

## Community Meeting 4/9/2008

1. Previous Business Update: Board approved NLI for development of 8 acre campus.
2. Middle School Update: Proposal to come at the Community Meeting in May. All four groups (vision, cost, funding and site) are in process.
3. Auction: Over 200 RSVPs/ tickets sold with more coming in daily. Anna thanks Angela, Liz and Marsha for their tremendous support throughout the planning and implementation process. With the event right around the corner there are just a few key details to finalize- publish parking information for auction goers (free parking at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian and the bank, etc.); need recycling bins to be prominently placed at event; keep getting the word out! Encourage everyone to do the "speedy checkout" in order to expedite the process. FYI: There will be a live auction to begin at 8pm. Check out will begin promptly at 9pm.
4. Elementary Construction: The estimates to build off of the center lobby area yielded quotes 3x what was expected. At this time we will take a more serious look at up- fitting C.H. 7 (next to the current Elementary classroom) to work for elementary aged students. The goal will ultimately- through the NLI partnership- be to unify the 2 individual spaces so that their patio/ garden areas are more homogeneous. This plan will allow the school to save money to put towards materials for the classroom. The Board will make the final vote.

To that end, the search is still on for the RIGHT teacher for the new elementary classroom.

And, concerns were voiced over exactly how the new classroom will be filled with students: divide current class or start with a class of first

years to build and grow together over the following years. Current models suggest “growing” a new classroom from scratch.

NOTE: The Community Meeting is the format that was chosen to discuss and disseminate information within the school and is open to all community members. If you want to know what is going on, attend the meetings. Notes are also made available to keep everyone up to date on the most current goings on.

Suggestions were made to add a technological component to the monthly meeting that would facilitate participation from a distance. This topic was parked for 4 months.

5. Upper Elementary: There will be twice the number of students in the Upper Elementary program in the coming school year. A search has been launched to find an assistant. Material and furniture, etc. have already been added using annual fund dollars from 2006- 2007.

6. Annual Fund: The total currently stands around 25K. It is necessary to fill needs outside of what tuition covers. 100% participation (regardless of amount or level) is a key goal. There will be additional focus placed on the annual fund after this weekend’s auction.

7. Picnic: The picnic is scheduled for Friday, May 16 at Joanie Moser Park. It will be potluck and Valerie Brockenbrough will head up the effort to organize set up and clean up, etc.

8. Master Property Development: NLI (see #1)

9. Book Fair: The consensus was to continue holding an annual book fair of (some sort). This issue was put in the parking lot pending

further exploration of the various options presented for both in and out of school fairs in either a traditional or non- traditional format possibly to include Montessori materials geared for home use. Some of the suggested opportunities include: Scholastic, Bedford Falls, Barnes and Noble, Barefoot, Usborne, Chinaberry, Edward McKay.

10. Previous Sound Issue: covered in construction discussion and pending funding. Put in the parking lot.