

Big Canoe Chapel Board of Trustees Minutes April 16, 2018

Trustees Present:

Larry Applewhite
Ray Bedingfield
Dan Bellenger
Judy Bellenger
Jeff Downing
Roger Estill
Dick Girdler

Jean James
Glenda Mitchell
Chuck Palmer
Jim Pollner
Dennis Shearer
Laura Walker
Wyatt Wood

Others Present:

Rev. Len Walker
Rev. Harry Lucenay
Win Cates, Communications Comm.
Chuck Knapp, Finance Chair
Judy Erikson, Membership Comm.
Leigh Young, Adm.

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by the chairman, Danny Bellenger. The **devotional** was led by Danny about three instances in the Bible when God spoke directly. Rev. Walker led the **opening prayer**.

Minutes of the March 19th meeting approved unanimously after a motion by Dick Girdler , seconded by Jim Pollner.

Chaplain's Remarks: Rev Walker reports that the Ministry Fair held on April 15th was successful with committee chairs reporting that there were many new sign-ups.

Financial Report: Leigh Young reported that contributions are below budget for the month. YTD (\$11,488.09)

Finance Committee Chairman, Chuck Knapp reports:

- The first quarter Investment Performance Report will be presented in May
- There has been an \$80K endowment fund set up by Joe Dodd's family (Joe Dodd Memorial Scholarship), the earnings of which will be distributed by the scholarship committee.
- The Armstrong Fund principle (\$1,200) will be distributed over the next four years after which time the fund will be discontinued.

Chuck introduced Rev. Harry Lucenay who has been working with the Endowment Comm. He presented the proposed changes to the Endowment policy, answered questions and with minor wording changes it was approved unanimously. Moved by Danny and seconded by Jeff Downing. Rev. Lucenay stressed that for success, the endowment program must be integrated into the life of the Chapel and the avenue for donations communicated clearly.

Communications Committee Report: Win Cates reported on the Stand-Around Survey with a power point presentation. The major conclusion from the survey was that "the BC Chapel would benefit by creating a more welcoming, friendly and open-feeling environment for both visitors and members". This must be a Chapel wide initiative. Win elaborated on the current methods that should be continued and added suggestions on how to build a "Meet and Greet" Environment including the formation of a group of Stand-Around Ambassadors. Judy Erikson, chair of the Visitation and Membership Comm. was present and is working with her committee to implement these suggestions. After approximately six months the effectiveness will be evaluated.

Feasibility Study for a Christian School at Big Canoe Chapel. Last month a study was proposed by Rev. Walker. A task force was formed to review the Chapel's vision and mission statements in relationship to a Christian School. Dennis Shearer, Glanda Mitchell and Larry Applewhite comprise the task force and everyone was asked to give prayerful consideration to this proposal.

Trustee Election: Per the written report from the Trustee Selection Committee, Danny reports that a total of 127 ballots were received and 565 votes.

The five new trustees are:

Devon Collins

Fran Farias

James Garner

June Lewis

Carol Willoughby

The three alternates are:

Brian Roberts

Lynda Case

Keith Schut

Their three year term begins on July 1st and their names will be announced at the Annual Meeting on May 20th.

Trustee Officers : Danny distributed forms asking the trustees to indicate their willingness to serve as officers next year. The positions of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary will be filled by the ten current trustees continuing to serve.

National Day of Prayer: Wyatt Wood reports that due to scheduling difficulties, the event previously scheduled for May 3rd will instead take place on May 6th at the Terraces. The change was approved unanimously.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Walker.

No executive session was necessary because no business was enacted in March and therefore the minutes required no approval.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff, seconded by Dennis and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jean James, secretary