

Minutes 8-20-05

AT Tallgrass Christian Camp!

Attending: Smokey McKinney (minuteman), Doug Portell, Jerry Myers, Bill Carriger, TJ Tinsley, Chris Stewart and Ken Truax (had to leave early).

Started at 10:30 am

Ended at 12:30 pm

1. Absentee directors

Dennis (?) needs to step back, others don't attend. This is a matter that should be addressed by trustees at year's end.

1. Camp '06 ... at Tallgrass?

What is needed to accomplish this. Lots of discussion. Kitchen. Bare minimum, in Bill's opinion: electricity, water, sewage, some way to prepare food. However, we could make do with several J.on the S.'s, tents, etc. Doug said it needs to be a GOOD experience. Smokey said let's have it here, no matter what. Chris: perhaps cater in food. Any regulations that must be met? No, just what our insurance requires. Bill noted a camp nearby was once closed by state due to food issues. Doug raised possibility of borrowing \$ to complete camp. Jerry: on paper, we've said we wouldn't do that, but interested in looking at what it would cost. ALL AGREED TO DISCUSS THIS IN OCTOBER. Need real estimates on all the pieces. TJ suggested National Guard might come in and set up for us. Smokey: what about elementary elsewhere, but HS (and JH) here.

1. October Retreat.

Some different opinions re. purpose. Thought by some to be FOR board, by others for some planning of next year's sessions (i.e., Ted Phillips, camp directors invited). This was not resolved, but I think the 3rd weekend is devoted to board members. That boots camp directors to another weekend. Several mentioned intentions to have retreats in October at TG. If more than one group, they'll have to share space. (Sounds like TG is already ready for camping! Okay, sorry. I'll try to keep my footnotes to myself.)

1. Building. What needs to be done.

Bill discussed shingles. No green, instead "weathered wood." Doug: sheathing needs to go up, followed immediately by shingles. TJ: the problem is the framing is not finished. Discussion of who would be in charge. TJ agreed, with severe limitation of busy work schedule. Discussion of Steve Toullion's involvement. We need his expert help. Bill noted that Steve is busy, too. We all are. TJ pointed to example of roof sheathing supports on north end, rough estimated perhaps 5 skilled workers, 16 hours to finish framing. Don't forget siding on outside of gables. General agreement we are at a point where we should probably PAY (Steve T. or other) to finish roof asap. Doug: paint/sealing scheduled to occur within 45 days. Smokey asked about windows and doors. None had planned on that this year. Next two weekends good opportunities for work groups. TJ: floor has to be finished screwed. Jerry will contact Steve Toillion.

1. Brick courtyard Chris shared plans, sketched by friend, volunteer. Proposed plan, and beginning selling bricks over winter. ALL: Go for it.

2. Freddy

TJ: Freddy _____ donated crane work, a collection was taken up \$270, but Freddy refused it, handed it back, said, Buy the dinnerbell. All agreed, plan it into courtyard, find or purchase (est. cost of new iron bell is \$70) , name the bell Freddy. TJ will find out if letter for tax purposes is desired by (the real) Freddy.

1. Lease

Handout, draft Lease Agreement. Some discussion. All agreed needed change from 3 year to 5 years, giving more time for a charitable trust to be established.

1. Fundraising We need it! (Took a short break, after that exhausting discussion about fundraising...)

1. Treasurer's report

Jerry: \$19K in account, with all camp expenses paid. Still to be paid: \$30K concrete (bill not yet received—probably next 30 days) (Doug noted that this may be higher -\$40K); \$25K Walker family contributions for cabins.

We're now an official organization with the state of Kansas. Jerry: God continues to amaze, at each test, coming through with almost exact amounts needed.

TJ: need to provide Terry Tinsley with bids, let her do her work to provide us with REAL numbers (re. cost of finishing Lodge) BEFORE we vote Go/No. Use purchase orders. ALL voted: any purchase order over \$300 needs _____ (missed that part for some reason) (needs board approval?).

1. Inside Layout of Lodge

Doug asked board to approve Cindy Portell and Kristy McKinney to design inside layout. ALL agreed. But Bill noted it will be a while before we get to that work. Doug: labor AND materials for fireplace will be DONATED. Bill suggested incorporating heatilator into system. Jerry noted we must work with Lon Weaver on kitchen equipment (10 cents on the dollar!). Doug knows a coffee guy that will meet our coffee equipment needs. STOPPED FOR PRAYER

1. Water meter/service Bill gave some history. In 1998, six meters were available; now we're being asked to pay to finish loop line, with 4" pipe. Proposal restricts us to 5 gallons per minute (?). Cost, \$2500 up to \$4000 for meter. Then monthly use. Alternatives: a) Drill a well. Goes against verbal agreement with county guy, who is now retired. b) Harveyville option. Their pumphouse is just outside our property. H is currently negotiating their water supply with Burlingame (move away from RW8). Cross our land, or perhaps agreement with Anschutz. c) Buy water from our neighbor, Kealy. Planned cistern, cost of \$10K, not including labor (volunteer expected) (Margie Smith's brothers?). ALL agreed, approach Kealy's (similar to Internet arrangement). Bill will check on whether there are any legal issues.

12. Cabins Bill: Joe _____ would like to build a couple of cabins. Proposed we use single design, 20x22, on a slab, looks like log cabin (lodge), but 5.5x7.5 inches. Logs cost is \$5500 per; estimated cost per cabin at \$12K. Smokey asked Bill to share drawing of design with group. TJ asked how much less cost for stick frame construction?

Doug Portell dismissed with prayer at 12:30 pm.