

HOPE COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
SERVING CHRIST, EDUCATING CHILDREN, EMPOWERING FAMILIES

School Board Meeting - January 10th, 2023 5:00 PM

Attendance-

Toby Roderick

Tia Swanemyr

Stacey Puls

Yvonne Chapman

Richard Westbrook

Aaron Hamstra

Dorothy Williams

Becki Connell

Kate Willyard

Bryan Willyard

Jeremiah Aukerman

Tandy Nossman

ZOOM- Erin Saffer, Tisher, Jamie, Misti Witt, Lorrena Duran

Call to order- 542PM

Opening Prayer- Dorothy

1. **Approval of agenda** Richard Motions to approve, Aaron seconds. No discussion.
Motion passed.

2. **Public Comment**- This is a time for non-board members to share their thoughts and concerns. It will be left to the discretion of the board whether or not public comments will be addressed at the time they are presented.
 - a. Bryan Willyard- brought up that he (Music Masters) has done the concert for the previous years. Just wants to make it clear that he has not done it for free. He had given Joy Woodard a number of \$6000 for his services. The board has approved a not to exceed budget for the concert that included the same services. The board gives the fundraising team control of who they contract for services within the budget.

3. December Minutes- Stacey Motions to approve, Richard seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
4. Treasurer's report-
 - a. Current Bank Balance: \$445,665.09, we don't have the financials for December yet. Aaron will forward when available. **Richard motions to approve the report as presented, Dorothy seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.**
5. Fundraiser Team Update- off to a strong start. Taking the concert full on. March 4th at the Sky Ute Casino, will host Little Texas. Parents will have jobs, as well as board members. Live and silent auctions, dinner and concert. Each class will have a basket to contribute to. Middle school children at the concert only. There will not be any child care provided. Younger kids (5th grade and down) will need child care set up by parents, if parents are needed at the event.
 - a. Ticket sales may be in house or at the casino, not decided yet. \$45 for Advance GA \$50 at door. \$110 advance and \$125 for dinner and concert. \$1200 for a table. VIP and Platinum sponsor tables will be available as well.
 - b. Valentines dance Feb 11th at Spring Creek Hall. \$5 admission, there will be frito pie available for purchase.
 - c. Lollipops and carnations to be sold to be delivered on 14th
 - d. **The Board Voted and approved a budget of \$23,000 for the music portion of the concert via email.**
6. Yvonne
 - a. Tuition for 2023/24 -currently (2022/23) tuition is \$1400 and \$1800. Recommendation would be to increase to \$2000 for 3 days a week, and \$1500 for 2 days a week. 65 students are 3 day- 51 students 2 day a week that would increase \$16000/year, if current enrollment stays the same. \$1800 to \$2000 and \$1400 to \$1500, keeps same ratio of increase. We may need a Paid accounting in house in the near future. General life expenses are increasing. Payroll and salaries will increase every year. Tuition would need to increase to keep up with expenses. **Table to end of the meeting- other business.**
 - b. Donor Development Training (Feb 27th - March 2nd) Tia or Stacey would be willing to go with Yvonne. There is another training March 27th- april. This may be a better timing option. Flying or driving. Yvonne would like a female travel companion. Company will cover 2 attendance for room, food and conference. Only expenses would be travel to get there.

- c. Co teacher workshop- Building committee/ Board to present on building options and future of HOPE.

7. Building update

- a. Elhi Status- No communication from the ISD regarding our offer to purchase the Elhi Building as is. HCCA will get with Elhi board to try to work with them to renew lease with ISD. Elhi board asked the town to be able to stay here in the event Town of Ignacio should they assume lease. ELHI/Town will present to assume lease to the ISD (TBD). There are some talks of possible liability issues with the school (HCCA) being in the ELHI that may not guarantee a renewal for HCCA, but still may be for ELHI.
 - i. Records request did come through for documents requested on the ELHI building. They are in a google drive folder, ask Tia for more information.
- b. IKAV Status- waiting to hear back from them, the CEO has changed hands and they will meet on January 16th. We have sent over our Intent to lease and made that offer, and no other party has been interested in that location yet. There was some confusion, as to if we were Tax Exempt, and we are which will help our lease offer as it could be property tax exempt.
- c. CR319 Status- Tia has gotten a preliminary answer from the county as a NO. Naomi is looking into this further. Naomi believes the reason is the road cannot handle traffic of our size. Tia has looked into what Naomi has submitted to the county, and it may have some errors. Naomi cannot find the city water lines. She has asked Tia to find them and get her that information.
- d. Pastor scott- bayfield location- is not off the table but hard to build a building on land we do not own. Keeping lines of communications open at this point, but we are focused on other options first.

8. Discussion on creating a foundation and "Endowment" funds.

- a. It was brought up that it may not be the best idea for the school itself to purchase the building and that an umbrella foundation over our school may be the better option for that purchase.
- b. Endowment funds- Explained what an endowment fund is and how it could benefit our school. Tia suggested starting a fund sooner than later with a smaller dollar amount, that way it is in place and we can work on it as we get more time.

9. Dorothy- Report on ICL activities- January 27th Gala fundraiser from 6-8. \$35 ticket. Cinco de mayo will kick off the summer series. Art group meets Tuesdays, knitters on Thursdays, technology help will be available on Thursdays and

Saturdays, sewing class on Fridays. Story times on Wednesdays. Dorothy would love to have more HCCA kids to come over and visit. On Valentine's day there will be a murder mystery party.

10. Other Business.

- a. Keeping the next board meeting the 14th of February- move all meetings to 545PM Start time.
- a. **Tuition- Richard motions to increase tuition to \$2000 and \$1500, exempting an increase for pre-k tuition. Aaron seconds. Discussion- Reasons to increase 11.5%, costs have gone up. Board will need to create annual increase verbiage disclaimer for families to let them know an increase. Votes-all in favor motion passes.**
- b. The board will discuss and vote on a possible annual tuition increase at February meeting- future tuition discussions need to happen in November.
- c. Verbiage needs to include tuition prices may possibly be contingent on funding from district/state.

7. Things to Pray about

- a. Our government
- b. Our future home
- c. Our local Churches
- d. Unity
- e. Health of our families and community
- f. Wright family

8. Closing prayer Toby

9. Adjournment of regularly scheduled meeting; 7:30 PM

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