

Big Canoe Chapel Board of Trustees Minutes
March 19, 2018

Trustees Present:

Others Present:

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

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

Rev. Len Walker
Jeff Turner, CPA, Treasurer
Leigh Young, Business Manager

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by the chairman, Danny Bellenger. Rev. Walker opened the meeting with prayer. The devotional on suffering was led by Jim Pollner.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 19th meeting was made by Dick Girdler, seconded by Judy Bellenger and passed unanimously.

Chaplain's Remarks:

Rev. Walker spoke about the Spiritual Renewal Conference currently under way. It was inspired by a study led by Rev. Mark Nyswander at Indian Springs Camp. He went on to say that spiritual awakenings are usually preceded by spiritual decline and that prayer leads to fertile ground for growth.

Financial Report by Jeff Turner:

- The YTD contributions to the 2018 Mission Conference currently stand at ~\$101K, well exceeding the goal of \$80K.
- Financials are ahead of budget and operations are under budget
- A first quarter investment report will be presented at the April meeting.

Distribution from the Chapel Reserve Fund: Last month Chuck Knapp presented a recommendation from the finance committee to transfer \$100K out of the Chapel Reserve Fund into outreach. The balance of ~\$261K represents approximately a 3 month operating budget. Alternately, a distribution of \$200K was proposed by Ray Beddingfield. Danny asked for a vote on these two options. Voting was done in writing and tallied. The majority chose the finance committee's recommendation. Therefore, \$100K will be transferred to outreach per the established 50%/30%/20% going to Benevolence/Missions/Scholarship. Leigh Young will notify those committee chairs about newly available funds.

Emergency Protocols: Jeff Downing distributed a revised Weather Emergency Protocol. A motion to accept the proposal was seconded by Glenda and approved unanimously. A task force under the Property Committee will be formed to provide training and communication of the plan via the Communications Committee.

Danny presented a recommendation from the Communications Committee regarding **the display of posters**. Judy Bellenger moved that posters may be displayed only in Cousins Hall and not in hallways or common areas of the Chapel. Seconded by Jeff and passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting Agenda: Danny presented the agenda for approval. A minor change of wording was agreed upon. Two By-Law changes require the members' vote. 1) to change the name of the Trustee Selection Committee to the Trustee Election Committee. 2) to prohibit husbands and wives from serving as Trustees simultaneously. Note: Trustees currently serving will be grandfathered in. Glenda Mitchell moved to accept the agenda, Jim Pollner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Trustee candidates: Danny reported that the organist, James Garner has indicated a willingness to serve as a trustee, stating that since James is a contractor and not an employee of the Chapel, he is eligible to serve.

Rev. Walker proposed that a **feasibility study for a Christian School at Big Canoe Chapel** be started by a task force to include himself, Dan Bellenger, another board member, a finance committee member and a school teacher/administrator. He reports that he has received positive responses to an informal survey asking for thoughts on this subject. Danny asked that the trustees think and pray about the proposal and a vote will be taken at the April meeting.

Rev. Walker closed the meeting with prayer.

A motion to adjourn to executive session was made by Dick Girdler, seconded by Chuck Palmer and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:


Jean James, secretary