

Annual Report of the Moderator  
CRANBURY PRESBYTERIAN NURSERY SCHOOL  
2011

**Report from our Moderator:**

The CPNS board is grateful to the staff and director for their continual commitment to our school and its mission. Although this year was full of uncertainty and stress for our region, parents and students always felt Christian love and caring from our dedicated staff and director. This unwavering commitment to developing happy and secure children is what makes this preschool such a special place.

The CPNS board is also thankful to the church for providing resources and support to the preschool. So many people and committees dedicate time and talents that benefit CPNS. It is a true blessing to be connected with this church.

The board for 2011 consisted of 9 board members, of which 6 are church members and 3 are non-church members. They are: Jessica Corriveau, Amy Dixon, myself, Kristen Hackett, Danny Kinney, Jennifer Kong, Amy Sirhal, Patria Sullivan and Janet Wheeler. During the summer Amy Sirhal moved to California with her family. Kelly Flannery kindly agreed to take over the rest of Amy's term. The board also has two non-voting advisors, Lori Kleppe and Jody Eberly.

At the conclusion of this year, Danny Kinney and Amy Dixon completed their three year terms and will be leaving the board. Jessica Corriveau also completed a three year term, but has agreed to serve another. Since Danny has been the core of the finance committee for many years, Janice Parker asked him to remain on the board as a non-voting member for one more year to assist in training his replacement and he agreed. All three members have been valuable resources to the board over the last few years; we hope to see Danny and Amy serve another term at a later date.

Here are some of the events from this year:

- CPNS board members along with director, Pastor and individuals from various church committees participated in the Church Contribution Task Force review. The Task Force revised the CPNS financial contribution, based on actual expenditures to the church, which was approved by session this summer.
- The Policies and Procedures committee began revisions to the CPNS board manual. The goal is to completely update the manual, then maintain a secured electronic copy on the CPNS website for board members' use. This electronic copy will be easier to maintain and access, and will be an improvement over the current paper copies distributed to board members.
- Due to unforeseen circumstances, CPNS ended the school year with excess funds. The board voted to contribute some of those funds towards the church's expenses for snow removal for the 2010/2011 year. It was a record year for snowfall, and the Buildings and Grounds committee did an excellent job keeping the parking lot cleared for CPNS families. The CPNS board wanted to express their gratitude by making this contribution.
- Some of the preschool classes enjoyed a new fall field trip to the Plainsboro Nature Preserve. Teachers, parents and students felt it was a success.

- The school again ran a summer camp program in July. It was a popular camp, and ran at full capacity both weeks.
- A new discussion group for parents began this school year. A new topic is discussed at each meeting. The first few topics were “The Importance of Play”, “Bullying” and “Parenting Challenges”.
- Dorothy Klotzbecher has served as a CPNS teacher for 25 years. Dorothy was celebrated in the spring at a worship service and following coffee hour. At the coffee hour, it was announced Room 18 would be dedicated in her honor. A plaque with her name was hung outside the room later that month.

The board is grateful for a successful 2011 and is eager to continue its service in 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,

Claudette Guy, Moderator