

March 10, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Rickie Smith, Linda R. Holt, Sam Moss, Joan Sasser, Tommy Willcockson, Karen Cuthrell, and Margie Koogler, Jane Sasser, George Poffenberger. Special guest presenter: David Koogler

The meeting was called to order by Rickie Smith who opened the meeting with a devotional reading and prayer.

A motion to accept the minutes from the January 13th-board meeting was made by Sam Moss and seconded by Joan Sasser. The Board voted to approve the minutes as submitted.

Presentation of Endowment Fund Policy Draft by David Koogler

David Koogler reviewed the original establishment of the Endowment Fund (passed March 9, 2010). The original Investment Fund (\$71,000) was divided into the Operating Reserve Fund (\$11,000) and the Endowment Fund (\$60,000). The original intent was to use 5% of the Endowment Fund annually to support special projects such as outreach ministries, building improvements, youth activities, and new or special programs.

The Endowment Fund now has \$80,000.00.

David also reviewed the draft of the policy and guidelines for the administration of the Endowment Fund.

Discussion of the policy and guidelines included:

1. When would the applications be submitted?
2. When would the funding be released?
3. Would there be a provision for special requests outside of the scheduled application submission?
4. How would the Endowment Fund committee members be selected?
5. How can accountability and reporting be built into the application and reporting process?

The board hopes to finalize the policy and guidelines at the May board meeting. A presentation will be made to the congregation at the June congregational meeting.

A follow-up explanation and kickoff for the application process could be presented in October.

Appalachian Service Project (ASP) Presentation by David Koogler

David Koogler made a short presentation regarding the status of the ASP Mission Project. Eleven church members have committed to participate in the project scheduled for October 8-11. David hopes to do one or two fundraisers in addition to the "store" to provide \$2,000.00 needed to pay lodging and travel expenses.

During the Secretary's report, congregational concerns were noted, and the current church membership number of 171 was announced.

The minister's report indicated that 14 electronic contacts were made, 19 cards were mailed, and 4 home visits and 4 hospital visits were made. Zion will provide the Easter sunrise service at Ruritan Park this year.

The Treasurer's report was made by Rickie Smith and indicated that all bills have been paid, income is off by 3%, the Operating Reserve fund has \$11,000, and the Endowment Fund now has \$80,000.

Worship Report (Karen Cuthrell)

Events

- Lent Candle Ceremony through Easter Sunday.
- 5th Sunday Hymn Sing at Elon on March 29.
- Palm Sunday is March 29.
- Good Friday Service on April 3.
- Easter Sunrise service provided by Zion on April 5 at 7am the Beaverdam Ruritan Park.
- Easter Service at Zion

The *God Squad* youth choir has been asked to sing at Mt. Carmel Church on Sunday, March 15. They will also be singing at the 5th Sunday Hymn Sing. The choir met on March 8 for practice. Previous practice sessions had been cancelled due to the weather.

Four people are going to camp. Currently, \$800 is available for camp and travel expenses. \$1,540 is needed and a fundraiser will be held to help raise the additional funds needed.

Education Report (Jane Sasser)

We continue with our Sunday School classes and Wednesday night program.

For the children, we are moving ahead with stories of Jesus' object lessons from the Sermon on the Mount. We have talked about finding your heart where your "treasure" is kept. We demonstrated letting our light shine and not putting it under a basket. We sampled food that was unsalted and food with salt, remembering that we are the "salt" of the world. We looked at the log and the speck in someone's eye. We will see the camel trying to go through the eye of the needle tomorrow night. Finally, we will build a house on sand and a house on rock and see which one holds up under the "storm."

Attendance has been down in the children's Sunday school class this winter, but the Wednesday night group of 5 children remains steady, with all children in attendance every Wednesday night that we have had our program.

The new meal program has been going well. Joan Sasser was recognized for her coordination of volunteers who fixed the main dish, and those who have provided the delicious side dishes were thanked.

There are prospective new teachers who have shown an interest in developing and teaching a new Sunday school class for the age group in between the elementary class and the high school class.

The Worship/Education Committee will meet on March 18.

Outreach/Evangelism Report (Margie Koogler)

The Old Firehouse concert for February 28 was postponed because the band scheduled, *Barely Above Sea Level*, had complications from an ice storm in Raleigh, NC. Outreach gave the band two possible dates that would work with our schedules. The two dates, March 21 and April 11, were not workable. Outreach may pursue other options such as having them play at one of the summer cruise-ins or providing the band with first choice on the schedule for the next series which starts in the fall.

The Easter Egg Roll and Kids Festival is scheduled for March 28, 12:00-3:00pm. Volunteers are need to man games for the older children. Bags of candy, snack size bags, and craft supplies are also needed.

Since this is the first time this event has been held, promotion is very important. Efforts need to be made to inform those who attended the Fall Festival.

Activities for this event include the appearance of the Easter Bunny, two shows (1 preschool, 1 elementary) performed by Jeff Beatman, and games and activities for all age groups. Jeff Beatman sings age-

appropriate songs, reads, and gets the children up and moving during his performance. Both shows are being provided at a cost of \$110.

The August Old Firehouse Concert has been moved from August 2 to August 29.

The May 2 concert features *The Company Store*.

Membership/Missions (Rickie Smith)

Pam Steele will be conducting an inventory of supplies and making needed purchases. She has purchased items needed for additional welcome bags.

Property (George Poffenberger)

The parsonage has been shown but not recently. It will be taken off the market until spring.

A filter has been ordered for the ice machine. In the meantime, bagged ice must be used.

The Christian Center workgroup has developed a list of improvements:

- Electronic sign
- Storage building
- Fire truck mural
- Portable stage and spotlight

The roof on the sanctuary will need to be replaced soon. The property committee has obtained quotes for different materials; asbestos shingles, plastic slate, slate and metal.

- Asbestos shingles \$28,000
- Plastic slate \$30,790
- Slate \$41,890
- Metal \$31,500

Deacons and Elder Updates (Joan Sasser and Sam Moss)

The Deacons and Elders have no issues to address at the current time.

Disciples Men

A Project Home ramp will be installed at the home of Mack Childress on May 2.

The Disciples Men built components at the Project Homes work site.

The Easter Sunday breakfast will be prepared by the Disciples Men.

Disciples Women

The Disciples Women are planning a Spaghetti dinner for April 25. Tickets may be purchased from any member.

Other Business

- The judge has signed the trustee order.
- Rickie Smith presented the proposed nominating committee (Frank Gayle, Shirley Moss, Donna Michael). Margie Koogler made a motion that the nominating committee be accepted as presented. Jane Sasser seconded the motion, and the board voted to approve the proposed committee.

- Rickie Smith asked the board to approve a request from Frank and Shelby Gayle to park 6-8 cars at the church from October 17-24. Approval was granted.

Joan Sasser made a motion that the meeting be adjourned; Karen Cuthrell seconded the motion. The meeting was closed with a prayer by Rickie Smith.

The next board meeting will be held on May 12, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda R. Holt
Recording Secretary