

Christian Schools Inc.  
Central Christian School  
Board of Trustees

CORPORATION ANNUAL MEETING  
August 28, 2011, 5:00 p.m. – Gym 1

Present: 89

I. WELCOME – Art Neuenschwander, presiding chairperson

Art Neuenschwander, presiding corporation chairperson, welcomed 89 corporation members to the annual corporation meeting.

II. DEVOTIONAL – Marion Beyeler, Ohio Conference moderator

Marion based his devotional on the scripture in Central Christian School's 1962 yearbook "For everything there is a time". (Eccl. 8:6a) God's promises are real and He is faithful. With the prayers and leadership of persons from corporation and the school following God's leading, CCS is in good hands.

Marion led us in a prayer of thanksgiving for the school and each person attending the meeting, acknowledging the Spirit's presence and asking for the Lord's guidance on the next 50 years.

III. MINUTES OF AUGUST 29, 2010, ANNUAL MEETING – Art Neuenschwander

Approval of Minutes of the August 29, 2010 Annual Corporation meeting  
Minutes were approved as presented.

IV. BOARD REPORTS

President's report – Dennis Boen (vice president)

Dennis summarized the Corporation Constitution committee's work on reviewing the CCS Constitution. Art Neuenschwander, corporation chairperson organized the committee and led the meetings. Marion Beyeler and Norma Duerksen represented Ohio Conference, Carl Wiebe and Dennis Boen represented the CCS Board of Trustees, Ralph Lehman served as the CCS statutory agent, and school representatives were Joel Otto, Gene Miller and Doris Risser.

A spirit of cooperation and engagement was evident as the committee met and made revisions to the Constitution. Both the committee and Ohio Conference Leadership team affirmed that CCS is a part of Mennonite Church USA and Ohio Conference.

Revisions brought to the annual corporation meeting include updating language, updating titles and changing wording to allow for more flexibility in CCS operations. The accountability of the Board of Trustees and the administration to the CCS Corporation was maintained throughout.

Work still needs to be completed on recruiting and selecting members for Corporation.  
(Article IV)

Treasurer's report – Dave Miller

Financial report

- Dave thanked each corporation member for attending the meeting, praying for the school and contributing in many ways throughout the year. CCS ended the fiscal year in the black due to contributions, the success of the Annual Auction, a successful CSD and a \$60,000 challenge match in June. Each piece was significant in reaching budget goals.
- The 2011-2012 school year brings 12 international students to CCS from S. Korea and China. Host families volunteered and students are beginning the transition to school and the community. This is a blessing to the community and will impact the budget in a positive way.

Operating budget for 2011-2012

- Dave explained the proposed budget and answered questions.
- The 2011-2012 budget is based on 257 students which we have met. Enrollment is 256 plus 7 homeschoolers.
- Doyle Steiner, from Steiner & Associates, explained the Independent Accountants' Compilation Report, which will be done annually for 4 years. On the 5<sup>th</sup> year, an audit of Central Christian School's finances will be done and presented to the Corporation.

Action #1 Accept the 2011-2012 Operating budget

Ralph Smucker // Edna Ressler carried

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Gene Miller

Gene shared highlights of the 2010-2011 school year and goals for the 2011-2012 school year.

The theme verse this year is:

*Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Psalm 119:105)*

We will focus our thoughts throughout the year on several scriptures. What does it mean to walk in the light of God's word, and how does the scripture *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ (Ro 1:16)* direct our plans and actions for the year. If we are not presenting the gospel of Christ to our students, calling them to a relationship with Christ, we have no reason to exist.

In May, one of our faculty led a student to this personal relationship with Christ. We all celebrated and acknowledged God's hand in his decision. Other things we celebrated were a balanced budget, a successful auction and CSD, and the matching challenge gift which added the edge to reach a balanced budget in June, all these things are God moments. We could thank hundreds of people, but today I am here to thank each of you for your many contributions in significant ways.

Another high point of the the year was the Frohliche Dorf program, created by Tim Shue to raise funds for the choir trip to Puerto Rico. We hope this becomes an annual event, one you won't want to miss.

I want to thank Doris Risser who moved to the front office to take on Judie's position.

Thanks to Bruce Kooker whose leadership as enrollment director was also a good move. Bruce is willing to visit prospective students, even making a trip to South Korea and China this summer. Thanks to Bethany Nussbaum for her work in advancement and marketing, all leading to the balanced budget.

We are offering a live streamed class this semester with Bluffton University. Our students are part

of the classroom at Bluffton U, able to participate actively with the professor and college classmates. Thanks to Steve Nussbaum for getting the classroom ready with the necessary technology.

The Board of Trustees is working together to reshape their tasks. They are an energized group, taking their job very seriously.

For the first time in school history the senior class travelled to Pittsburgh for a service retreat in November. Both the senior retreat and class trip were organized and led by Henry Beun. Both were amazing, life changing events for the seniors.

At Commencement, graduates were offered the chance to be anointed on their heads and hands. This is a reminder that CCS is interested in more than academics for our students. The anointing allowed seniors to focus on the next aspect of their life journey.

The CCS website has been revamped, please check us at [www.ccscometts.org](http://www.ccscometts.org) for the new look. International students are creating tremendous energy among the student body. The policy manual, employee handbook and both student handbooks were reworked.

The administrators met together in June at a retreat to create personal and school goals. We are heading into the 50<sup>th</sup> year celebration with events throughout the year. The class of 1962 donated crown molding scripture for the main lobby and PAC lobby. This was made and installed by P Graham Dunn.

The MSC Choir festival will be hosted here in April, 2012 also the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the choir festival.

God has blessed us in so many ways.

- Accreditation report – Rhoda Mast  
The primary goal for the 2011-2012 school year is to become accredited with AdvancED and MEA. Rhoda Mast, alumnus, class of 1972, parent and grandparent of CCS students, will function as our educational consultant. We are grateful for her dedication to CCS and her professional expertise. Work will be done in faculty committees, with the goal of finishing this work by December 2011. We will be visited by a team of 6 individuals in April 2012 who will validate the documentation we submit. The Leadership team includes Joyce Taylor, Dave Risser, Jill Detweiler Breckbill and Sara Weaver.
- If you are interested in being a part of this process as a stakeholder, please contact Rhoda Mast, Gene Miller or Joyce Taylor.

## VI. PRESENTATION OF SLATE FOR ELECTIONS

Jeff Bargerstock, Nominating Committee chairperson

Jeff Bargerstock thanked those who have served and completed their terms. He also introduced each person on the ballot. The marked ballots indicated a unanimous vote to accept the nominees.

Corporation President		
Art Neuenschwander		2012
Board of Trustees		
Ellis Miller		2014
Susan Miller		2014
Carl Wiebe		2014
Nominating Committee		
Karen Ramseyer		2013
John Schmid		2014
Goldie Yoder		2014
Action #2 Accept the proposed ballot		
Clair Bixler // Brian Miller		Carried

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS – Art Neuenschwander

Art asked corporation members to respond to a question about Corporation membership. How could recruitment and selection of Corporation members be changed and improved? Members were asked to submit their suggestions.

Art gave a bit of history on the Corporation Constitution committee. The Constitution has not been reviewed or revised since 1992. The Board of Trustees and superintendent asked Art to convene a committee to review and revise the constitution.

Art asked for questions on the proposed revisions. Corporation members received the proposed revisions in early August. Each page was reviewed and questions welcomed. Dennis and Art explained again that no accountability to the corporation was removed, the intent was to add flexibility for the board and superintendent to govern the school.

Action #3 Accept the revised proposed CCS Constitution  
Shirley Hochstetler // Dan Hooley carried

The marked ballots indicated a unanimous approval of the CCS Constitution as presented.

#### VIII. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING SERVANTS – Gene Miller

Outgoing board member, Jeff Troyer was thanked for his term of service to Central Christian School. Gene appreciated Jeff's leadership of the Building & Grounds committee and his thought provoking participation at board meetings. A prayer of blessing for Jeff and Brenda and their children was given.

#### IX. CLOSING BLESSING AND PRAYER

Bill Detweiler was asked to close with a blessing and prayer. Bill has blessed the school for many years with his Biblical teaching and his presence in the school community. Bill led in prayer, blessing the school and each person, asking the Lord for guidance during the next 50 years.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:50 pm

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Doris Risser, recording secretary

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Susan Miller, secretary of Board of Trustees