

Board of Directors Meeting
July 1, 2025
6:00 p.m. at GCC conference room

Board members in attendance were: Mike Fawl (President), Marshall Madill (Treasurer), Kelli Forbes (Secretary), Cheryl Garrett, Brandi Wells, Dustin Elder, Jim Briggs and Kit Bostrom. Board member unable to attend was Berrigan Willmott. Also in attendance was Becky Florance.

Opening prayer was led by Mike Fawl.

Approve agenda and minutes of 6/3/25 meeting: The agenda and minutes were distributed prior to the start of the meeting.

Motion: I move we approve the agenda and minutes of the 6/3/25 meeting as presented.
By: Dustin Elder; Second: Cheryl Garrett. Motion carries.

Recognition of visitors/welcome new board members: Jim Briggs and Kit Bostrom were welcomed as new members of the board.

Mike stated he spoke with Berrigan, and that he is getting busier with his family and would like to step down from his duties as Vice-president and his position on the Executive Committee.

Election of officers: Mike stated the election of officers is done in July. Currently the President is Mike Fawl, Vice-president is Berrigan Willmott, Treasurer is Marshall Madill, and Secretary is Kelli Forbes.

Motion: I nominate Mike Fawl to continue being the President of the board and move we have nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot. By: Cheryl Garrett; Second: Marshall Madill. Motion carries.

Motion: I nominate Brandi Wells for Vice-President and move we have nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot. By: Marshall Madill; Second: Kit Bostrom. Motion carries.

Motion: I motion for Kelli Forbes to remain as Secretary and move we have nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot. By: Brandi Wells; Second: Dustin Elder. Motion carries.

Motion: I motion that Marshall Madill remain as Treasurer and we have nominations cease and cast a unanimous ballot. By: Brandi Wells; Second: Cheryl Garrett. Motion carries.

Executive Committee report: Brandi and Becky explained to the new board members the history and formation of the Executive Committee. Mike added that they have the authority to represent the board. Discussion was had. The Executive Committee is currently made up of three people, Brandi Wells, Cheryl Garrett and Berrigan Willmott. With Berrigan stepping down, we need to fill the third position.

Motion: I nominate Dustin Elder to the Executive Committee, and move that Dustin, Cheryl and Brandi be the nominated members of the Executive Committee. By: Marshall Madill; Second: Kit Bostrom. Motion carries.

Discussion was had. Mike suggested that a line be added to the Bylaws stating that Executive Committee and Administrator are interchangeable. Board members agreed by common consent.

Brandi stated the committee has been updating documents and has made a time off request form to track time off for teachers. The student handbook is still being edited and there have only been changes to the discipline policy, which they took out demerits. There have been questions about the dress code, and Brandi sent that part of the handbook to those parents. Discussion was had.

Financial report: Marshall distributed and reviewed the financial report. He stated we need to raise funds to provide the 25% scholarship per student. Mike shared that when visiting a church, the comment was made that there is not a place on the form to give to the school in general. It was agreed to add “general operating expenses” to the form and a place to write in.

Marshall stated that GCC quickly voted to spend \$30,000 for the flooring in the basement and he is pleased with the genuine interest and concern from the GCC congregation. Other churches are also generously supporting the school.

Principal’s report: Becky reported that they are already working on the door between the classrooms upstairs. They are working on getting microwaves installed properly, and there will be a cleaning day tomorrow to get ready for the 3rd of July celebration at GCC. We want to thank Shane Toomay for painting the basement white.

She stated there have been good volunteer turnouts. One person will do all year Bible for junior high. A couple already signed up for high school Bible and she is looking for a couple others for each quarter. We also have several that are going to do literature.

One family benefited well from the ACE scholarship. Other families had issues with the paperwork or they ran out of money before they got to them. Becky stated that next year she would like that parent who has received the ACE scholarship the past two years to give a presentation to other parents on applying for ACE. There have been some new designated donations made.

Dustin made a presentation at the Lighthouse Church in Baldwin and there was good interest. Becky will visit Michigan Valley next Sunday. The junior high and high school students are visiting the Rescue Mission through the summer, and they started a Teens Kan youth ministry near the end of the school year. It has been good and they are practicing leadership skills.

We need to make sure we have volunteers for the back-to-school picnic on August 16th and for enrollment. Discussion was had.

PTO report: Brandi stated the PTO has been approved as a charity account through PayPal but they are struggling with Venmo. They are considering doing a community closet and possibly the older students could run it like a project. Mike suggested the old grocery store may be a good place for it.

There will be a fundraiser at Four Corners on Wednesday evening, July 16th. They are doing a chicken fried steak fundraiser. Everyone who gets the buffet, a portion of the money goes for the school. We will need individually wrapped baked goods to sell at this. We also need volunteers to help at the Overbrook fair fundraiser.

Site Committee: Becky stated they took the month off since all the projects are in action. They are hoping to wrap those up and start the school year. Caitlin Willmott is working on the playground grant and will present the information at the next GCC Cabinet meeting.

Grant-writing Committee: Mike stated he talked to Bonnie Butell and she informed him that a 501c3 organization can write any grant through the local community grant organization.

School calendar approval: Becky showed the school calendar on the screen and discussion was had.

The Groundhog Day fundraiser will tentatively be on February 7, 2026. There was a lengthy discussion and Mike suggested the students give a short musical presentation instead of a keynote speaker. Marshall suggested KC Wolf come and give his testimony, which Becky and board members liked the idea.

Upcoming events: The back-to-school picnic will be August 16th.

Other business: Marshall stated he would like to talk about the yearbook.

Motion: I move we go into executive session for 20 minutes. By: Marshall Madill;
Second: Jim Briggs. Motion carries.

(Executive session with board members and Becky present was held from 7:37 p.m. and extended to 8:20 p.m.)

Mike stated there will be action taken from the executive session.

Motion: I make a motion that Carl has until July 15th to have the '24-'25 yearbook done, and if not, by July 15th we will obtain the drive and that will end the contract or end our working with Carl. By: Dustin Elder; Second: Cheryl Garrett. Motion carries.

Closing prayer was led by Marshall Madill. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:23 p.m. The next meeting will be on August 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the GCC conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelli Forbes, Secretary