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2014-2015: A FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Every year, the CPRS annual budget is built around the number of students expected to enroll the following year. Over 23 years, the average enrollment from Kindergarten to the 12th grade has been 250. This number has fluctuated from a fall enrollment of 132 in 1992 to an overwhelming high of 328 in the spring of 2007. The most severe drop in enrollment occurred in 2009 when our numbers decreased from 262 in the spring to only 230 that same fall. For the past three years, we have maintained a student population of 186.

As one might expect, this change in enrollment trends translates into a shift in the budget. The budget for 2007-2008, the year after the highest number of enrolled students, was over \$917,000. Two years

later, the budget for the 2010-2011 school year was reduced to \$804,000 to match the decreasing size of the student body. The challenge—one that we at CPRS must creatively and ardently confront—is to continue offering a robust academic program when our financial resources are tied directly to our enrollment.

In the place of state and federal funding, CPRS relies on the generosity of the saints, who have been at the foundation of the school financially and spiritually since its inception. This coming school year (2015-2016), CPRS will have a budget of \$796,000. While student tuition covers just over half of the budget, an additional 29% of the budget relies on contributions from individuals and branches. The Income Analy-

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sis chart (see page 3) depicts anticipated income for the coming year based on two factors: 1) next year's enrollment, and 2) contribution patterns from the past school year.

This year, we have increased the enrollment fee to \$150 for those who enroll on or after June 1st. In future years, as with this year, families that enroll before June 1st will pay the standard \$125 per student. The logic behind

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As I was sitting in our prayer service before communion on April 5th, I was contemplating my relationship with God. I reflected on my attitude for the past month and got to thinking about a situation going on in my life. I felt I had been taken advantage of and was trying to justify my attitude. I was rationalizing all the reasons why I could defend my position. I especially was perturbed by the lack of gratitude I felt was expressed to me. Suddenly that still small voice that speaks when I'll listen said, "How many times do you take the Lord for granted?" Immediately I was flooded with remorse as I realized how ungrateful I often am to the Lord for all He has done. Besides the sacrifice of His son, I have been tenderly taken care of all the days of my life. Sure there has been heartache, disappointment and circumstances that have been difficult. But through it all, He has been there. I have grown through those struggles and empathize with others more because of them. But He still wanted me to learn.

A couple of days later,

I had occasion to see this person and the difficulties endured. It gave me a new understanding and totally softened my heart. I realized once again that until we walk in others' shoes, we have no idea why they behave in certain ways. It further confirmed what I have been learning this year. If there is a disagreement and we choose to look at the other person's perspective, we frequently find that we can come to an understanding. If our concern is for them and not who is right, we will be surprised at what God can do in the situation.

*Ronda Ohmer
School Counselor*

CPRS - 2nd Generation

CPRS has been a tremendous blessing in my life. The school opened the year I began 6th grade, and I attended until my graduation in 1999. I now have six children and four of them are students at the school as well. We consider the school to be an invaluable resource and are continually grateful for it. It is such a blessing to have teachers and staff that I know personally,

who love my children, and who are teaching them about the gospel as they learn. What a blessing that they have friends who believe as they do!

It thrills me every time we have one start kindergarten when we go to orientation night with the parents and I see how many of them are my friends, some of whom also graduated from the school and some who have been good church friends. It gives me a little glimpse of what Zion may be like someday soon. My family has always believed that the school plays a very important role in bringing the whole church together. What other medium besides camps and reunions play such a valuable role? I believe that it is important to do everything we can to support it. We must have the option for a school that has God as its foundation.

For those who ask me what kind of education I received at CPRS, I have used my education over and over in my life thus far, both spiritual and academic. I was always told how much harder college was and how I needed to be ready for the change, but I was well prepared with the advanced education that I received from CPRS. Many

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Create in me a clean heart o God and renew a right spirit within me

Psalms 51:10

this change is twofold. First, the enrollment fee has not increased in over ten years although student tuition continues to increase annually by 3%. One of the functions of the enrollment fee is to provide income for the summer months while little or no tuition income exists. (Most families choose the ten-month pay schedule for tuition invoicing.) Second, plans for the fall depend largely upon the calculation of the next year's enrollment. When families wait until August to enroll, predicting enrollment totals becomes a difficult and less informative task.

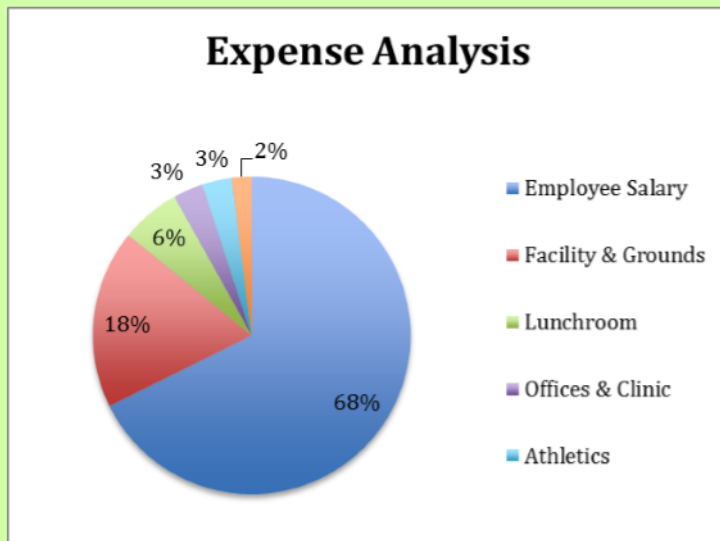
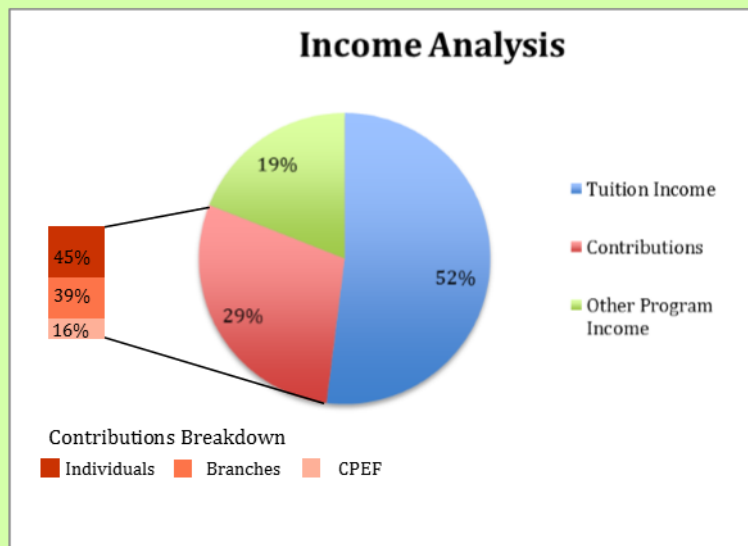
While our income is the direct result of our enrollment figures, our expenses are more closely fixed to the breadth of our pro-

gram. While a class size might decrease from 25 to 18, the need for a full time teacher for that class remains the same. Consequently, there is a threshold at which decreased enrollment cannot translate into reduced expenses for the year, even though it continues to affect income. As reflected in the Expenses Analysis chart, our largest expense during the year is faculty and staff salary. In order to meet the financial goals of the school while maintaining a high standard of program, CPRS has leaned more heavily on contributions from the Center Place Educational Foundation (CPEF). This spring the CPEF has sponsored a matching funds program that earned the school \$20,000.

In recent weeks, the CPEF has authorized an extension of that program for an additional \$15,000 until June 1st.

There is, of course, an enrollment number associated with said threshold at which contributions to the school can be reduced to a more manageable and less burdensome amount. Income from student tuition will more perfectly align with our current expenses when we reach an enrollment figure of 223. Our hope is that more restoration families will choose to participate in the CPRS community as the economy improves and as the church continues in its kingdom mission.

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EXTENSION OF MATCHING FUNDS

Because the Matching Funds Program earlier this year was such a success, the CPEF has agreed to extend the program for an additional \$15,000. From now until June 1st, the CPEF will continue to match your contributions to CPRS dollar-for-dollar.

If only 200 individuals donate \$75.00, we will reach our goal. By making small contributions, we as a church can be the Lord's hands in doing great things by small means.

If you would like to make a contribution, you can do so through our website or by mailing a check. to the addresses shown above.

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of my college classmates really struggled, and I realized just how important all those hard classes in high school were. I have never once felt like there was something I lacked from my education. If students want to learn, they have every opportunity for it. I am always amazed at how much my children are learning, and I have been told many times by their Sunday school teachers about how impressed they are with their scripture knowledge. Much of what they learn is from school! I think that is what blew me away the most and really made me realize just how important learning about the gospel at school was!

There have also been numerous times when I have been doing

scripture study and classes when I have been so grateful for my chapels and religion classes like church history. I have no idea how long it would have taken me to gather that knowledge on my own over the years. There was a line in my patriarchal blessing that referred to the Lord having invested much in me and when I heard that I knew in my heart that a huge part of that investment came through the school. The Lord has used the school to prepare my mind and more importantly to prepare my heart for a life of service for Him, and we are so grateful our children are having the same opportunity.

*Christy Schrunck,
Parent*