



Midwest Messenger



“To the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion, and power, both now and forever. Amen” Jude 25

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Greetings from the Board of Trustees!

Progress continues as the society draws closer to opening Trinity Christian High School. The Board and its committees are excited about the way things are coming together, as the Lord continues to provide for us as we work towards the day we can open our own school. We would like to take this opportunity to again highlight some of the work which has been done, and outline the plans for the coming weeks.

The finance committee has been working on the spring drive, which was conducted the end of March and concluded earlier this month. The board collected gifts of cash and pledges, which are due by January 10, 2009. The board is pleased to report that the drive brought our total cash and pledges collected to \$1,626,125, which puts

us over the \$1.5 million benchmark. We give thanks to God who has so bountifully provided for us so that we can financially support this worthy cause.

The finance committee has also been working on a revised budget for the operations of our school based on the most recent information we have regarding the number of teachers, number of grades we will be starting, facilities, etc. As decisions are made and information is gathered, we are able to develop more accurate estimates of the costs involved with our school.

The Promotion committee and Education committees jointly held an informational evening with eighth grade students and their parents at the Hull grade school. Everyone enjoyed fellowship and pizza, and information was provided on the curriculum and

classes to be offered in our high school, both for ninth grade and in the other grades. The parents then met with the Board and education committee for a question and answer session about the school and curriculum. After the session, parents were asked to give a non-binding indication of what they were thinking at this point, as to whether they were leaning towards sending their student to the new school if it opens this fall or not. Of the twenty-one students who attended, the parents of thirteen indicated that they planned to send their child. The Board was grateful for the information received that evening.

On March 20, 2008, a special society meeting was held to approve the latest version of the plans, as well as to authorize the Board to sign a contract with J&J Building Contractors and to approve financing for the project. All of the proposals passed with strong support, and the

Board thanks the society for its continued support and encouragement as our project progresses. The financing which was approved provided for the project to be financed by cash and pledges, as well as debt up to an amount of \$500,000. Now that the final plans have been approved, the Building Committee has been working with our contractors and the architect to finalize details for construction of our new building. The Building Committee has also been working to finalize details for a temporary facility should the society decide to begin classes in 2008.

The Education Committee has been working with our administrator to draft policies and curricula for the new school. The Education Committee and administrator have also been working to determine what our staffing needs will be, and how best to fill them.

As the final details for the beginning of the school fall into place, the Board is planning to hold a meeting to obtain society approval to begin

classes in the fall of 2008 on April 22, 2008, at 7:30 P.M. in Doon.

Finally, the Promotional Committee held a spring lecture on Saturday, March 29, 2008, at the Hull Protestant Reformed Church. The featured speaker was Professor Engelsma, who gave two lectures on the Kingdom of God and the Protestant Reformed School. This event was co-sponsored with the Federation of Protestant Reformed Schools, which graciously paid the expenses for the day, including the lunch served between speeches. It was wonderful to hear about how our view of the Kingdom of God can be integrated so fully into the teaching in our own schools, including our high school.

We as a Board pray for your continued prayers during this exciting time as we work to begin our school in a God-glorifying manner. We thank the society and our entire constituency for all the support and encouragement which we have received during this busy and exciting time.