to board members, which she had previously e-mailed to them. Becky also distributed survey results and the In-service Notes. Brandi shared that they had a good in-service and a brief discussion was had.

Becky stated that the Board has left testing to her discretion, and it was her intention to test this spring, but they are not. She gave the junior high and high school parents the option of whether they wanted their students tested, and they are not interested. She shared in the in-service that it has been her intention to move toward accreditation, and testing is a component we have to integrate at some point to be accredited. John asked Becky and she shared that she plans to have testing on odd years, that every odd grade level will test, and they will start at third grade.

**Upcoming events – Groundhog Supper:** Board members will be hosting the January birthday breakfast on January 9th. Details were discussed.

Marshall stated that so far there has been \$2,400 from corporate sponsors for the Groundhog Supper event. He encouraged board members to contact businesses and individuals to get support for the fundraiser. Any money raised will go to the scholarship fund.

Becky stated that every class group is doing a basket, and the one that brings the most money at the silent auction will get a prize. Donations such as gift baskets, hand-made items and pies are needed for the auction. Marshall shared that Carl has made a nice flyer to promote the vacation to Hawaii, which they are valuing at \$4,000, and it will go on the facebook page. Alan Myers has agreed to do the live auctioneering. The GCC Men's Ministry is getting everything prepared for the meal and the kids will help serve.

**Other business:** John asked about the second semester evaluations due on March 13<sup>th</sup>, and Becky recommended that the executive committee do the evaluation. The executive committee members agreed and a brief discussion was had.

John commended the in-service group on the topics which were covered; that the focus is in the right place.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Schierling, it was seconded by Dustin Elder and passed.

**Closing prayer** was led by Marshall Madill. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Forbes, Secretary