

Great Plains Lutheran High School Association May 7, 2022 Meeting Summary

The Great Plains Lutheran High School Association delegate assembly met on Saturday, May 7, 2022. The meeting was held with virtual and in person options, with 40 delegates representing 17 congregations, as well as two individual members, in attendance.

Elections

Elections are held each May. Ken Dierks, Rev. Michael Neumann, Phil Miller, Doug Arndt, Tim Leins, and Jonathan Wolff were thanked for their service to the Endowment Committee and Board of Directors.

Ken Dierks (Endowment), Rev. Michael Neumann, and Jonathan Wolff were reelected, and Brian Gephart, Jeremy Holmen, and Christian Weseloh were newly elected. All those nominated and elected were thanked for their willingness to serve.

Report Highlights

- Treasurer Tim Leins noted that income is on track with budgeted projections and expenses under budget. We are blessed with a generous donor base. A strong finish to the current fiscal year will enable to enter the new year in a strong financial position.
- President David Maertz highlighted an overall enrollment of 133, including 39 freshmen. He also asked the delegates to pray for current and future students, tell the GPL story, and encourage families regarding enrollment. He noted the blessings and opportunities that come along with estate gifts, and acknowledged the service of Rev. Tony Hansen, Anna Swanson, Becca Doering, and Kathleen Hesford as they move to new locations and ways of serving. He thanked the Lord for providing willing and faithful workers as we look to the future: Rev. Karl Schauland (Campus Pastor) and Angela Schmidt (Business Manager)
- Principal Matthew Bauer shared that we will be evaluating how to best use the full-time position currently filled by Anna Swanson. The plan going forward includes Jayne Jaeger moving from part-time to full-time, and seeing how we can best serve students with class offerings

and support going forward. We have made our annual request for dorm supervisor to be assigned from MLC.

- Director of Mission Advancement Jeff Roloff shared a request to pray for the 33 graduating students as they move on into a world that will combat them. Please pray that these students stand firm. He offered thanks that GPL has been able to support them over 4 years and help them build on the Rock. Your offerings and support are making a difference for our students and graduates.
- Each of our five standing committees reported on the tasks accomplished during the previous six months and noted efforts planned for the months ahead.

2021-2022 Proposed Budget

A budget of \$2,078,456 (1.5% increase) was approved for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. This budget looks for support of \$185,000 from association congregations (a \$10,000 increase compared to the current year).

United in Praise

Facility Expansion and Capital Campaign notes:

- Work on the kitchen and cafeteria has been completed and we have been using and enjoying this space since January.
- The auditorium and music room have essentially been completed. It has been exciting to conduct chapel in this space since May 1, and a joy to take in performances of the musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, over the weekend.
- Because of weather delays (wind and rain), completion of the auxiliary gym is currently projected for the end of June.
- Donations of \$3,725,000 have been received in support of these facilities and their furnishings. Gifts toward this phase are being received through May, prior to finalizing the terms of our loan in June.
- In June the focus of *United in Praise* will shift to the auxiliary gym equipment and furnishings.
- Throughout the meeting there were numerous references to the impact of our new facilities, the blessings we are realizing, the joy-filled comments we are receiving, and praise and thanks to God for making our ministry and expanding facilities possible.