

**MORRISON CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
MORRISON ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

MINUTES

September 8, 2009 (1:00 p.m.)
System Services, Taichung Campus

Trustees present:

Mark McCrary (via video conference)
Laura Spinella (serving as acting Chairman)
Barry Owen (serving as recording secretary)
Don Bettinger
Melody Penney (via video conference)
Ron West
Beth Williamson

Associate Trustees present:

Jim Andrews
David Eastwood
Alicia Edwards (via video conference)
Leslie Powell

Others present:

Tim McGill
Michele Law
Matt Strange
Robert Turner

Last Action:

09-25

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Laura Spinella, acting Chairman for today's meeting.

Devotions were led by Tim McGill. When He feed the 5,000. Jesus said to his disciples, "You feed them." They couldn't. Neither can we. Jesus said, "Bring the food to me." He gave thanks, and passed it out, and they were satisfied. We can't bring satisfaction to people. Only by bringing people to Christ can they be satisfied. Bringing people to Christ is more important than winning trophies, or getting straight A's, or playing an instrument flawlessly. Morrison's first priority is to be Christ-centered. Students learn to love Christ when they see how we love Christ.

Two character traits that we can display which will help bring people to Jesus are compassion and thanksgiving. Our VFOL states: "Serving others generously and compassionately." Jesus had compassion on the crowd. Joyful and voluntary service comes when we are filled with compassion because of what Christ has done. Our hope is to see more and more students involved in compassionate activities. Thanksgiving is the characteristic that most

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distinguishes the mature Christians from the immature. Scripture tells us to be thankful at all times, regardless of circumstances.

Laura Spinella led the Trustees in a time of prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
09-26

MOTION PREVAILED, to approve the agenda as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
09-27

MOTION PREVAILED, to approve the minutes of May 26, 2009, as read.

Administrative Reports

Tim McGill introduced the new teachers to the Morrison system, the survey findings related to the Christian school culture, the opportunities for new facilities, and the Board Retreat plans. Tim encouraged the trustees to attend at least one meeting of a Parent Advisory Committee during the school year. Tim also updated the latest developments in the School Improvement Plan, pointing out the five areas that the school plans to focus on this year. The fourth and fifth areas are most pertinent to the Board's responsibilities.

Robert Turner brought a report from the Boarding Division. He thanked the board for valuing the dormitory program enough to build the new dorms. The desire this year is to develop relationships that will foster home-like feelings for those in the dorms and to help the students develop healthy emotional, physical, and spiritual lives. Family style meals are to begin next semester.

Matt Strange brought a report on the curriculum task forces that will be operating this year. The Bible/Christian Service Learning Task Force will commence tomorrow, Sept. 9th. The Spanish Task Force will be a smaller group. Fine Arts will have a mid-cycle review. Matt also presented the professional development goals for the year.

Michele Law

At the end of June 30, 2009, total Income was 102% of the budget, which is higher than last year's benchmark (99%). Total Expenses were 95% of budget, which is higher than last year's benchmark (92%). The Fall enrollment is 828. Most of the fall semester enrollment increase was in Taichung (K-8) and Kaohsiung. Bethany overran due to electrical costs following installation of new a/c units. The old MAK campus has been sold, so there will be no more rental income. System increases were due mostly to changes in the exchange rate. Annual fund giving was over and above what was imagined, reflected in both income and expense.

The enrollment report shows Bethany's numbers lower than anticipated, as several students have transferred to Chinese schools. MAK and MAT have increased enrollments, so overall there are more students in the system than budgeted.

Committee Reports

Jim Andrews brought a report from the Mission Alignment Task Force. The completion date for the task force will need to be extended. Benchmarks based on Morrison's goals and vision statement are being developed which will enable us to look back and see how we are fulfilling the school's mission. It was suggested to conduct regular surveys of alumni to see how they have developed in the aspect of service. According to the chart we have a fairly wide variety of assessment tools available. We need now to narrow, refine, and sharpen the tools that will help us to make the best assessment.

Committee assignments:

Finance Committee

Barry Owen (Chair)
Beth Williamson
Laura Spinella

Leadership Committee

Ron West (Chair - Fall)
Alicia Edwards (Chair - Spring)
Leslie Powell
Jim Andrews

Policy Committee

Melody Penney (Chair)
Don Bettinger
David Eastwood

Goal setting for each committee will take place in separate meetings following our dismissal and reported in the committee minutes next board meeting.

Trustee Evaluation

Video connection with Mark McCrary was problematic.

Thanks to Bonnie McGill for the delicious Induction Luncheon.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Secretary
Melody Penney
(recording secretary: Barry Owen)