

CLM Board Minutes
1/8/2009

- I. The meeting opened with a snack, devotion and announcements.
- II. Reports and updates
 - a. Many committees did not meet in December. Heidi Ackley (Personnel) will present the proposed Employee Tuition Benefit changes at the January meeting. Susan Heckel (Social and Appreciation) continues to work on details for the Scrap From My Heart Fundraiser on 2/13 (overnight option) and 2/14. Stephanie Martino (PGO Liason) will be meeting with PGO to determine the spring fundraiser and reports that the staff are purchasing classroom items with the Butterbraid funds.
 - b. Administrator's Report
 - i. Jessica Galbraith will return part-time after her maternity leave.
 - ii. Registration for in-house families will be collected on 2/20 beginning at 7 am. Public registration will be on 3/9 beginning at 7 am. There was also discussion about hosting an Open House event that will be on 3/5.
 - iii. CLM is having a 10% fundraiser day at Culver's on Sunday, 2/8. There was also discussion about alternative funding ideas (Campbell's labels, Scrip and Thrivent).
- III. Special Topics
 - a. Budget
 - i. There is now a projected surplus of \$2327.00 for the end of the 2009 fiscal year based on information prepared by Rita Jenkins, Dennis Knutson and Becca Ziety. We are beginning to realize savings from voluntary staffing adjustments, cleaning service elimination and limited spending. Fees will be set in Feb.
 - ii. As previously discussed, Sheri will present a motion to the Council to request a congregational appeal for CLM. The motion reads as: *The MLC Council will conduct an Annual Appeal to the congregation for Child Life Ministries at the request of the CLM Board. The proceeds will be directed to the CLM general fund in order to maintain excellence in the ministry of MLC to the community through Christian education. The appeal will be announced in the newsletter and worship bulletins for two consecutive Sundays and will be held as soon as can be arranged with the pastoral and office staff.* Heather Flemming offered several ideas for the appeal, as well as marketing tips from Jennifer Braun.
 - iii. Dawn Blau presented fee information from several preschools.
 - b. Discussion about the Spring Staff Appreciation began.