

White Wing School  
Annual Report 2013-2014

White Wing School Board is made up of church members and friends of the White Wing School. This year's members included Amy Savoie (chair), Gillian Hinkle (treasurer), Hilary Keating (secretary), Manda Miles, Sarah Widhu, Jennifer Berube, Anne Ryder, Chris Droznick, and Julie Reilly. Deb Castonguay continues to serve as director of the school.

We are bidding or have bid farewell to members of the Board this year, but look forward to Chris Droznick's tenure as treasurer and the joint Chairmanship of Julie Reilly and Hal Holway.

White Wing School is a non-sectarian, non-profit preschool and kindergarten offering programs for children aged two through six. We offer a developmentally based curriculum. Our accreditation with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) will lapse this summer. It will not be renewed this year due to financial considerations, but the Board will revisit accreditation when the financial situation allows it.

White Wing School has 59 children enrolled with a teaching staff of 6 and administrative staff of 2, Kim Coumas, our Office Manager, and Deb Castonguay, our Director.

The Board adopted 2 goals to work toward this school year. We have worked toward the all church initiative of ending homelessness. We coordinated 3 collections for this effort. In the fall, there was a canned food drive that was delivered to St John the Evangelist Food Pantry in Hudson, NH. During Children's Dental Health Month in February, dental health products were collected and delivered to the Corpus Christi Food Pantry. A collection of summer fun items (flip flops, sun block, bathing suits, etc) for the Nashua Children's Home just concluded.

We have also worked to increase our scholarship fundraising efforts. We again hosted Trivia Night with a bake sale and 50/50 raffle. For the second year, the winner of the raffle so generously donated the winnings back to the scholarship fund. As in years past, the church very generously allowed the March collection to benefit the Donna Purkhiser Scholarship Fund.

This has been a very tight budget year. Deb and the school staff have been very creative in finding viable solutions to increase revenue and maximize program offerings while working within the budget. It has been an impressive display of ingenuity and dedication to the school. In their effort to preserve the school they love and work towards solutions, several teachers have been attending Board meetings to voice concerns and offer suggestions and solutions. Their input has been invaluable during this difficult financial period.

The Board has taken the first steps to establish an annual fund. As the new school year begins, we will establish the necessary framework and commence with this effort.

I respectfully submit this, my final report for White Wing School. It has been a privilege to serve this school and work with the dedicated members of the School Board.

Amy Savoie