

Conference of Delegates Meeting
February 9, 2011
7:30 PM
Agenda

- 1. Opening Devotion** **Chairman, Pastor Jonathan Rimmert**
- 2. Minutes** **Secretary, Dr. Gregg Henckel**
- 3. Principal's Report** **Mr. Paul Wichmann**
- 4. Education Committee Report** **Mr. Jon Hahm**
- 5. Finance Committee Report** **Mr. Paul Albrecht**
- 6. Ministry of Christian Giving Report** **Pastor Steven Staude /
Mr. Tom DeWitz**
- 7. Building and Grounds Committee
Report** **Mr. Richard Dorn**
- 8. Luther High Foundation Report** **Mr. John Pieper**
- 9. Friends of Luther Report** **Pastor Roger Sachs**
- 10. Good Steward Store Report** **Pastor Roger Sachs**
- 11. Old Business:**
 - A. Association Center Gift - (See Association Center Update)**
 - B. Report on fellowship paper study**
 - C. Consideration of tabled fellowship motion**
 - D. LaCrosse Promise Update**
- 12. New Business - Election of LHS Foundation Committee Members**
Nominating Committee: Mr. Terry Burkum and Dr. Larry Lindesmith -
(Sincere thanks to these men for their years of faithful service on the Luther High
Foundation)
- 13. Adjourn with Lord's Prayer**

Association Center Update

In its May 14, 1997 meeting, the Luther High School Conference of Delegates authorized the building of the Association Center, which consists of three phases: a gymnasium, a chapel/auditorium and three classrooms.

The dedication of the new gymnasium on August 20, 1999 marked with thanksgiving the completion of the first phase of the Association Center. So what has happened since 1997? The present facility is being well utilized. The beautiful Association Center Gymnasium has become a focal point for all large gatherings (concerts, opening service, graduation and various sport practices and games). The need and benefit of moving forward with phases 2 and 3 of the Association Center project is becoming more evident. To install the lighting and sound systems for the concerts, worship services and graduation requires hours of preparation and takedown. Each day that the student body has chapel, chairs in the Commons must be arranged and removed. The chapel/auditorium would be well suited and ready for such uses. The addition of Home Maintenance electives, expansion of the art program and recent technology electives have underscored the need for more adequate classroom space. Additional space would allow Luther to be able to serve the current class enrollment better, to allow more students to enroll in those classes and to expand the curriculum and course offerings. Has the time come to move forward with the next phases of the Association Center project? Current available funding for the next phases is over \$390,000.

Recently an anonymous donor has indicated that Luther High will receive a gift toward the end of the 2011. The gift will either be a cash gift of one million dollars or a real estate gift valued at one million dollars. Should the gift be cash Luther High would receive that gift between Christmas and New Years. Should the gift be real estate, Luther High would need to retain ownership for one year. If that is the case approximately one hundred thousand dollars of interest would be available at the end of 2012 and the cash from the sale of the real estate would be available in 2013.

The donors prefer that this gift be used for capital improvement projects. The donors supported the consideration that this gift may be utilized as a matching gift opportunity for the Luther High Association. The donors do not desire this gift to be directed to the General Fund. With grateful hearts we acknowledge the donors for this generous gift and also express our gratitude to God for this blessing.

The Board will prayerfully begin moving forward with the necessary financial and facility planning. We ask you to prayerfully consider the opportunity to help with the unfinished portions of the Association Center and pray that all be done to honor and glorify God.

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Principal's Report

Enrollment Projections for 2010-2011 - The budget for next year is based on an enrollment of 279 with 65 freshmen. To date we have already received 37 applications for next year's freshmen class. Our current enrollment is 274. We offer our thanks to God for the privilege to assist parents by providing a Christ-centered education.

Class of 2015 Day 120 eighth graders attended this special day last Friday. Your encouragement to continue their Christ-centered education at Luther High School is requested and appreciated.

Promotion of Christian Education - As part of the effort to produce a TV ad promoting Christ-centered education, a film crew from WXOW filmed 14 LHS students on Tuesday, January 4. On Wednesday, January 5 filming of LES students was done at Mt. Calvary. There will be 168 airings of the commercial from January 23, through February 10. All of the area LES's and Luther High will be hosting an open house from 6-8 PM on February 10. The partnership with the association LHS grade schools is indeed a blessing. We pray that God blesses this effort to help more students be afforded the opportunity of a Christ-centered education.

ALHS Annual Meeting - Pastor Rimmert, Mr. Loersch and Mr. Wichmann will be attending this meeting in Milwaukee on February 3 and 4. The theme for the conference is "Compassion Fatigue."

Self-Study In preparation for continuing accreditation committees are being organized to work on a comprehensive review of 15 areas. 68 people are serving on the 17 committees (two of the fifteen areas of study were so large they were divided in two parts). Areas of focus include; 1) The School's Mission and Its Implementation, 2) The School's Relationship with the Congregations, 3) The School's Relationship with the Home, 4) the School's Relationship with the Students, 5) The School's Relationship with the Community, 6) the School's Relationship with the WELS, 7) The School's Plans for Enrolling Students, 8) School Climate, 9) School Governance and Administration, 10) Professional Personnel, 11) Curriculum, 12) Instruction, 13) Student Services, 14) Physical Facilities, and 15) Information Management. The goal is to have the committees complete their work by the end of April. A visitation team to validate the various reports and complete the self-study process will be scheduled for the 2011-12 school year. So why go to all this bother? As stated above, this thorough review is required for continuing accreditation. More importantly, we pray that this initiative will ultimately assist Luther High School to identify areas of God's blessing for which to give thanks and also indicate opportunities to strengthen our program of Christ-centered education to better serve our students, their parents, our LHS congregations and our good and gracious God. To God alone be the thanks, honor and praise.

Thankfulness - We express our gratitude to you and thanksgiving to God for the blessing you are and have been to Luther High School.

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Education Committee Report**

A. Skyward Gradebook – Software has been purchased and the installation was completed in Nov. Training for 15 faculty was completed Jan 10. The remaining faculty will be trained Feb 18. This semester is a trial run for the gradebook to work out any issues. Next school year we will promote it to the parents as an online gradebook.

B. Website - Continuing to review all web pages for updated content. Anyone is encouraged to contact the school if they find any pages that are either out of date or need additional information.

C. Multimedia Projectors – A gift was given recently specifically for additional multimedia projectors to be installed in classrooms.

D. Technology Audit - Thomas L. Hausmann, Director of Instructional and Information Technology for Viterbo University has offered to do a technology audit for Luther. He is a WELS member who has done technology audits for the Synod office, MLC and Fox Valley Lutheran (perhaps more?). Tentative plan is to complete it by Spring 2011.

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- A. Water Damage:** Over Christmas vacation we experienced water damage on the west side of the building in the commons storage room, the auxiliary storage room, the kitchen milk room and the band room storage rooms and on the east side of the building in Appold's and Rosenberg's classrooms and the computer lab as a result of the ice buildup on the edge of the roofs. Interstate Roofing removed the ice (easily a ton) which allowed the dammed up water behind the ice (4 inches deep in areas) to run off the roof.

We had already removed the eaves trough on the east side which helped lessen the amount of damage. We had Interstate install the ColorGard snow retention system (\$1700 to \$1800) on the west side to help keep the snow away from the roof edge and help runoff.

Damages included ceiling tile, insulation, textbooks (Appold), and water stained band and concert band uniforms, choir robes, and hand bells. The insurance adjuster was here January 3. We have a \$2500 deductible. The cost of snow and ice removal is not covered. Our labor to cleanup is.

After subtracting the deductible and depreciation, we received an initial insurance payment of \$7423.02. This did not include the textbooks, refurbishing the hand bells, or dry cleaning the apparel. We have replaced and cleaned items as needed.

The insulation is fastened to the underside of the metal roof with metal straps. The bottom layer of insulation is foil faced and retained the water from the leaks. We have drained these areas and slit them open to get the insulation dried out. Derek Kasten from Interstate Roofing inspected the underside of the metal roof and saw no moisture build up or rust.

Thursday, January 27, the warmer temperature caused more melting and leaking in the band storage room. Interstate removed another 4-5 inches of ice over a 30x40 foot area.

- B. Cell Tower:** Air Fire Mobile (formerly Einstein Wireless) has done a complete maintenance on the cell tower and hopefully taken care of the sharp edges that cut the rope.
- C. Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act:** The hot lunch program has received the preliminary report from the USDA's Child Nutrition Reauthorization. The Wisconsin DPI will inform the schools as the changes are finalized. One concern is that the new standards may increase the cost of the meals, especially related to requiring more fresh fruit and whole grain breads.