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Annual Meeting Recap

Mrs. Mack opened the Annual meeting by reading Isaiah 55:8-9. There was a time of corporate prayer as those present lifted up the Ellett family in prayer and praised God for Carol Ellett.

Rich Thomas, President of the Board of Trustees, reminded us of the goals of the Annual Meeting. It is the time for the WCA Association to gather and be informed of the financial matters and initiatives of the school. He thanked everyone for the sacrifices they make to send their children to WCA and the time everyone invests through volunteering.

We were blessed to have Becca Fyffe and Grace Perkins from the Class of 2006 share how God has used their time at WCA in their lives to prepare them academically, spiritually, and relationally. Both girls are seniors at Bay High School. Becca will be pursuing Elementary Education at Grove City College in the fall. Grace desires to study finance and though accepted at quite a few universities she is still in the decision making process. Grace is currently a National Merit semi-finalist and will hear in a few weeks if she is a National Merit Finalist. Excerpts of the girls speeches will be highlighted in the next Excelsior.

Kevin Mahon, Treasurer, began with a historical perspective of where we have been the last few years with a higher than normal fundraising need due to a lower enrollment. He shared that the board had stepped out in faith to not make decisions that would adversely effect the value of the program we are committed to at WCA, such as a reduction in staff due to smaller than average class sizes.

He shared statistics that were gathered from the Greater Cleveland Christian Administrator's Association on enrollment of area Christian schools. Two schools closed over the summer and many others have experienced a loss in enrollment. He expressed thankfulness that

our enrollment remained relatively stable this year. He announced the tuition amounts for next year. They are the following: Kindergarten - \$3300, 1st-5th - \$4950, and 6-8 - \$5250. This a very modest increase remembering that there was no tuition increase this current year.

Be The One will be the avenue through which we will raise the remaining \$91,300 we have to raise this school year. Mr. Mahon communicated that if we divided this amount by our 50 families it would be approximately \$1800 per family that we could prayerfully consider how we could raise. He also showed in his presentation other ways the fundraising need could be met amongst the families. There will be more information coming from the Board as we all pray through our commitment to give above tuition as the Lord enables. If you are interested in having a copy of Mr. Mahon's presentation it will be available by the end of the week in the office.

There was a brightly colored hand out that each family in attendance received. Mrs. Mack first drew everyone's attention to the February Prayer Calendar. Asking that we all commit daily to pray for the needs of WCA using the prayer calendar as a guide. We will be having 24 hour prayer marathon on Friday, Feb. 26. You may sign up in the office for the hour you are committed to praying for the school. This is God's school and we rely fully on Him.

The way to not need to raise money is to control cost and increase enrollment. Mrs Mack shared about the opportunities for friends to find out about WCA. There will be a Christian Schooling Fair at Grace Church in Middleburg Heights on Sun., Feb. 7, and at Providence Church in Avon, on Sun. Feb. 21. We will be hosting our own Open House on Saturday, March 6, from 1-4 pm. We will also be having a Fun Fair in the gym for children to attend while their parents are looking at the school. The hand out included an orange flier for people to volunteer to help with the Fun Fair and to help distribute fliers in their community

at preschools, coffee shops, libraries, and anywhere there is a community bulletin board. A blue flier was also included where you can give us addresses of families that you would like to receive a postcard about our open house. Please turn this in by Feb. 10, so we can enter the addresses into our database. Don't forget that you receive \$250 for any family who enrolls at WCA and states your name as the person who referred them. The board approved that any family who refers a family that enrolls and has a **second grade student** for next year will receive \$500. We want to prayerfully increase enrollment in our small classes.

The meeting was closed with a time of recognition for staff members who have served for 10 years. Mrs. Bernice Pachinger received her ten year award for her dedicated service to the families and staff of WCA. Mrs. Cynthia Purses also served faithfully at WCA for 10 years but was out of town and will receive her award at a later time.

If you have any questions about anything that was discussed at the Annual meeting please contact the office or a Board member. Any of the Board members would be more than happy to discuss any ideas or questions you may have.

Calendar Updates

- Wed., Feb. 3 – Chapel, 8:45
Pastor Greg Whiting, Grace Baptist
WCA Speech Meet, K-6
- Thurs., Feb. 4 – Mom's In Touch Prayer Group,
8:30 AM, Rm 28
WCA B-ball game, Home, 4:30
Students wear Spiritwear
- Fri., Feb. 5 – 6th grade field trip to King Wah
Tom Sawyer: Friday play practices start!! See
Feb. calendar
No Chess Club
- Mon., Feb. 8 – American Heritage Girls Mtg., 3:30
- Wed., Feb. 10 – Chapel, 8:45
Brian Pachinger, Ministry Intern, Providence
Church
- Thurs., Feb. 11 – WCA B-ball game, Home, 4:30
- Fri., Feb. 12 – No Chess Club
- Mon., Feb. 15 – No School

Tues., Feb. 16 – WCA B-ball game, Home, 4:30

Wed., Feb. 17 – Chapel, 8:45
Pastor Dennis Barta, Grace Church, Middleburg
Heights

Thurs., Feb. 18 – Mom's In Touch Prayer Group,
8:30, Rm. 28
WCA B-ball final game, Home, 4:30
8th Grade Recognition

Fri., Feb. 19 – WCA Staff Appreciation Day

Mon., Feb. 22 – American Heritage Girls Mtg., 3:30

Wed., Feb. 24 – Chapel, 8:45
Mrs. Boyle's 5th grade class

Thurs., Feb. 25 – 5th-8th grade Ski Field Trip

Fri., Feb. 26 – Midterm Report

Sat., March 6 - WCA Open House and Fun Fair,
1 – 4 PM

Important Announcements.

Be The One update - \$11,910.00!!

Did you know that you can use GoodSearch instead of Google and money will be donated to WCA. Go to GoodSearch designate WCA in Westlake as your charity and search away!!

WCA is collecting empty ink cartridges. We get \$3 for each HP, Dell, Lexmark, Brother, Epson, Samsung, Kodak, Sharp, and Canon cartridge. Check expiration date on cartridge. Bring cartridges to box in office.

There is a scholarship opportunity for students ages 6-18 sponsored by Kohl's. If you would like more information please go to kidswhocare@kohls.com

Don't forget about the Birthday Book Club for Library. You can donate a book in honor of your child's birthday to the library. Mrs. Schoenherr sent home information at the beginning of the year.

Please contact Krista Nicholas if you are interested in help with Staff Appreciation at the end of the month.

Prayer Requests

Pray for the following:

Please remember to use the Prayer Calendar throughout the month!!

1. We would glorify God in all that we do.
2. God would continue to bring new families to WCA. Enrollment would continue to grow for this current school year.
3. Please pray that God would provide for each of the WCA families.
4. God would give the staff wisdom to deal with every situation. We as parents and staff would partner together well and extend each other grace.
5. Safety throughout every part of the school day.
6. God would bless our fundraising efforts this year so we can continue to keep tuition affordable and help families in need.
7. The WCA Basketball team would bring God glory in their conduct and play. God would keep them injury free during the season.
8. Be The One Campaign would be extremely successful and we would raise \$91,300 by May 1.