

Minutes Camping Meeting Southside February 28th, 04

ATTENDING: Dennis Bacon, Smokey McKinney, T.J. Tinsley, Charles Garretty, Jerry Myers, Chris Stewart, Trevor Walker.

Jerry opened the meeting with a prayer at 10:20

Smokey asked Dennis to share the plans for video development. A youth devotional is planned at the site on **March 13th** with Mark Alford from channel 4. Trevor Walker is taking film today as background. Mark and Trevor will develop the full video presentation. Smokey to coordinate the youth devotional. **As many Board Members as possible are encouraged to attend the devotional.** Plan to put the video in multiple formats for presentation to churches.

Dennis gave a brief update on the plan to raise money. Start with small groups of interested individuals to seek early financial, etc. commitments. (Silent Phase) Probably April-May timeframe. Meet with church leaders during that time and into the summer as required to prepare for public push to raise funds. In some cases the interested individuals will also be church leaders. Dennis will draft explanations for alternative means of contributing to this effort. He will be available as required to assist in implementing for interested individuals. Dennis also offered to collect "commitment" information if the Board wished. We need a central collection point for reporting/tracking purposes. Value of land should be included in that data. **Dennis distributed commitment sheets to attendees for individual use as the initial beginning of the real fund raising effort. Will send out copies to other members and Smokey said forms needed to be returned before the next meeting.**

Smokey then opened discussion on business plan, especially a schedule of critical time points. Bill, for instance, can't proceed on plans for lake development without other concrete actions being taken. We have had continual sliding of time frames and schedules. Dennis suggested we needed to set a date for camp availability and work backward from that date to establish realistic event schedules. Discussion followed about finding someone to be responsible for project management. Smokey accepted the responsibility to identify and secure someone to take on this task. Smokey said he would do the job himself if we can find someone else to take chairmanship of the Board. Significant discussion followed about a potential chair replacement. Smokey will talk to some people over the next few weeks to seek a Chair replacement. In the interim Charlie will take responsibility for "chairing" (i.e. Organizing and scheduling) future meetings for the time being. Smokey will retain overall responsibility for Board Presidency.

Smokey then gave a brief review of the various structural components, Funding, Property Development, Org/legal, Camping , etc.

Minimal changes are anticipated to bylaws as currently structured. Charlie will look at potential revisions and send out final draft within the next 2 weeks.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 20th. Charlie will seek and identify the location and inform everyone as soon as determined. The April meeting is the 17th at the Central Church in Topeka.. May 15th next unless significant graduation activities interfere. May want to schedule the May or June meeting at the property.

T.J. closed the meeting with prayer at 12:05.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Garretty

P.S. (Personal Speech) We've been at this for essentially two years now. I fear a loss of support and energy unless concrete, visible, measurable progress begins now. The commitment of funds begins with us. Specific projects (Bylaws, Business Plan, Fund Raising, Construction Plans, etc.) must be solidified ASAP. The next two months are critical. **Please make a commitment of your personal time, talent and treasure now if you wish to see this vision become a reality.**