

**ELMIRA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**  
PTF General Meeting Minutes  
Cafeteria - Nov 1, 2011

**Officers Present:** Bo Hartman, Mickey Masker, Clark Barnes, Jaynie Laprade, Becky Snyder

**Officers Absent:** Ed Sechrist

**Others Present:** Administrator David Cook, Principal Marty Douglass, Cindy Bean, Karen White, Tim & Colleen Chamberlain, Betty Barnes, Scott Krazinski, Amy Masker, John & Antoinette Cantrell, and Emily Burleigh

**Call to Order:** Bo called the meeting to order at 6:54 by inviting Pastor Dave to open with prayer and Scripture meditation. He choose Proverbs 30:24 to remind us that small things can accomplish mighty deeds with the help of the Lord! He encouraged us individually and as a body (ECA) to follow these four guidelines: plan for the future, rely on Someone stronger than us, work together, and stay persistent.

**Reports:**

Chair - Bo explained the main thrust of the evenings meeting was to discuss promoting school visibility. She discussed the need for liaison volunteers (parents who will represent ECA in their individual churches) and that a "promotion package" including a video being made by Jay Cosgrove and Matt Lutcher is in the works right now. She asked Jaynie about possibility of the select choir visiting various local churches throughout the year and was given a favorable response. She shared her belief that as the public schools become more and more anti-God the enrollment in Christian schools will increase.

Secretaries - I read minutes from the last meeting (mistakenly from the last Board meeting rather than the last General meeting). I also mentioned I had noticed there is no lowered speed limit signs on Miller St such as are generally placed near schools. John Cantrell (who works for the city's department of transportation) said he would make some phone calls to see if this can be rectified.

Treasurer's - Clark gave the current balance as \$334.75. After this we brainstormed for ways of raising enough money to purchase a sign for the parking lot. Everyone agreed sweatshirts with a school logo would be an excellent idea. Tim Chamberlain also mentioned lawn signs and bumper stickers. Some sign companies were mentioned who might be reasonable: Kerbein's, Dave Westlake, and JT Designs.

Principal's - Marty has been encouraged by how we have been able to meet the state requirements in areas such as Health and Phys Ed, and that people are volunteering to help. Also the library is being updated! We always need volunteers, and he mentioned that the faculty is very stretched - notes of encouragement would be greatly appreciated. Enrollment is currently about 92. He mentioned to the parents he and the board are studying whether to switch from a Regents-based school to becoming accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International. He also informed us that the four acceptable jacket colors this year are blue, red, white, and gray; but this is a bit subject to change. At this point, the idea is to have some student input on the matter.

Administrator's report - Pastor Dave praised the Alumni Newsletter that a member of ECC (Barb Conrad) created to help the school keep in touch with past graduates as well as yet another means of promoting school visibility. He mentioned that the new name of the Alumni Association is the 'ECA Family Association;' as it is for anyone who attended ECA, whether they graduated or not. He shared a burden that he's had for awhile regarding the teacher's substandard salaries. He feels God will not bless ECA if we don't bless our faculty by paying them fair wages. He wants to institute a five-year plan for the purpose of gradually raising the teacher's salaries and would like help in running this. Dave ended with mentioning the Race for Education - letting us know that the date is scheduled for April 26, 2012, and there will be more information regarding the fundraiser in upcoming school newsletters.

**Adjournment:** Marty closed in prayer at 7:50

**Next General Meeting:** January 12, 2012

minutes submitted by Becky Snyder on November 11, 2011