

Redeemer Classical Academy

January 6, 2015 meeting minutes

1. Michael Hein opened the meeting and asked that we open in prayer. Louise Barrett volunteered to pray.
 - a. Louise read Hebrews 12:1-3 and 13:20-21
Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.
May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.
 - b. Louise noted how this scripture reminds us that here at Redeemer Classical Academy we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, teachers, students, parents, board members and other supporters of the school who love Christ. We need to keep our eyes fixed on him as we run the race of growing and nurturing our school. Louise prayed for guidance and wisdom in this process. Joe Traynor prayed that we not be entangled in the sins of doubt, worry and uncertainty as we move forward but that we trust completely in him. Michael Hein closed with additional prayer of trust and gratitude.
2. Those in attendance were board members Michael Hein, Doug Howard, Ben Weatherford, Joe Traynor and Louise Barrett; administrators Amanda Bell and Lisa Carlton; teachers Kim Florida, Leigh Francis, Bonita Jones, Ben Nolan and Karen Maynard; and parents Chris Jones, Lisa Stanley and Keith Barrett.
3. Minutes from December 2 will be reviewed and passed by electronic vote.
4. Reception of treasurer's report - Ben Weatherford
 - a. It was noted that we have a deficit each month and that we need to raise money for the school.
 - b. Lisa Carlton will look into tuition payments coming in for the remainder of the school year and report back to the board.
 - c. Ben is working with Jennifer White to create a balance sheet.
 - d. Michael Hein stated that we need to have a goal by next month and that we will find a way to make ends meet.
 - e. Fundraising is necessary.
5. Administrative report - Amanda Bell
 - a. Amanda stated the importance of professional development for our faculty for both teaching guidance and morale.
 - i. Society for Classical Learning is hosting a meeting in Atlanta June 25-27 this summer. This cost is approximately \$405 per participant for registration, hotel rooms are additional. The estimated cost for all full-time faculty to attend and have 2-3 per hotel room is \$5,000.

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- ii. This conference is different from the ACCS and has information on teaching science and math as well as sessions on the nuts and bolts of running a school.
 - iii. The deadline to register is May 31st.
 - iv. Amanda asked that we pray about whether to plan for this as a school. She also recommends that we reserve hotel rooms now as long as we are able to cancel.
 - b. Marketing is going well
 - i. Our packets should be ready very soon.
 - ii. The website has been revamped and improvements are continually in progress.
 - iii. Advertisements started in December in VIP and Murfreesboro Magazine. We will be finalizing plans with The Fish radio station soon.
 - c. Mr. Butterworth, our music teacher, would like to have private music lessons at the school in the cottages 1-2 afternoons a week from 3:00 to 3:30. Amanda has offered her cottage for this purpose. The school would get no money from this.
 - d. Ben Weatherford stated that Amanda did a wonderful job at Rotary Club last month speaking about the benefits of handwriting and communicating about Redeemer Classical Academy.
6. Administrative report - Lisa Carlton
- a. Re-enrollment: Lisa presented the letter from last year and stated that we will need a new letter to send out to families by the end of January. The letters should go through the regular mail.
 - b. Upcoming parent meeting: one family has contacted Lisa stating that both parents have to work Thursday night. Lisa will follow up with this family.
7. Development Committee - Michael Hein
- a. We are in the process of scheduling a meeting with the development person recommended by Danny Kellum. Once we have heard from him we can decide which development professional we will use.
8. Property Committee - Doug Howard
- a. We have a letter ready to present to the BZA regarding our proposed amendment to extend our 2 special use permits for an additional 5 years.
 - b. If this extension request is granted then RCA and Bethel will approach Swanson about extending our lease on the property.
 - c. Michael Hein Stated that we need to be in prayer about the BZA proposal and meeting on January 28.
9. Thursday night parent meeting - Joe Traynor
- a. Joe informed us that he will have a biopsy Thursday afternoon and asked that we have a backup speaker. Michael Hein volunteered.
 - b. outline for meeting includes:
 - i. casting a vision - Doug provided Joe with a letter for this
 - ii. unveiling our website and showing the videos
 - iii. where we are
 - iv. what we have accomplished
 - v. where we are going

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- vi. what we need
 - vii. capital campaign - we don't want to incur debt
 - viii. we currently have 38 students, our budget is based on 50 students
 - ix. we need to enlist families to help with in-home meetings
 - x. we need to reconnect as a community
 - xi. we need to identify our needs to families - we can ask what special skills families have to offer
 - xii. have sign-up sheets for small group meetings and school tasks
 - xiii. present questionnaire with same 4 questions from last year's survey
 - c. Joe asked if we are getting the word about RCA out to preschools. Lisa Carlton can contact preschools but would like help in delivering information. We need to have a consistent message.
10. Adjourn - Louise moved to adjourn, Joe seconded and all were in favor. Doug closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Louise Stewart Barrett, D.V.M., Secretary