

Minutes Camping Meeting Leavenworth June 21, 2003

ATTENDING: Bill Carriger, Ken Truax, Charles Garretty, John Telgren, Stacy Telgren, Kent Mace, Jeff Gibson, Tom Tinsley, T.J. Tinsley, Doug Portell, Chris Stewart, Smokey McKinney, Daren Mitchell.

Ken Truax opened the meeting with prayer at 9:15

Bill Carriger assumed leadership in Smokey's initial absence. The power point presentation he had prepared is currently missing. Bill will plan to forward to interested parties if they request. In lieu of power point he distributed pictures and personally described the property and some initial ideas using a whiteboard drawing to illustrate.

Bill then described a vision for initial year round steel building construction based on a footprint of a church building. The inside floor plan would be modified to camping use. The plan was based on 2 levels of approximately 5000 square feet each. Copies of the floor plans were made and distributed. Basic structure cost including solar collector and finishing about 400,000. That number does not include bringing in utilities, roads, cabins, septic, kitchen equipment furnishings, etc. Initial costs could be reduced by using sweat equity as appropriate and available.

Smokey then recapped net of the presentation with reminders that we were striving to have a functioning camp within 2 years. Also have not yet considered caretaker expense, RV grading, hookups, baseball, etc. field prep. Another issue raised was Bill's CRP revenue loss exposure as meadow land converted to camp facilities/use.

Smokey asked for reports from various committees.

- Op just completed Jr. camp. Sr. camp scheduled July 20-25
- Southwest camp(s) starts 7/22. Three separate age groups at the same camp.
- East Independence camp at Grand River starting 7/22

Smokey distributed Board info with available pictures and reviewed timelines of progress starting with the December 02 meeting.

Discussion regarding **next meeting. Decision made to meet Aug. 16 at Doug Portell's home at 9:00 with potluck fellowship to follow. Spouses are invited to this next meeting. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALANDERS NOW!**

Smokey asked John Telgren about pictures of camping experiences on web site. John noted he should be able to accommodate and people were asked to forward to John in digital format.

Camp Development report by Doug Portell. Initial application for HUD project was not approved. Will continue to pursue with potential of up to \$20,000 to camping effort from each completed project. Chris S. suggested we form a fund raising committee soon. T.J. added money needed to be raised soon if we plan to have camping capability within 2 years. Chris Stewart moved that Plan A be to pursue development of Harveyville property. T.J. seconded. Passed unanimously.

Chris Stewart hasn't pursued survey of other camping organizations yet. We will pursue aggressively now that we are planning to build rather than purchase. Ken Truax will assist Chris in developing specific survey questions.

Chris Stewart presented an initial draft of a mission statement based on Eph. 1:17. Netted out to: *"To provide a camping experience that helps our area youth know God better."*

Some discussion followed addressing what to name the prospective camp facility. T.J. suggested and all agreed to solicit and bring suggested names to the next Board meeting.

Site Development (Bill Carriger) will pursue costing/bids for site development infrastructure for next meeting. Doug Portell asked people interested in fund raising effort to stay after meeting to discuss strategy.

Ken Truax closed the meeting with prayer at 11:25

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Garretty