

Camping Minutes June 19, 2004

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

- The meeting began at 10:45 with a report by Smokey McKinney on status of Development Plan and Business Plan. Due to a number of issues with employment, church and personal situations he has been unable to complete the required work on those documents. Doug Portell offered to help with the business plan and requested prayer for the effort, which Chris S. led.
- Smokey also reported on the College Camp effort. Due to now shows from Manhattan & OP only had about 12 people. They were able to complete the drip irrigation work for about 350 trees and bushes. Worked on a new trail and cleared some debris from the creek bed. They also cut and corded some tree debris. Bill C. offered that anyone who wished could come "harvest" firewood for money raising or other projects.
- Jerry M. reported on the issue of Legal Advisor. Carl Wheeler, a lawyer at Central needs specific questions to address. Charles G. requested review of the bylaws before official signing by the trustees. Jerry also said he had presented insurance issues to Sam Ends and Church Mutual Ins. Church Mutual has requested additional information about the Camp organization, etc.
- Smokey presented the opportunity earlier communicated by email about potential purchase of trusses and stainless steel sink. After some discussion it was decided not to pursue the offers. Smokey also noted he visited the camp site yesterday and a number of the proposed use sites were under water.
- While at the site he met a neighbor who offered a house that could be used as a Caretaker cabin. Bill C. was familiar with the residence and noted there was some structural issues to consider. Smokey will check on structural issues and the cost of moving the house. Chris S. will check on the cost of foundation and concrete work. Ken T. offered a prayer for God's guidance on this issue.
- Dennis Bacon report on fundraising. One meeting scheduled to date; Bill C. on Saturday night to include Northside and Westside in Topeka. Doug P. has a meeting scheduled for Jul. 6. Dennis plans to hold 2 meetings in July. Chris S. will not hold separate meeting but will pursue prior \$5,000 commitment by contributions over and above normal budget. No other activities committed at this point. Reminder that meetings are to seek commitments for money and resources. Also seek to collect email addresses for "friends of camping" mailing list.
- Doug P. presented "talking points" for meeting presentations. He will email copy of dialog to everyone. Dennis brought 7 VHS tapes and 15-17 CD's for people to use. He had to leave early and requested that Doug return any units not taken by participants to him. Ken T. encouraged everyone to invite as many people to these meetings as possible so as to maximize benefits of this effort. Doug P. clarified that initial construction was to be a Retreat Center first at an estimated cost of \$500,000. Need to give a specific goal and be able to ask for specific amounts.
- Ken T. reported that he had contacted Swope Parkway and they had indicated interest in joining the camping group. Smokey said he would pursue Oskaloosa and Manhattan. Doug P. will pursue Gladstone.
- Jerry M. suggested Bonner Springs as a "normal" place to hold future meetings. Charles will work with Tom on details to see if we can do this without creating an undue burden on the Bonner Springs people. Tom T. agreed to host THE NEXT MEETING ON AUGUST 21 AT BONNER SPRINGS.
- Smokey M. motioned and Jerry M. seconded that the May 15 minutes be approved with the word "vigils" removed from 1st para. Page 2.

Chris Stewart closed the meeting with a prayer at 12:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Garretty
Secretary