



GPO Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 2011

**School Update**

**Great Lakes Scrip Gift Card Program**

The scrip gift card program generated \$5,000 for the school last year. The fundraising program offers gift cards that give 1.25-25% of the gift card value back to the school. This year, the number of retailers participating in the program is truly amazing. In the past, gift card inventory was purchased in advance and sold in the hallway on certain days. The school office now handles the program. A list of participating vendors is available online at [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) or at Mrs. Maggio's desk. Order forms are also available at her desk. An order will be placed on a monthly basis in the middle of the month. Cash and checks are accepted for payment. Turnaround time is 2-3 days once the order has been placed. Orders might be placed more frequently if needed, but a shipping and handling charge is incurred every time an order is placed. This charge affects the proceeds.

The cards are great for groceries and gas. If you are planning any large, upcoming purchases, such as at Home Depot or Lowes, please consider the scrip program. It was suggested that more information be made available about the scrip gift cards, as the details of this program might not be clear to new families. A monthly reminder email with a link to the gift card list was recommended. A suggestion was also made that the cards be available for the congregation to purchase one or two Sundays during the holidays. A flyer is being developed for the many ongoing fundraising programs that could benefit the school.

**Christmas Program**

The 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders participate in both the 4:15 and 6:00 services. In the past, Principal Grigg set out water and cookies for the students between the services. As her last day is December 23<sup>rd</sup>, she has asked the room parents of these grades to reach out to their classroom parents and coordinate getting the refreshments ready and making cookies. It was suggested that parents could also make sandwiches and cut them into triangles. In the past, this was done on the afternoon of the program in the church kitchen. There will be approximately 80 students in Fellowship Hall. Principal Grigg also asked room parents to remind new parents in their classroom to come early to get a seat.

## **Principal Search**

Pastor Modahl announced that Lyle Mortensen will serve as the Interim Principal. He indicated that Lyle taught junior high for twenty eight years and has been the Technology Coordinator at Grace since 2001. He has also served as an Interim Principal for Grace in the past. The search committee hopes to begin interviewing local candidates in January. The intent is to have a new principal on board by this summer.

## **Grace Parents Organization**

### **Father-Daughter Dance**

The Father-Daughter Dance is scheduled for February 10 from 6:30-9:00. The committee is in the midst of getting the group together. A “save the date” email will go out next week. Jen Roder will be handling invitations. There will be a D.J. and refreshments. Jen Brayton is looking for people to be part of the committee and help with decorations.

### **Mom’s Night Out**

A meeting was held with the Mom’s Night Out committee. They are looking at a Thursday night, potentially the last week of January. The committee is searching for an outside venue.

### **Family Game Night**

A date will be set sometime after the holidays. Families will bring their own games and snacks to Fellowship Hall.

### **Graceful Evening Auction**

March 9 is the date for the Graceful Evening event. Those people who indicated an interest in helping out with the event will be contacted shortly. The newly hired Director of Stewardship will be very involved with the event. It was suggested that we tap into other schools that have run successful auction events and ask a representative to come to a committee meeting.