

Minutes Camping meeting Overland Park November 15, 2003

ATTENDING: Charles Garretty, Smokey McKinney, Jerry Meyers, Bill Carriger, Chris Stewart, Ken Truax, Doug Portell, Dennis Bacon

Chris Stewart opened the meeting with a prayer at 10:15

Ken offered a word of encouragement to keep our eyes focused on the long-term aspects/benefits of this camping effort.

Charles Garretty read the minutes of the October meeting, which were accepted as read.

Smokey asked that the "organizational" aspect of the business plan be concluded. A discussion followed. It was concluded that no one wanted the membership form. A question was raised about inclusion on Board of Trustees "approving" of all activities. General response was generally yes, but not specifically everything. Smokey summarized responsibilities of Trustees as follows:

1. Approve Board of Directors
2. Approve by-laws, broad guidelines, significant changes to policies, procedures.
3. Deal as appropriate with problems/issues.

Question was raised, "Do we really need 2 boards?" Is a Board of Trustees really necessary? More discussion followed. It was decided to use the two-board structure and Charlie and Ken were asked to develop a draft set of by-laws for review at the next meeting.

Smokey then asked the development committee to present fund-raising concept. Doug said he sent a copy of draft operational budget to Smokey. He will now send a copy to everyone. Dennis presented his basic plan. Dennis will pursue charitable organizations for potential donations during the next month and report on success of that effort at the December meeting. Has not pursued goods and services effort as yet but knows how to do so when appropriate. Will need some help when that time comes. Ref. Fund raising feels by-laws; etc. needs to be in place before we go after funds. Order should be:

1. Commitment of funds from "Core" group. Should have by January. Commitment to cover a period of years, E.g. 2004,2005.
2. Suggested Directors have a requirement to help raise money as well as attend meetings.
3. Development of high quality audio-visual presentation. Mark Alford, Larry Souder may help. Professional video may cost \$2000. Dennis needs help with contacts. Knows what needs to be done not how to do it. Need a local production team to get started ASAP. Dennis needs names this week. May spend Kip Pittman fund monies to finance.
4. Schedule private meetings by "Core Group" members with parties they think may share the vision of a camping experience. Not to get contribution at that time, but get commitment and prepare them for future action/support. Small groups. Dennis needs someone to be responsible for coordinating/setting up these meetings. February-March timeframe target.
5. Approach congregations. Adapt to individual congregation requirements. Target April-May. Maybe as early as March Dennis needs someone to head up and lead this effort.

Smokey closed the meeting with a prayer at 12:05.