

SCATTERGOOD FRIENDS SCHOOL COMMITTEE
28 March 2009

Present: George Bergus, Debbie Galusha, Frank Griffith, Lucy Hansen, Phil Henderson, Andrea Jilovec, Russ Leckband, Callie Marsh, Charity Muñoz, Sylvia Sanford, Dan Schlitt, Dan Treadway, Doyle Wilson, Bob Winchell, Allan Winder, Bob Yeats

Absent: Sharon Haworth

Faculty Present: Margie Figgins, Joey Giffin-Hunter, Bob Gutwen, Jan Luchini, Steve Wolf-Camplin

Debbie Galusha, clerk, opened the meeting with quiet worship at the appointed time. She then read the following words:

“We have been searching for clues to that ‘specific Quaker influence’ that unites the religious with the academic in Friends schools. . . . Might not that ‘specific Quaker influence’ be found in the ‘peculiar mission’ of the Friends school to empower every member to become his or her own seeker after Truth? The processes of corporate silent worship provide the educational principles necessary to so bring students to their teacher within.” (Douglas Heath, “The Peculiar Mission of a Quaker School,” Pendle Hill Pamphlet 225, p. 30.)

We thank the retreat planning committee and Bonnie Williams for her excellent work with us at the retreat of the January meeting.

We approve the minutes of the meeting held 1/24/2009.

We heard a report about David Abaz’s energy survey of the farm and school. Allan Winder agreed to convene a joint committee of the strategic planning, facilities and farm sub-committees to gather data about the processes needed to attain sustainable use of energy for the school. The farm committee will gather information about possible developments at the farm as part of that process. We ask the joint committee to bring us a preliminary report for the May 9 meeting.

We thank Jennie Schmidt for her presentation of the results of the alumni survey she conducted for us. Her work confirms our perception of the strengths of the school, as well as the areas we wish to continue to strengthen. The survey was helpful and clarifying.

We approve the financial reports.

We approve Jan’s proposal to fold charges and fees for class equipment, some transportation costs, and activities into the tuition revenue.

We heard and appreciated the reports from the staff. We encourage them in their good and faithful work.

We heard and appreciated Phil's report of the work of the strategic planning sub-committee. The committee is proposing the following goals:

Financial Goals: 2009-2010—Break even.
2010-2011—\$20,000 margin in operating budget
2011-2012—\$30,000 margin in operating budget.

Student enrollment goals: 2009-2010 – 55 students*
2010-2011 – 58 students
2011-2011 – 58 students

We support these goals as proposed.

Members expressed appreciation of the meeting, especially Jennie Schmidt's presentation. Jan Luchini commented on the good energy and increased motivation of our meetings in the last few meetings.

Callie Marsh
Recording Clerk

* The Strategic Planning Committee met following our meeting, and reduced this figure to 53.