

Board Report
October 13, 2011

Strategic Initiatives

The attached Strategic Plan Update provides most of the details of the last months' accomplishments and activities.

Additional Fundraising Activities/Notes

- The 5K Walk/Run brought in new sponsors, thanks to a great volunteer effort. I will work with the chair, Sheri Link, to send thank you notes and provide information on additional sponsorship opportunities
- Worked to identify underwriting for 60th anniversary/Fall Fest tent
- I'm working with the Athletic Department to recognize and thank sponsors and donors for Athletic Boosters' Golf Outing
- We were not in the top ten non-profit organizations voted to receive an additional \$25,000 from EMC Insurance. The final top ten, which is decided by their Foundation board, has not yet been announced
- Scholarships for students attending the Israel 2012 trip would perhaps enable more students to attend.
- An urgent need for a replacement "gator" was a non-budgeted need that was met in the last month
- We are moving ahead for a visit with Christian Thomas Lee next Fall, October 17-19

Administrative Update

- This is event season, so I have had many opportunities to talk with parents, staff, alumni and visitors to LCS.
- I attended Hidden Treasures September board meeting; Joel Zylstra will be serving as the 2011-12 representative from the Foundation to the HT board.
- I met with the auditors to review the draft of the 2010-11 LCS consolidated financial statements. Nothing substantial was noted; the few process items from last year were resolved at the time.
- The Fundraiser Professional software transition to the on-line, externally hosted version occurred about at the same time that LCS was having internal server issues. Most problems that impact the Foundation have been resolved.
- Met with Barnabas Foundation regarding their membership services \$3.50/student → planned giving
- Confirmed Theresa Cloutier is not available to continue serving on the board.
- Visited Holland Christian School to meet with their Advancement Director. They fund their tuition grants (scholarships, in our terms) through earnings from Dittos (their Hidden Treasures) and from the Foundation's Endowment.
- The LCS school improvement work leading up to the joint NCA/CSI accreditation site visit next week has provided a great opportunity for teaching staff and administration to reflect on the school's successes and areas to improve. The information coming from the accreditation documents will be very helpful as we talk with donors and future donors.

This 60th Anniversary year reminds us of the many ways God has worked on behalf of Lansing Christian School. I can't wait to see how God will provide for all our needs this year.

With Hope in God,



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