

Big Canoe Chapel Board of Trustees Minutes  
May 21, 2018

**Trustees Present:**

Larry Applewhite  
Ray Bedingfield  
Dan Bellenger  
Judy Bellenger  
Roger Estill  
Jean James  
Glenda Mitchell

Chuck Palmer  
Dennis Shearer  
David Thompson  
Laura Walker  
Wyatt Wood

**Others Present:**

Rev. Len Walker  
Jeff Turner, Treasurer  
Leigh Young, Adm  
Win Cates, Communication Comm.  
**New Trustees:**  
Fran Farias ('21)  
Carol Willoughby ('21)  
James Garner ('21)

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by the chairman, Dan Bellenger. The **devotional** was led by Laura Walker on the 23 Psalm and her learning about true faith from concentration camp survivors.

Dan welcomed our new trustees and gave a brief overview of our meeting agenda.

Rev. Walker led the **opening prayer**.

Minutes of the April 16th meeting approved unanimously after a motion by Glenda Mitchell, seconded by Chuck Palmer.

**Chaplain's Remarks:** Rev. Walker gave thanks for a successful Legacy of Caring event this weekend including all the volunteers and particularly thanked God for providing the good weather. "Giving witness to the love of Christ." He went on to say that the Chapel is entering a new season with the start of VBS. Bret McClain returned to join the Youth Team from mid-May until July after which time he will resume his position with Campus Ministry. He will receive a small stipend. Pray for the Youth Team. Day Camp follows VBS and Rev. Walker wants the focus of the camp to be more faith based though he believes this cannot be implemented this year, as those plans are already underway.

**Financial Report** by Jeff Turner:

- YTD the Chapel is ahead of budget. Income is up and operation expenses are down.
- He complimented the finance committee on the accuracy of the budget predictions, evidenced in the report.
- The auditors were on-site from April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup> and continue work off-site. Their report will likely be available by late June, after which time, it will be presented to the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees at the monthly meeting.
- The Vanguard investment report will be given in August after adequate time with full investment of funds is analyzed.
- Q&A: 1) regarding the process for donation of stock – the process is better but still needs improvement. 2) Jeff clarified that the recently started Joe Dodd Memorial fund is an endowment.

**Technology Committee:** Dan reported that the security upgrade previously approved for \$2,000 has exceeded budget by \$900. The additional funds will not be transferred into the Technology budget until the end of the year when the committee's final balance is determined.

**Trustee Officers 2018-19:** Dan distributed ballots for the three positions, listing those who have expressed a willingness to serve, welcomed write-ins and also nominations from the floor. The ballots were counted by outgoing trustees, Roger Estill and Jean James. By majority vote, the elected are:

Larry Applewhite, Chairman

Dennis Shearer, Vice Chairman

Wyatt Wood, secretary

Larry asked for the prayers and support of the trustees as he accepts the Chairmanship.

The new trustees will be consecrated on June 17<sup>th</sup> at the worship service.

**Chapel Vision and Mission Statements:** Dennis passed out copies of the team work by Larry, Glenda Mitchell and himself. He presented the material on strategies (current & potential) that need to be considered, as the Chapel moves forward, which will insure alignment with the current Chapel vision. Additional discussion, BOT decisions and next steps will be the subject of the June Board meeting.

Larry reported on **The National Day of Prayer** which was held at the Terraces. The program included a Praise Band, Youth testimonies and 12 prayer stations. Attendance was ~160-175.

Rev. Walker closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote following a motion by Chuck, seconded by Larry.

Next meeting is June 18<sup>th</sup>. Chuck Palmer will give the devotional.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jean James, secretary