

GUIDELINES FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND

Purpose

To disperse the designated public school tithe that is part of the Student Aid policy.

Responsibilities

The Two Percent Committee is responsible for disbursing the designated tithe (10% of Assembly's student aid to Bethany Christian Schools) in an appropriate manner and to educate the congregation about the disbursement. The specific amount available in the Public School Fund is given to the Two Percent Committee each Fall by the treasurer, and should be disbursed between January of the following fiscal year and the end of that school year.

The donation will be to a specific function or project of the Goshen Community schools* rather than to the general fund. No more than 30% of the tithe can be used for "material" aid for public schools and the remainder is to be used for "program" aid for public schools. Projects cannot receive money from the 2% fund and from the public school fund.

Requests can be made to the committee by members in the congregation who work in the public schools or by others who are aware of an area of specific interest to the congregation. While not limited to this, the preference is for giving through an Assembly member's contact, either as an individual or through the school where one works.

Tasks

1. Strengthening the congregations' awareness and commitment to the principle expressed through the student aid tithe.
2. Encouraging requests from Assembly members, following up for additional information when necessary, and reporting on decisions to those making the request.
3. Reporting approved grants to the congregation through the Assembly Line, inviting questions or comments to the committee and allowing another week for reaction before disbursing the funds. Disbursement should be done twice annually.
5. Preparing an annual report in January on the previous year's disbursement, along with a brief analysis and priorities and plans for the coming year.
6. Providing the Assembly treasurer with necessary information to disperse the funds.

*Exceptions can be made for public schools outside Goshen Community schools if there is a direct AMC connection

Naomi Roots, administrator, December 2019

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