

# CHAUTAUQUA DECEMBER 2025 BOARD MEETING

12/16/2025 – 12:00 PM

## Remembering Dr. Terry Jack

- It was with great sadness that Mrs. McCauley and Mr. Jimmy Barr announced that our board president, Dr. Terry Jack passed away on December 15, 2025. The board shared numerous stories of Dr. Jack and in his honor the whole group sang, "If You're Happy and You Know It". This was a tradition Dr. Jack started to begin all Chautauqua board meetings. We will miss Dr. Jack's wonderful heart and spirit, but we will carry him with us as we continue the mission of Chautauqua.

## In Attendance

- Jimmy Barr, Kathy Barr, LeRoy Ellis, Janice Salares, Nelson Scott, Pam Cramer, Cecile Scoon, Jonathan Ramsey, Barbara Steele, Joan Payelle and Cynthia McCauley were all in attendance.

## Board Notice

- The December board notice was presented for review and approval. A motion to be approved was made by LeRoy Ellis, seconded by Nelson Scott, approved by all.

## Minutes

- The September minutes were presented for review and approval. The minutes were reviewed, and a motion was made to approve by Kathy Barr seconded by Barbara Steele, approved by all.

## Financials

- The November 2025 financials were presented for review and approval, then discussed by Jimmy Barr. A motion was made to approve the financials by Jimmy Barr, seconded by Janice Salares, approved by all.

## Film School – Lex & Greg Cruser

- Mrs. McCauley introduced two local filmmakers who Chautauqua is hoping to partner with as we start the journey of providing a Film School college credit through Florida State University to Chautauqua and Bay High students. Lex and Greg moved back to Panama City and have a vision to build up the film industry and schooling opportunities in our area.

## Recent Trip Reflections – Iceland and Cambridge

- Students and Staff shared with the board about the trips to Iceland and Cambridge that were taken over the last few months. Students shared their stories of advocating for people with disabilities and the meetings they attended to raise awareness. In Iceland, the Chautauqua/Bay group had a meeting with the Icelandic Human Rights House. In Cambridge, the Chautauqua/Bay group were able to be interviewed by staff at the University of Cambridge to share ideas of including more inclusive learning and service to the AICE program that is offered all over the world.

## Chautauqua Staff Recognition

- Mrs. McCauley announced to the board that our very own Mr. Doug was selected to be in the Top 5 of Support Employees of the Year at Bay District Schools. We will find out at the Excellence in Education ceremony the results of the Top 5 award.
- Ms. Katey will also be receiving a special award at the Excellence in Education ceremony.

Meeting adjourned at 1 p.m. Next meeting will be in February.