

# Redeemer Classical Academy

August 4, 2015 meeting minutes

1. Michael Hein opened the meeting. Louise Barrett read the following Scripture.
  - a. Isaiah 61:3-4 - To Grant those who mourn in Zion, giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called *OAKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS*, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified. Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, they will raise up the former devastations; and they will repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations.
  - b. 2 Chronicles 29:36 All the people rejoiced at what God had brought about for His people, because it was done so quickly.
  - c. Michael Hein, Danny Kellum and Louise prayed in thanksgiving for all God has done and will do for Redeemer Classical Academy.
2. Those in attendance were board members: Michael Hein, Danny Kellum, Ben Weatherford and Louise Barrett; administration: Amanda Bell; Faculty: Bonita Jones and Karen Maynard; also Lila Beasley, Chet Maynard and Keith Barrett.
3. Reception of Treasurer's report - Ben Weatherford
  - a. Ben stated that Jennifer White had done a great job during her tenure as book keeper and we have made a smooth transition to Lila Beasley taking over.
  - b. We will have a large number of tuition payments in September.
  - c. We have good motivation for fundraisers.
4. Administrative report - Amanda Bell
  - a. We had a terrific back-to-school dinner at The Weingart and Tucker homes on July 30th. Almost every family was represented, and new families and students were welcomed into the RCA community. There were many young siblings of students enjoying the festivities as well.
  - b. We have a total of 46 students enrolled this year with 16 new students representing 13 new families. Two of our new students are siblings of current RCA students. Seven students are in kindergarten, and 37 are in grades K -7. This can lead to exponential growth for the school.
  - c. Pete Adams from AMS Marketing told Amanda that he expected to get 6 new students from our marketing. He and Travis Swann are blown away with the enrollment numbers! AMS is currently updating our website and social media postings for \$1,000 a month.
  - d. Administrative duties have been divided among the faculty: Ben Nolen is handling Graduation, and Karen Maynard is handling all building related issues. Faculty meetings will be held at 3:15 on Monday afternoons.
  - e. We will have a volunteer staffing the school office and answering phones at all times this year. Mose spots are covered, but we are still looking for more volunteers to help with this and substitute teaching.
  - f. Faculty inservice focused on prayer and determining the who we are as a school and communicating this well both internally and externally to families and the community at large. They determined three essential elements of the essence of RCA: 1) Focus of building a close-knit community within the school between the faculty and student body from K - 12. 2) Disciple and come alongside students; and 3) Focus on things of genuine substance.

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- g. Amanda asked for the board to pray over these as they are refined.
  - h. Keith Barrett wants to be sure that in creating our close-knit community that we do not project “exclusivity” to others outside RCA. Amanda explained that the cultural priority is to bring new families and students into RCA’s circle quickly.
  - i. Home gatherings are being refined to be tailored to both internal community of RCA and external community of Murfreesboro. RCA is to be salt and light to the external community as we provide stability and community within the school.
  - j. Danny Mayaeux is our new math teacher. He will be teaching Algebra 2 and Trigonometry this year. He has a seminary degree and an engineering degree, and serves as a bus driver for Rutherford County schools.
5. Relations with Bethel - Ben Weatherford and Danny Kellum
- a. Bethel has agreed to decrease our rent by 58%!! Our new lease is \$2,000 a month, with a 3 month security deposit. Ben said that Vinay from Bethel reached out to him saying that they want the best for RCA and Bethel.
  - b. Danny met with Brock and his assistant and had a very productive meeting. Brock would like to meet with a group from RCA monthly to ensure smooth relations. He is very willing for RCA to use Bethel’s auditorium for grandparents’ day and graduation! Amanda stated that the students will use the outside entrance to the lunchroom and the back entrance to the chapel to minimize our footprint in the main building. Students are using the back entrance to the cottages as well.
  - c. Amanda will follow up with Brock to see if we can place picnic tables outside.
6. Property committee - Bonita Jones and Keith Barrett
- a. A group from the property committee, administration and board visited New Heights Chapel. The location is gorgeous and the church representative, Dan Benedict, is very friendly and inviting. Since the time of the visit it has been determined that the 2-exit requirement for classrooms is not needed if sprinklers are present. There are 2 areas in the building with running water which could serve as a science lab. A major concern is having to share space which would require classroom tear-down and set-up on a weekly basis.
  - b. Brock from Bethel is open to us staying another year.
  - c. Keith and Edwin Florida are also investigating other churches.
  - d. Our HVAC units have been serviced and cleaned courtesy of Swanson Realty.
  - e. Amanda will look into new signage for the entrance to the cottages and for the new school office which is in cottage R.
7. Fundraising
- a. Jim Highland will not be available.
  - b. Amanda Bell will contact a gentleman who knows and loves classical education and has fundraising experience. She will contact him and ask him to meet with the board.
8. Adjourn - Danny moved to adjourn Louise seconded and all were in favor. Ben Weatherford closed the meeting in prayer.

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