

Christian Camp, Inc.
Organizational Meeting

October 18, 2003

Held at the East Independence Church of Christ

Attendees

Smokey McKinney, South Lawrence

Tim Dowthart, Highland Topeka

Chris Kurtz, East Independence

Ken Truax, East Independence

Jerry Myers, Topeka Central

Doug Portell, Overland Park

TJ Tinsley, Bonner Springs

Meeting

Smokey McKinney opened the meeting and Tim Dowthart began by wording a prayer.

The next few meeting dates and locations were discussed. On November 15, 2003, at 10:00 AM, the meeting will be held at the Overland Park church building. The December meeting will be held on December 13, 2003, at 10:00 AM and is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Liberty church building. That date is one week earlier than the regular schedule. In addition, it was agreed to continue to rotate the meeting locations at the various congregational sites and to seek to set a year long meeting schedule for 2004.

Smokey reviewed the discussion of the September meeting and asked TJ Tinsley to read the minutes.

Smokey led a discussion of the current plans for the various camps to be run during 2004 from the various congregations. Also, TJ reported on the information he has gathered on the possibility of including COPE classes for the Camp. COPE classes are team building courses, which often include a physical challenge and the building of self-esteem. Offering COPE courses will require significant infrastructure at the Camp. A particular concern of TJ's, at this point in time, is the liability insurance cost of such an offering.

A review of the status of the major components of the Camp's business plan was discussed. The Camp's organizational structure, especially the Camp's governing board was the first category discussed. The two primary models being considered are the "dual-board" model and the "membership" model. The "dual-board" model (often referred to as the CFS type plan) is the organizational plan with a Board of Trustees comprised of Elders from the supporting congregations. Additionally, it envisions a Board of Directors with day-to-day operational control of the Camp. The Board of Trustees will appoint and organize the Board of Directors. The "membership" model has a membership, usually paying some annual dues, that annually, or periodically, elects a Board of Directors that has full control of the camp. The advantages and disadvantages of each organizational form were discussed.

The fund raising portion of the Camp's business plan was discussed. Doug Portell presented an overview of that portion of the plan prepared by Dennis Bacon and Mark Walker (see the attached plan). It envisioned a three pronged fund raising effort to generate the funds necessary to start the camp. First, the Camp will seek funds from Charitable Foundations that support children and youth programs. Secondly, funds will be sought from members of area congregations and possibly from area congregations. In addition, donations of goods and services that can be used by the Camp will be sought. They plan to prepare a high quality video/DVD presentation to use as a tool in the funding raising effort. Doug suggested opening a Camp Building Fund Account. Jerry Myers noted that Christian Camp, Inc. had some funds left in the Kip Pittman Fund, a fund of donated monies for use by Christian Camp, Inc. for special camp purposes. He wondered if the Camp's Building Fund would be an appropriate use of the Pittman Fund's assets. Jerry and Smokey will research that possibility. Doug mentioned that by the next meeting he would have a draft of the first year's operational budget based upon the Camp Chihowa information.

Doug suggested the preparation of a first draft of the Camp's business plan comprising the components that are currently available. Smokey agreed to pull together such a first draft.

Finally, it was agreed that the purpose of the November meeting will be to formally decide the organizational structure of the Camp effort. Prior to that decision, the advantages and disadvantages of the various Camp governing board models will be discussed. Each member of the Camp organizational group was encouraged to attend the November meeting for this important discussion and decision.