

Camping Minutes December 18, 2004

ATTENDING: Bill Carriger, Charles Garretty, Jim Kennedy, Jerry Myers, Steve Myers, Doug Portell, Chris Stewart, John Telgren, Tom Tinsley

Tom Tinsley led an opening prayer at 10:20

Doug Portell chaired the meeting in Ken Truax absence.

Fund raising reports. Doug stated OP pledges now total about \$31,000. Gladstone and Liberty have not gotten back t this time. Bonner Springs committed \$5,000 plus \$25/wk starting the first. Topeka Central has pledged \$300/mo. Next year. Leavenworth has pledged \$500. No know of about \$140,000 pledged.

Doug then gave site development report. First phase is planned to be a retreat center building that will fulfill 4 requirements. Kitchen, bath, worship area, and storm shelter. He presented a basic plan with about 7,000 sq. ft. on each of 2 floors, with eating and worship areas above and sleeping, recreational, bath facilities below. A portion of the lower level would serve as a storm shelter also. He announced that Steve Myers had agreed to oversee construction of the building over the summer months with churches providing the labor, etc. Doug has contracted with Southland Log Co. to provide the materials and some architectural help. It was noted that a sanitary lagoon and utilities must be done before construction could begin. Tom noted that Bonner Springs has a brother who could design and build the lagoon gratis. Doug noted that it would take a \$15,000 deposit to order the supplies for a \$110,000 shell. After some discussion on the feasibility of the plan Charles Garretty motioned that the Board accept Doug's proposal to move ahead and give a fuller financial assessment at the January meeting. Chris Stewart seconded the motion and it carried.

Bill Carriger reported on the status of donated property. He is still paying off the property. A solution may be to gift through a charitable trust. Doug and Bill will continue to explore options. Bill has drawn up a draft lease and will work diligently to firm up. The land will be paid off in 8 years. A copy of his letter on the subject is attached as part of these minutes

The official name is now Tallgrass Christian Camp. Future checks, etc. should be made to that entity.

Jerry Myers began a round robin closing prayer at 11:40 for the success of our camping efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Garretty