

Omaha Christian Academy Parent Association Elects Three New Board Members

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The Omaha Christian Academy (OCA) Parent Association recently elected three new board members: Russ Gingrich, Mike Lewis and Roger Lyle. The three join the eight-member board, which leads the 35-year-old K-12 school at 5612 L St. They will serve three-year terms.

OCA Board President Keith Strasser said the new board members will begin serving immediately. “Each of these men brings a unique perspective and background to the board, and we look forward to their service as we lead Omaha Christian Academy to new levels of service and growth.”

Gingrich and his wife, Linda, have three daughters attending OCA in grades 12, 10 and 5, and two children who have graduated from the school. He is a project manager for Union Pacific, where he has worked for 16 years. Gingrich holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Computer Science from Hastings College, and a Master’s Degree in Computer Information Systems from Bellevue University.

“It was important for us to have a good education with a Christian perspective for our children,” Gingrich said. “I look forward to helping OCA find a permanent home.”
(Omaha Christian Academy now occupies part of the former Bishop Ryan High School in Omaha as a tenant of Liberty Christian Center, which owns the building.)

Lewis was appointed to the board last November and elected at the recent Association meeting. He and his wife, Trish, have five children including a ninth-grader and fourth-grader at OCA as well as one who graduated from the school. Lewis has been a feed group manager for Cargill for the past 12 years.

He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master of Science Degree from Mississippi State University, and a Doctorate in Animal Nutrition from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. “I want to focus on helping people see the value of Christian education and how it can change their lives,” Lewis said.

Lyle and his wife, Kelly, have two children – a ninth-grader and a sixth-grader – at OCA. He retired from the Air Force last year after a 20-year career as a pilot. Lyle works for United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) at Offutt Air Force Base as a program analyst.

He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Maryland, and an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

“I have a heart for Christian education, and I’m very interested in working for a school that promotes excellence in all they do,” Lyle said. “I feel OCA is that school.”

Board President Strasser said the OCA board exists to establish policy to achieve the school’s mission, which is to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God. “A core value is to have alumni who have a positive, Godly impact on their family, church and society,” he added.

The three new members join board members Jack Hawk, John Jay, Brad Kuiper, Mike Olsen, John Parsons, Strasser and Steve White. (Kuiper and Olsen will rotate off the board in June.)

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