

# Annual Society Meeting Minutes

Mar 27, 2018

- 7:03pm      **Welcome** – Kara VerMeulen
- 7:04pm      **Opening Devotions & Prayer** – Allison Ferwerda
- God's faithfulness runs throughout the Psalms, through the Bible and through generations
  - Psalm 100 encourages us to focus our hearts on gratitude for this faithfulness
- 7:06pm      **Review & Approval of Minutes** from Society Meeting of March 28, 2017 – Kara VerMeulen  
**Motion:** *to accept minutes as submitted* – Jim Overbeck; seconded and approved
- 7:07pm      **Treasurer's Report** – Jim Overbeck
- Budget overview/highlights – some unusual elements had to be accommodated this year (as well as all of the normal considerations): adjustments to number of FTEs, health insurance increase, basic wage increase, pension reserves, planning for aging facilities, etc.
  - Unfortunately, tuition increased – 6.49% for required; 8.0% for full cost
  - Tuition results from dividing calculated expenses by number of anticipated full-time equivalent students (FTE)
- 7:12pm      **Presentation of Board Member Candidates** – Kara VerMeulen  
Introductions of candidates: Andy Anderson, Joel Brandt, Justin Cole, Mike Hollander, Amy Leonard, John Kuiper, Michelle Nitengale, Tony Semple
- 7:14pm      **Vote on Proposed Budget and New Board Members** – Kara VerMeulen
- Votes will be tallied during the meeting
  - **Motion:** *to accept the 51 absentee votes submitted prior to the meeting (via paper and email)* – Darek Jansen; seconded and approved
- 7:16pm      **Staff Service Awards** – Julie DeKoster, Melissa Brower
- 5 years: Adam Huttenga, Heather Westrate
  - 15 Years: Becky Witte, Linda Slotsema, Bethany Koetje
  - 20 Years: Beth Diepstra, Kim Graham, Jen Gormley

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**Principal's Report – Melissa Brower**

Gives 60+ personal tours each year; each time gets to mention our focus points – Mind, Body, and Soul in Christian Community

- Mind: Outdoor Education – has had a fantastic start and we're just beginning to get going; each grade is finding (and developing) a niche area and applying OE across all subjects
- Body: Middle school teams continue to make strong appearances in league play and championships; PurePlay has a 90% participation rate from families in grades K-5
- Soul: the year's theme "Solus Christus" continues to ring through the halls; students are quick to volunteer faith development stories when asked during tours
- Christian Community – a group of people bound in common, sharing love; celebrating (and mourning) together, with, and through each other

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**Development Report – Colin Kraay**

- Pleased to have met this year's Annual Fund goal
- Spent much of the past year preparing for the future; happy to announce that Dan's successor, Mark Stuit, is on board and has begun his new position

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**Foundation Report – David Leonard**

- Education Foundation makes continual access to Christian Education available
- Board has had to wrestle with increasing expenses, but tuition increases haven't been as steep as a direct result of the contributions of the Foundation
- Broke fund-raising record at last year's dinner; looking forward to another great one this year on Nov 8, 2018

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**School Board Report – Kara VerMeulen**

- 2017-2018 Board Priorities: Pension, Enrollment, Covenant Care, Outdoor Education, Director of Advancement, Update Board Training & Materials
- Gratitude for God's continued blessings; gratitude for amazing and dedicated staff, faculty, parents and administration who are deeply committed to the present and future success of our children and school"

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**Acknowledgement of Service to Outgoing Members – Colin Kraay**

Thanks to Garret Clark, Brandon Goodyke, Brecken Grieve, and Darek Jansen for their years of service to ACS

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**Closing Prayer and Adjournment – Colin Kraay**