

Camping Minutes Nov. 20, 2004

ATTENDING: Dennis Bacon, Bill Carriger, Charles Garretty, Jim Kennedy, Smokey McKinney, Jerry Myers, Doug Portell, Chris Stewart, John Telgren, T.J. Tinsley, Tom Tinsley, Ken Truax.

Doug Portell led an opening prayer at 10:10

Jerry Myers said checks should be made out to Christian Camp, Inc. and sent to him at: 3713 SW 34th St. Topeka, KS 66614. Other suggestions were to encourage automatic deductions from bank accounts and to include Christian Camps in Insurance/Estate bequeaths.

Ken asked to clarify the establishment of permanent Boards. Charles G. suggested that separate Boards be established when we start construction and/or on-going operations. Following some discussion, the Trustees agreed to meet immediately following this meeting to confirm current Board of Directors and officially sign the By-Laws. Charles G. also will email copy of final by-laws to everyone.

Dennis Bacon announced that the total 3-year commitment to date is \$37,000, including the Wheaton and SW Topeka contributions. Chris S. has been approached by a member who has offered \$20,000 to be used "strategically." Following a suggestion by Doug P. Somkey M. motioned that we challenge no fewer than 20 churches to at least match this gift. Dennis B. seconded and it was approved. Churches and assigned contact responsibility was then assigned as noted below:

Board Member	Chuches
Dennis Bacon	Blue River, East Side Lees Summit
Bill Carriger	Harveyville, Central Topeka
Charles Garretty	151 st St. Olathe, Overland Park
Jim Kennedy	Baldwin City, Eudora, Ottowa, Vinland
Smokey McKinney	Manhattan, SS Lawrence
Jerry Myers	Emporia, Highland Park Topeka
Doug Portell	Gladstone, Liberty
Chris Stewart	Oskaloosa, Roswell, Eastside Topeka, SW Topeka
John Telgren	Leavenworth
Tom Tinsley	Bonner Springs
Ken Truax	East Independence, Swope Parkway

Chris S. then led a prayer for the success of the challenge effort.

Bill C. reported on development status. We have had four major activities at Tallgrass this year. (1) Introductory video shoot/meeting, (2) Memorial weekend college work retreat, (3) Labor Day work project, and (4) October tree planting. The latter was particularly encouraging, with great attendance. Doug P. has done some research on pre-fab log buildings. Smokey suggested we needed to decide on a specific development plan and stay with it. Doug P. suggested that we follow last months plan to do a basic retreat center with cabins and believes money will start to flow in. He also suggested we hire an architect to design facilities. Smokey M. added the people across the street indicated some urgency to "get rid of their house." We need to make a decision on moving the house to camp property by December. Doug P. motioned that Bill C. and committee (Smokey M. and Doug P.) address architectural issues and present recommendations at the December meeting. Chris S. seconded and the motion was approved.

Doug will provide additional business plans and update as appropriate for solicitation use.

Jerry M. said he is still working on insurance/legal issues and should have more time to pursue resolution I the coming month.

Charles G. updated on Newsletter. Charles will have primary responsibility for content and publishing. Jim K. will establish and maintain a mail list for the NL. So far only two have responded to the request for mailing info. When we have a representative mail list we will begin publication.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 18th.

Jerry M. closed the meeting with a prayer at 12:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Garretty
Secretary