

Scattergood Friends School & Farm  
School Committee Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
Open Meeting  
11 May 2013

**Mission Statement**

**Scattergood Friends School challenges students with a college-preparatory curriculum, farm experience, a shared work program, and community living in the spirit of Quaker faith.**

Present: George Bergus, Rebecca Bergus, Ruth Dawson, Debbie Galusha (clerk), Karen Greenler, Ruth Hampton, Lucy Hansen, Phil Henderson, Callie Marsh, Dan Schlitt, Doyle Wilson, Bob Winchell, Allan Winder

Absent: Claire Cumbie-Drake, Russ Leckband

Staff Present: Christine Ashley, Linda Bendorf, Amanda Paul, Rüdiger Rückmann, Mark Shanahan

Guest: Barb Garlinghouse

We gathered in quiet worship to open the meeting. Debbie Galusha, clerk, read the following scripture:

*... we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit ...*  
*Romans 5:3-5*

Karen Greenler commented on the beauty of the campus in the spring season, with everything in bloom and so lush.

**Minute:** We approve the minutes from our open and closed meetings in April 2013.

**Minute:** We approve the 2013-2014 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets.

**Minute:** We approve the financial report of May 3, 2013. We join Christine's appreciation that the staff does amazing things with very little.

Doyle Wilson reported on the status of a bill for taxes for two years from Cedar County. An attorney is currently looking into the matter. The land in question is that used for row crops. Hopefully, with proper documentation, our non-profit tax status will

pertain to all our property. Christine Ashley expressed her appreciation for the help of the ISACS lawyer in this and other matters.

We heard the reports from the sub-committees with appreciation for the work they are doing. We are aware that the school is more focused and tightly managed than at some times. We appreciate the work that has gone into that.

As we begin to think about people to nominate to serve on the School Committee, we are aware that we have room for someone with marketing skills.

Geery Howe has offered to present, specifically for us, an all-day workshop on strategic planning with an emphasis on preparation for the capital campaign on Thursday, 13 June 2013. The members of the Consultation & Finance Committee will attend. All School Committee members are invited to attend.

Ruth Hampton and Karen Greenler have compiled a list of suggestions to be used in orienting new members to the School Committee. She will send the list to members via email. The clerk will review the Handbook to see if in light of Ruth's suggestions we should re-write that section. We affirm that the clerk will continue to orient new members.

We turn to the business of the School Committee in closed session.

, recording clerk