

SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THE ASSOCIATION FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF ST. CATHARINES

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well – Matthew 6:33



Dear Beacon Christian School Community

As we as an Association prepare for the 2016/2017 school year, my thoughts have rested on Jesus' promise in Matthew that if we seek his kingdom first, all of our needs will be supplied. Over the past months the board and finance committees have been challenged in the preparation of a budget in light of building needs as well as determining the future of the High School Building. Throughout this process we have kept our focus on the Lord, seeing His direction, and praying that his kingdom would be established in our association as we seek to raise a generation that will let their lights shine for His honour and glory.

As a result of this process, we are presenting a budget for the 2016/2017 school year that is balanced, provides funds for the necessary building needs, and returns the High School building to a fully leased asset. Most excitingly, it includes a 10% increase in elementary family enrolment and a doubling of pre-school enrolment. Thanks be to God!

On behalf of the Association's Board of Directors, I would like to thank you, our committed support community. Your ongoing prayers, volunteer hours, and financial sacrifice have made a difference in equipping students to impact our community by serving Christ.

We hope that as a supporter of the Association, that you will join us on **Tuesday, May 16th** for our annual Spring Meeting. We will begin with sign-in and refreshments at 7PM, with the meeting to commence promptly at 7:30PM. We hope to see you there!

Darren Thom

Board Chair, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Association for Christian Education of St. Catharines

SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING

BEACON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Tuesday May 16, 2017

7-7:30pm – Refreshments



AGENDA

1. **Welcome**– Darren Thom, Board Chair
2. **Devotions** – Pastor Tabitha VandenEnden, Board Member
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Approval of Minutes of Fall Membership Meeting**, November 22, 2016
-Motion: To accept the minutes of November 22, 2016, as presented
5. **Principal's Report** – Ralph Pot
6. **Presentation of 2017/2018 Budget** –Mark Bylsma, Treasurer
-Motion: To accept the 2017/2018 Budget as Presented
7. **Presentation of Board Candidates** – Darren Thom
 - a. Jim Prinsen
 - b. Brandon Koole
 - c. Steven Elnazir
 - d. Darrell Buys
8. **Christian School Foundation Report** – Syl Gerritsma
9. **Closing** – Mark Bylsma



Fall Membership Meeting

Tuesday, November 22, 2016 7:30 pm

Chair: Darren Thom

Secretary: Erin Knight, filling in for Sue Mulder

Item #	Topic	Discussion	Action Items
1	Welcome & Devotions	Darren Thom read Psalm 138, a psalm of David. David gives thanks to God for his faithfulness and lovingkindness. Everything points to God (general revelation) and we also can point people to Him by letting our lights shine! He then opened the meeting in prayer. 31 people in attendance	
2	Minutes of Spring 2016 Membership Mtg.	Minutes of the Spring 2016 Membership Meeting were reviewed. Motion: <i>To approve the minutes of the May 24, 2016, Spring Membership meeting, as presented. MSC</i>	
3	Finance Committee Presentation/Financial Update	David Dion , Financial Administrator of BCS, presented the financial statements for the 2015-2016 year end. -David also presented some highlights from our current year to keep people up to speed. He made special mention of how awesome our volunteers are and how they are vital to the health of our school's finances -A Building Assessment was completed on both buildings, which will result in significant expenses over the next 10 years -Motion: <i>To accept the Audited 2015-2016 Financial Reports, as presented MSC</i>	
4	Principal's Report	Ralph Pot, Principal of BCS presented his report -Just came off a successful Open House! -highlighted what staff are involved in -2015-2016 Theme; 2 Tim 3:14 & Vision for Learning -Who owns the school? Great kids' responses! -Video of Maya Webster re: Diabetes Awareness Week	
4	Christian Education Foundation	Syl Gerritsma introduced Mr. Henry Koornneef, Executive Vice President of the Christian School Foundation (CSF). Henry explained what the CSF is all about, including the role of Planned Giving in supporting Christians Schools; this includes much more than just estate giving! The CSF has grown to 36 member schools (and counting!) which has strengthened the Foundation immensely.	

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		Syl presented Mark Byslma, Board Treasurer, with a cheque for \$10,000 from the Foundation.	
5	Closing	-Motion: <i>To close the Membership Meeting, MSC</i> Syl G closed the meeting in prayer.	

ASSOCIATION FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF ST. CATHARINES
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Proposed Budget - Statement of Operations
Year Ended August 31, 2018

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<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	<u>2017/18 Budget</u>	<u>2016/17 Actual</u> Sept-Feb (Estimate for Year)	<u>2016/17 Budget</u>	<u>2015/16 Actual</u> as of Aug 31/16
<u>Revenue</u>				
General Fund - Operations	1,904,400	1,706,700	1,685,700	1,612,200
Capital Fund	170,100	171,500	113,100	443,400
Bursary Fund	100,000	119,400	100,000	167,700
Total Revenue	<u>2,174,500</u>	<u>1,997,600</u>	<u>1,898,800</u>	<u>2,223,300</u>
<u>Expenses</u>				
General Fund - Operations	1,904,000	1,705,000	1,688,600	1,565,400
Capital Fund	170,100	76,100	88,100	86,600
Bursary Fund	100,000	119,400	100,000	113,700
Total Expenses	<u>2,174,100</u>	<u>1,900,500</u>	<u>1,876,700</u>	<u>1,765,700</u>
Total Income/(Loss) Cash	400	97,100	22,100	457,600
<u>Other Expenses (Non Cash)</u>				
General Fund - Operations	15,500	16,000	26,300	18,900
Capital Fund	106,000	107,600	106,000	109,200
Bursary Fund	0	0	0	0
Total Other Expenses (Non Cash)	<u>121,500</u>	<u>123,600</u>	<u>132,300</u>	<u>128,100</u>
Grand total Income/(Loss)	<u>(121,100)</u>	<u>(26,500)</u>	<u>(110,200)</u>	<u>329,500</u>

ASSOCIATION FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF ST. CATHARINES
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Proposed Budget - Statement of Operations
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PRELIMINARY DRAFT

	<u>2017/18</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2016/17</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2016/17</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2015/16</u> <u>Actual</u>
<u>GENERAL FUND - OPERATIONS</u>				
		<u>Sept-Feb</u> <u>(Estimate for Year)</u>		<u>as of</u> <u>Aug 31/16</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>				
<u>EDUCATION</u>				
Tuition fees	\$ 1,443,700	\$ 1,324,100	\$ 1,267,700	\$ 1,181,000
Student Support Services	30,000	20,000	30,000	26,000
Total Education	<u>1,473,700</u>	<u>1,344,100</u>	<u>1,297,700</u>	<u>1,207,000</u>
<u>FUNDRAISING & DONATIONS</u>				
Fundraising & Donations	400,000	344,900	405,000	391,100
Transfer to Bursary Fund	(20,000)	(34,400)	(100,000)	(80,100)
Transfer to Capital	(69,300)	0	0	(35,500)
Total Fundraising & Donations	<u>310,700</u>	<u>310,500</u>	<u>305,000</u>	<u>275,500</u>
<u>RENTAL INCOME</u>				
Elementary School	41,000	43,000	41,000	48,500
Secondary School	72,000	0	35,000	72,200
Total Rental Income	<u>113,000</u>	<u>43,000</u>	<u>76,000</u>	<u>120,700</u>
<u>OTHER INCOME</u>				
Membership fees	5,000	5,200	5,000	5,400
Other income	2,000	3,900	2,000	3,600
Total Other Income	<u>7,000</u>	<u>9,100</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	1,904,400	1,706,700	1,685,700	1,612,200

<u>GENERAL FUND - OPERATIONS</u>	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
	2017/18	2016/17	2016/17	2015/16
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
		Sept-Feb		as of
		(Estimate for Year)		Aug 31/16
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
<u>EDUCATION</u>				
<u>Classrooms</u>				
Teacher & EA Salaries & Benefits	1,036,000	933,800	916,600	815,800
Supplies & Services	35,000	36,000	28,500	30,200
Total Classrooms	1,071,000	969,800	945,100	846,000
<u>Student Support Services</u>				
Salaries, Benefits & Services	145,000	122,200	127,500	163,400
Supplies	10,000	3,000	1,500	6,400
Total Student Support Services	155,000	125,200	129,000	169,800
Professional Development	20,000	15,000	20,000	10,900
TOTAL EDUCATION	1,246,000	1,110,000	1,094,100	1,026,700
<u>PRE-SCHOOL</u>				
Revenue	40,800	22,300	53,400	1,800
<u>Expenses</u>				
Salaries & Benefits	42,200	31,000	42,100	5,900
Supplies & Services	1,500	1,000	2,500	7,200
Total Expenses	43,700	32,000	44,600	13,100
Total Pre-School	(2,900)	(9,700)	8,800	(11,300)
<u>BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM</u>				
Revenue	23,000	12,000	20,400	11,400
<u>Expenses</u>				
Salaries & Benefits	22,000	11,000	21,700	12,000
Supplies & Services	1,000	500	1,000	600
Total Expenses	23,000	11,500	22,700	12,600
Total Before & After School Program	0	500	(2,300)	(1,200)
<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>				
Revenue - 3 routes	60,000	59,300	46,000	64,200
<u>Expenses</u>				
Bus Rental	130,000	91,000	87,000	85,900
Class Trips	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Gain/Loss on Disposal		(6,300)		(14,000)
Total Expenses	135,000	89,700	92,000	71,900
Total Transportation	(75,000)	(30,400)	(46,000)	(7,700)
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>				
Salaries and benefits	232,400	223,000	223,800	203,200
Supplies and services	20,000	17,400	15,100	16,100
Advancement	32,000	20,000	32,000	18,800
Technology	25,000	26,000	20,000	25,400
Member Loans - Interest	7,000	7,500	8,000	7,800
Bank charges and interest	500	800	0	1,000
Fees- Support Organizations	20,000	20,000	20,000	19,000
Total Administration	336,900	314,700	318,900	291,300

	<u>2017/18 Budget</u>	<u>2016/17 Actual</u>	<u>2016/17 Budget</u>	<u>2015/16 Actual</u>
BUILDING				
Elementary Building				
Salaries and Benefits	96,200	81,000	85,600	74,200
Utilities - Elementary	74,000	76,800	73,000	79,400
Repairs and Maintenance - Elementary	35,000	30,000	40,000	51,200
Insurance- Elementary	17,000	17,100	17,000	14,900
Total Elementary Building	<u>222,200</u>	<u>204,900</u>	<u>215,600</u>	<u>219,700</u>
Secondary Building				
Utilities - Secondary	0	14,600		
Repairs and Maintenance - Secondary	15,000	12,000	15,000	4,600
Insurance-Secondary	6,000	8,200	5,500	5,300
Total Secondary Building	<u>21,000</u>	<u>34,800</u>	<u>20,500</u>	<u>9,900</u>
Total Building	<u>243,200</u>	<u>239,700</u>	<u>236,100</u>	<u>229,600</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,904,000</u>	<u>1,705,000</u>	<u>1,688,600</u>	<u>1,565,400</u>
Total Income/(Loss) from operations (t	<u>400</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>(2,900)</u>	<u>46,800</u>
Non-Cash Expenses				
Write down of Receivables	10,000	10,000	20,000	11,400
Amortization - Elementary	3,300	3,600	3,800	4,500
Amortization - Secondary	2,200	2,400	2,500	3,000
Total Non-Cash Expenses	<u>15,500</u>	<u>16,000</u>	<u>26,300</u>	<u>18,900</u>
Total Income/Loss -General Fund	<u>(15,100)</u>	<u>(14,300)</u>	<u>(29,200)</u>	<u>27,900</u>
CAPITAL FUND				
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
	<u>2017/18</u>	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2016/17</u>	<u>2015/16</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
		<u>Sept-Feb</u>		<u>as of</u>
		<u>(Estimate for Year)</u>		<u>Aug 31/16</u>
Revenue				
Donations - Capital		75,000	25,000	321,500
Transfer from Operations	69,300	0		35,500
Mortgage Interest (Parents)	100,800	96,500	88,100	86,400
Total Revenue	<u>170,100</u>	<u>171,500</u>	<u>113,100</u>	<u>443,400</u>
Expenses				
Mortgage Interest	60,000	66,000	78,000	76,500
Member Capital Loan - Interest	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,100
Capital Expenditures	100,000			
Total Expenses	<u>170,100</u>	<u>76,100</u>	<u>88,100</u>	<u>86,600</u>
Total Income/(Loss) from Capital	<u>0</u>	<u>95,400</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>356,800</u>
Other Expenses (Non-Cash)				
Amortization - Elementary	88,000	88,200	88,000	90,100
Amortization - Secondary	18,000	19,400	18,000	19,100
Total Other Expenses	<u>106,000</u>	<u>107,600</u>	<u>106,000</u>	<u>109,200</u>
Total income/(loss)	<u>(106,000)</u>	<u>(12,200)</u>	<u>(81,000)</u>	<u>247,600</u>

<u>Bursary Fund</u>	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
	2017/18 Budget	2016/17 Actual Sept-Feb (Estimate for Year)	2016/17 Budget	2015/16 Actual as of Aug 31/16
Revenue				
Donations	60,000	70,000	100,000	63,600
Donations - Church Offerings	20,000	15,000	0	24,000
Transfer from Operating	20,000	34,400		80,100
Total Revenue	100,000	119,400	100,000	167,700
Expenses				
Bursary Grants	100,000	119,400	100,000	113,700
Total Expenses	100,000	119,400	100,000	113,700
Total Income/(Loss) Bursary Fund	0	0	0	54,000

ASSOCIATION FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF ST. CATHARINES
O/A BEACON CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS
Proposed Budget -Program Incentives
Year Ended August 31, 2018

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<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	<u>2017/18 Budget</u>	<u>2016/17 Actual</u> Sept-Feb (Estimate for Year)	<u>2016/17 Budget</u>	<u>2015/16 Actual</u> as of Aug 31/16
<u>Revenue</u>				
Fees	10,000	0	0	0
Total Revenue	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Expenses</u>				
Summer Camp -Salary	5,000	0	0	0
Summer Camp - Expenses	5,000	0	0	0
Total Expenses	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Income/(Loss) Cash	0	0	0	0

ASSOCIATION FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF ST. CATHARINES

Proposed Budget -- Tuition & Other Fee Revenue

Year Ended August 31, 2018

	2017-18			2016-17 Actual			2016-17 Budget		
	Families	Rates	Revenue	Families	Rates		Families	Rates	
Junior Kindergarten	10	4,500	45,000	9	4,500	40,050	8	4,500	36,000
Senior Kindergarten	8	7,500	60,000	12	7,500	89,400	9	7,500	67,500
Optional Afternoon Kindergarten	6	2,800	16,800	7	2,800	19,250	6	2,800	16,800
One child	35	11,800	413,000	37	11,700	431,050	35	11,700	409,500
Two children	41	14,200	582,200	36	14,000	500,400	35	14,000	490,000
Three or more children	25	16,300	407,500	21	16,000	333,900	21	16,000	336,000
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Total	119		1,524,500	112		1,414,050	108		1,355,800
International Student Fees	-		20,000	-		18,500	-		10,000
Gross tuition revenue			1,544,500			1,432,550			1,365,800
Less:									
Incentive						(7,100)			(10,000)
Building interest charge	106	900	(95,400)			(96,500)			(88,100)
(\$900 per full-time family)	12	450	(5,400)						
Adjustment						(4,850)			
Total Deductions			(100,800)			(108,450)			(98,100)
Net Tuition Revenue			1,443,700			1,324,100			1,267,700
Pre-School									
2 days /weekx 2 classes	12	135/m	16,200				4	180 days	18,360
3 days/week(1 extra day)	12	205/m	24,600				4	180 days	17,800
5 days/week	-	340/m	0				4	180 days	17,240
Total Preschool (max 32)	24		40,800			22,300	12		53,400
Before & After School Program			23,000			12,000			20,400
Transportation 3 routes									
Rate per family (2 way)			2,300			2,300			2,300
Number of Families			25			22			20
Total			57,500			48,060			46,000
Rate per family (1 way)			1,150			1,100			1,150
x Number of families						11			0
Total			0			10,580			0
Grand Total			57,500			58,640			46,000 \$

**ASSOCIATION FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OF ST. CATHARINES
O/A BEACON CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS
Proposed Budget - Schedule of Annual Fundraising Revenue
Year Ended August 31, 2018**

	Budget	Actual Jan-Feb	Budget	Actual Aug 31/16
Fund Raising				
Donations including Annual Phone Drive	\$ 270,000	\$ 235,700	\$ 265,000	\$ 241,400
Applefest/Bazaar	25,000	20,600	25,000	25,600
Auction	30,000	25,000	25,000	33,400
Beacon Rewards Program	20,000	20,000	20,000	24,000
Golf tournament	25,000	25,000	25,000	32,900
Dinner	25,000	15,000	25,000	25,500
Church Support			20,000	
Other Events	5,000	3,600		8,300
Total Events	<u>400,000</u>	<u>344,900</u>	<u>405,000</u>	<u>391,100</u>
Transfer to Bursary Program	(20,000)	(34,400)	(100,000)	(80,100)
Transfer to Capital	(69,300)			35,500
Total Fundraising	<u>\$ 310,700</u>	<u>\$ 310,500</u>	<u>\$ 305,000</u>	<u>\$ 275,500</u>
ADMINISTRATION				
Supplies and Services				
General & Postage	\$ 9,900	7,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,300
Professional Fees	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,500
Copier Lease	5,100	5,100	5,100	5,300
Board & Committee Expense	-	300	-	2,000
Total	<u>\$ 20,000</u>	<u>\$ 17,400</u>	<u>\$ 15,100</u>	<u>\$ 16,100</u>
Building				
Utilities				
Telephone	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,500
Heat	20,000	15,000	15,000	10,900
Water	4,000	2,800	4,000	2,400
Electricity	50,000	55,000	50,000	60,600
Total	<u>\$ 78,000</u>	<u>\$ 76,800</u>	<u>\$ 73,000</u>	<u>\$ 79,400</u>
Repairs & Maintenance				
Supplies & Disposal	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,600	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,200
Equipment Repair & Maintenance	500	700	500	1,800
Building Repair & Maintenance	35,000	25,000	35,000	49,800
Total	<u>\$ 40,000</u>	<u>\$ 30,300</u>	<u>\$ 40,000</u>	<u>\$ 55,800</u>

Biography for Jim Prinsen

Jim is married to Joanne, and both have been long time supporters of Beacon. Both are alumni of Beacon, as are their three adult children James, Darren and Jillian. They are also the proud grandparents of Ava and Lucas. Jim and Joanne are members of Covenant Christian Reformed Church.

Jim has been a previous member of Beacon's Board of Directors and served on the Campaign Committee during the last major building project. Jim has also represented the Board as a member of the Bargaining Committee for many years, successfully negotiating a number of Collective Agreements with Beacon's staff members.

Jim is employed as a Detective Inspector with the Niagara Regional Police Service and is currently in charge of Investigative Support Services, which is comprised of the Major Crime Unit, the Special Victims Unit and the Intelligence Unit.

Jim is committed Christian education and looks forward to the opportunity of working with fellow Board members and staff in carrying out the vision and mission of Beacon.

My name is Brandon Koole. I grew up in St. Catharines and attended Beacon Christian School through grade 12. I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan and worked as a Certified Public Accountant in Michigan for 3 years following graduation. I met my wife, Allison, while attending Calvin and in 2004 we moved back to the St. Catharines area. We have two children, Riley and Avery, who are currently attending Beacon in grades four and one.

Since moving back to the area, we became members and attend Jubilee Fellowship Christian Reformed Church and I have become the general manager for Creekside Greenhouses, a family owned business. My roles include managing employees, planning the production processes and overseeing the business finances. Some activities I enjoy are fishing, playing hockey, and remote control cars.

I feel my knowledge and experience in finance could be beneficial to the board and the decisions they are faced with for the continued success of the school. I have always found great merit in Christian education and hope to help Beacon excel in our children's lives and in the community.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Note, that all or part of the following information may be distributed to individuals involved in electing or selecting the Board of Directors.

BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILE:

Please describe in 300 words or less your background, your involvement with Beacon Christian School and why you would like to serve on the Board of Directors of Beacon Christian School.

My name is Steven Elnazir. I live in St. Catharines with my wife, Linda, and four-year-old son, Daniel. St. Catharines has been my home for 27 years. We are Coptic Orthodox Christians and serve in the Church of St. George & St. Mercurius on Glenridge Avenue, where I'm blessed to serve as a Deacon and youth counselor. I am a Chartered Accountant having studied at Brock University. I currently work in Meridian Credit Union's Risk Management department and manage the Operational Risk, Insurance, and Business Continuity programs.

I was born in Sudan. When I was eight years old, my parents—like countless other immigrant parents—made the difficult decision to leave their native land and families to grant my siblings and I more opportunities. As immigrant children, my parents instilled in us some significant values that would sustain us: our love for Christ, family, and Church; commitment to traditional values; and an appreciation for educational excellence. Linda and I are blessed to have discovered these values in Beacon and, thus, we enrolled Daniel. It is evident that the Beacon family serves Christ and partners with parents as faithful shepherds and stewards.

Today's challenges for Christians—young and old—are formidable. Public forums, legislation, and societal norms are openly abandoning Christ's truths, love, and salvation. The sad irony is that these institutions were founded upon Christ's truths. In such an environment, Beacon is blessed with the opportunity to carry Christ's message of love by raising responsible, faithful, and impactful children who will allow Christ's light to shine. It would be a blessing and honour to serve Beacon as a Board member and help address today's challenges. I would be humbled to join the labour of faithful men and women who began Beacon's journey decades ago and those who have sustained it until today. In Christ's words, "others have labored, and you have entered into their labors" (John 4:38).

Thank you for your consideration.

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My name is Darrell Buys. Beacon (formerly Calvin Memorial) has been a part of my life since 1983 when I started in grade one with Miss Koene. The fact that Miss Koene (and other teaching alumni) are still helping at the school is a testament to what a great place Beacon is. It has excellent staff, administration, students, and parents that care. All the people involved in Beacon show a great attitude for Beacon and what it stands for.

My wife Christine and I are blessed with four children who presently attend Beacon. Raegan – 2, Petra – 4, Reuben – 6 and Claire – 8 look forward (most days) to going.

There are a few things that I am involved in at Beacon. This past year I moved from being a member to being chair person of the Development committee. The committee is made up of some really good people who are involved in different aspects of fundraising awareness for Beacon. One event that's part of the DC (and close to my heart) is Apple Fest. This is an annual event meant to bring Beacon awareness to the St. Catharines community – and it is! It happens every fall and although is a lot of work – it is a lot of fun!!

Serving on the board of directors at Beacon makes sense to me as it's part of the package of being involved when asked. There are a lot good things happening at Beacon and I am thankful to be involved in just a few of them.