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H.U.G. – The Next Step

Last year around this time we had a fund drive that was to build a practice gym, an elementary library/fine arts/computer center, and to remodel the locker rooms in the existing gym. Our goal was to have the money in hand or pledged before we started the building project. We did raise a little over \$2 million but it was short of the goal of \$3.5 million. The locker room remodel needed to be completed by this school year so it was decided to go ahead with the remodel and pursue the drawing of plans for both buildings all the way through to the obtaining of biddable plans and permits from the city.

Now that we have plans and are close to having permits, we have a better handle on what the two buildings will cost us.

1. A middle school and practice gymnasium complete with locker rooms and a well laid out and furnished weight room for all sports. **Estimated cost is 2.5 million dollars**
2. A fine Arts/Library/Computer Center that will enhance the elementary musical arts and will provide an appropriate space for both the library and a computer lab. **Estimated cost 1.2 million dollars**

Here is what we have done with the money that we have collected so far. The completed locker room remodel will cost a little over \$300,000 and the costs to pursue the architectural, biddable and permit ready plans added another \$130,246.00 for a total expense on our part of \$430,246.00. We did collect some interest on our money and figuring that all the pledges will come in when needed gives us \$1.6 million. Therefore we will need to collect \$2.1 million in cash and pledges in order to start and complete both building projects.

This will be a large step for us but one that will help us close the chapter on the Master Plan and allow us to open a new chapter in the future development of Christian Education for our children and grandchildren. It will give us the opportunity to start focusing on ways and means to keep Christian education affordable and to focus on our mission of:

“Cultivating responsible Christian Adults”
“Valuing academic Education”
“Connecting biblical truth with everyday living”
“Shaping Christ like Character”

The Next Step is a big one and we will need your help to make it happen. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration of this project.

Working Together in Christ’s Service,
The Development and Planning Committee