

Meeting 2/18/16

President-Jim Sayer  
V-P-Jill Nahhas  
Sec-Lori Pierce

Attendance: Amanda McGill, Erin Caldwell, John Weis, Lina Nahhas, Jen Fuchs, Amanda Roberts, Jeff Brown, Stephan Greenewald, Chris & Rebecca Mooney, Lisa Sayer, Mike & Virginia Brembeck,

Opening prayer offered by Jim Sayer at 7:05pm.

Jim Sayer read from "3 Suggestions for Supplementing a Student's Education" by Bethany Jenkins. It can be found here...<http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/3-suggestions-for-supplementing-a-students-education> for your reading enjoyment!

Elections were addressed for the 2016/17 school year. The elections will take place at the final DAPA meeting scheduled for May 12, 2016. The offices that will be open for nominations are President, Vice-president and Secretary.

Senior Wall: Mrs. Fuchs has supplies (painting, markers, etc) and will get a group together for planning the wall for 2016 graduates.

Gaga Pit: A little short from the T-shirt sales to make the pit, Jim happy to pick up supplies etc., set up day when the weather is warmer to build (build for \$500.00 vice buy \$3500.00, more valuable to the school if built). Additional funds can be raised by also selling long sleeves, tanks (?), and perhaps totes, mugs (if the company can provide hard stuffs), and decals/window cling/magnet for cars. An announcement will be made to open sales up again in the near future.

Mission: DAPA would like to provide an understanding of where the school has come from and where its going as well as be a blessing to the school.

Question of the Senior Ball: Comments about the location of the ball, food bad/service worse and didn't seem to be getting better. These issues have been addressed with the Dayton Woman's Club and they have noted that they have a new Chef which will hopefully resolve some of the issues. The ball will be at the DWC for this year, however, may change in the future allowing more time to make the change.

Senior Breakfast: Previously all done by Mr. Hildenbrandt. In the past it's been at the Golden Nugget, however, the venue may change this year if another location can be secured. Alternate location, perhaps the Breakfast Club. Mr. Brown noted that there may be a donor that will fund the brunch.

Understanding DA's past and where its going with special guests Mr. John Weis (2007), Mrs. Erin Caldwell (2001), Mrs. Amanda McGill (2005)

*What circumstance(s) occurred that brought you to DA?*

- John because he wasn't doing well at Carroll and came to DA for a Christian world view education and to isolate him from negative social influences. Went to Belmont 2 weeks before coming to DA...very green. He is married to Emily Weis, who teaches Latin at DA. Pastor at Grace New Covenant Church. Senior developer at Clevertch. Serves on the board at DA and does web things.
- Erin came in 2001 as her parents began DA (for me). Teacher at DA. She and her husband have four children.
- Amanda was homeschooled until a sophomore. She was happy being homeschooled, but that changed when she went to camp. She came home from camp telling her parents she was going to public school. She was very involved with piano. Came for a visit, meeting with Fr. Wayne and Sandy and decided to attend. She currently does public relations work here at DA. She and her husband have one child with a second on the way, due in July. She plays piano for the Christ the King.

*What were your first impression(s) of DA?*

- John: The promise land. He was an underclassman to Amanda. He felt everyone at the school was an Einstein, but changed as time went on. The academic excellence and overall bolster to go "deep in faith."
- Erin: Since the first year how consistent the quality has been and the great events like the Stratford trip and the ball. They've made tweaks here and there, but overall good and prepared for college so it wasn't a shock. Disappointed at first learning about her parents opening the school, but a wonderful experience. And because it was so small it provides the ability to form close friendships. She feels the students are "divinely" brought to DA.
- Amanda: Was raised that anyone that wasn't a Baptist, you didn't talk to. When she came to DA, she recognized that we may disagree on some things, but they (The McNamara's) love Jesus. Coming to DA was the first time she interacted with people of other faiths which was huge for her. She was disappointed at not going to public school, but loved the kookiness of it all. There were the really homeschooled people and then the public school people, all with very big cultural differences. Wow, very different people here. The consistency of the academics. She recalled the first Lit test with Mrs. McNamara where she highlighted block quotes with only one sentence that was hers and the rest right from the "Scarlet Letter."

*One of the traditions at DA is for a member of the faculty to present the Senior with a framed verse at Graduation. Do you remember your verse?*

- John: Displayed on his mantel, Proverbs 10:4 Diligent hands bring wealth. He had the opportunity to work a part-time job and go to Sinclair. DA showed him to do all in the glory of God. Bringing the kingdom of God into every sphere and into education.
- Erin: Had it up for a very long time until the glass was broken, felt really loved, and very special, took it to college with her where she had it in her dorm room.
- Amanda: Proverbs 3 Prophetic overly earnest immature in her zeal. Mrs. Mac gave it to her, had just given her speech and doesn't really recall the actual event due to jitters.

*How did you come to work here?*

- Amanda: Both she and her husband went to Cedarville U. & Southeastern Seminary, then both became Anglican. They had an internship with Ken Myers, before talking to Fr. Wayne & Mrs. McNamara for lunch that turned out to be six hours. While in VA, she received an indication from Mrs. Mac to email Dss. Caldwell. Later, she received a call from Dss. Caldwell...good people that want good learning...this is something she wanted to do.
- Erin: Went to Hillsdale College where she met her husband and came back here to get married and finished at Wright State. It's a natural thing, took so many classes in Lit, good fit as she was pregnant and could bring the baby, and the family friendliness.
- John: Getting involved on the board as his parent and the Mac's have been friends for a very long time, he's been plugged into the school for a very long time, Dss. Caldwell sold him his house, connected with the Mac's, Fr. Wayne invited him to lunch...wanted the school to bring in younger families and he has brought out many families to the information night. He has the "techy" connection.

*What are the changes at DA that have been most notable to you?*

- Amanda: When she came back there's so much structure, so many rules, the uniform...polo shirt with jeans, very informal...no sign outs, rules developed as things have come up, responded to the needs, impressed with the things that were put into place; EF tour; and no prep school.
- Erin: Diversity, adding the AP courses, PSEO.

- John: Almost had his associates at the time that he graduated through the PSEO; College strategy sessions as a group is a great offering; no athletic program with multiple sports and an Athletic Director.

*What are the thing(s) that are coming to DA?*

- Erin: The Charter process...awesome step, for her parents comes with challenges, but good.
- Amanda: Dominion... School as stayed very similar to itself, but more refined, continues to refine the mission.
- John: preserving the school's legacy, reviewing the Ohio revised code, the Charting process let us be a healthy size and for the life of the school, budget wise, bred new life in the student body, excited about the Charter process.

*What would be your prayer for DA?*

- John: To continue to serve the families who wish to raise their children Christian.
- Erin: I pray also that we continue to be a cool place of unity among the diversity, choosing love instead of fighting.
- Amanda: In general to pray that we continue to walk according to our mission and purpose. The religious diversity...more to come with the charter. Community of true friendship, get enfolded, the teachers know you...love you and desiring the best which is the hallmark for a Christian school, we all love Jesus and each other. There's a student culture loving and welcoming each other. Getting perspective and flavor for the understanding of the school. Logo-Tree of Life, the roots how deep they go and nourish the tree.

Jim closed with prayer at 8:25pm.

Jim talked with Dss. Caldwell and we are officially "Chartered."

Last scheduled meeting is 5/12/16. DAPA Elections.