

Minutes of the Big Canoe Chapel Board of Trustees Meeting
January 19, 2015

Present:

Darryl Anderson (17)
Lynn Burns (16)
Randy Case (15)
Ron Ceravolo (15)
Gary Cherry (16)
Lynn Cooper (17)
Lassie Dye (15)
Fred Gregg (16)
Lynne Knapp (17)
Don Moore (15)
Charlie Vick (17)

Absent:

Jerry Capps (16)
Win Cates (17)
Jeff Dobson (16)
Ham Gadd (15)

Others Present:

Rev. Len Walker
Roger Mosshart
Tarby Bryant
Millann Funk
Susan Dean

The meeting was called to order by chair, Randy Case. Fred Gregg offered a short devotional, followed by prayer.

Fred Gregg moved and Darryl Anderson seconded to approve the minutes of the December 2014 meeting with the revision of minor typos.

Chaplain's Remarks: Rev. Len Walker commented on the Family Retreat held at Callaway Gardens the previous weekend. It was a very good retreat, in spite of less participation than hoped for, due to some family illnesses.

Report on 2015 Broyles Mission Conference: Co-chairs, Millann Funk and Susan Dean reviewed the upcoming 25th mission conference to be held February 5-8, 2015. The theme is God's World-Our Hands, and their goal is to raise \$75,000. There will be a complementary dinner, sponsored by several families in the Chapel on Thursday night followed by presentations. Friday night will be more presentations and music by the Lee University Chorale, Saturday morning will be the annual PaintFest, and Sunday morning worship will include a message from one of the presenters and music by the Lee University Chorale.

2015 Budget and Financial Report: Tarby Bryant provided an update on the Stewardship campaign reporting that we are \$28,000 ahead of last year with a net gain of nine pledges, giving us a total of 211 pledges totaling \$912,985. All standing committees were told to present their zero-based budgets to the finance committee and the finance committee worked with Leigh Young, office manager, for the operating expense part of the budget. At the December 2014 meeting, the Board of Trustees had approved the hiring of Mauldin and Associates to perform a complete audit of the 2014 Chapel finances at a cost of \$9,500.

Roger Mosshart then presented the 2015 budget. There was much concern and discussion concerning the fact that revenues were up only 2.7% over last year, yet expenses were increasing at a much higher rate. This would mean that monies allocated for Outreach would be reduced by about \$106,000 in 2015. Fred Gregg moved, with a second from Lassie Dye, that the proposed budget be returned to the finance committee to reconsider decreasing expenses in all areas other than salaries. After more discussion, Ron Ceravolo moved to rescind the prior motion and accept the budget as presented. Gary Cherry seconded this motion. Don Moore called the question, and Ron Ceravolo seconded. With only four favorable votes, this motion failed. We then went back to the former motion. Randy Case suggested that if the board voted to send the budget back, the board should give some guidance to the Finance Committee. It was pointed out that if each committee spent no more in 2015 than they actually spent in 2014, it would amount to a savings of about \$36,000. Lynne Knapp suggested that with revenues up only 2.7%, expenses must also stay within an increase of 2.7%. A vote was taken and the motion passed. Randy Case charged the finance committee to take a closer look at expenses to see if all standing committees could stay within last year's spending. He also challenged the Stewardship Committee to push for more giving. Lassie Dye then thanked the Finance Committee for all their hard work.

Old Business: By-Law Review and Revision: Randy Case reported that he had received many emails thanking the By-Law Review committee for their great job. Lynn Burns pointed out that in Article 3.1 the word "active" had been inserted which changes the number needed for a quorum. Because this was not an article voted on to revise, it needs to be changed back to match Article 3.1 in the By-Laws revised and restated in May 2012. Randy Case noted that we were not in compliance with Article 11.1 which states that a written ballot must be sent to make by-law revisions. He reported that Jack Schroder, an attorney who has worked on past by-law revisions, assured him that since the by-law revisions were passed by such a large majority, there should not be a problem with their legality. The final By-Laws Revised and Restated-Jan. 18, 2015 are attached to these minutes.

Committee Reports: Darryl Anderson presented the Meditation Park and Terraces Committee mission statement for the board's perusal. It was pointed out that the Platt Botanical Gardens is now its own standing committee and no longer falls under the Terraces umbrella.

All board liaisons were charged to have their committees review, update, and forward their mission statements to the board for approval.

Fred Gregg presented the Endowment Fund mission statement. The board asked that he take it back to be simplified.

Darryl Anderson had prepared a questionnaire for the board's approval to survey the congregation about how they feel about the Wednesday evening activities. It was pointed out that he needs to add the 4:30 Bible Study to the questionnaire. Once that is done, he will put it in the alpha boxes and ask the congregation to return the completed form to the Chapel office.

Roger Mosshart presented a draft of a notice telling all standing committees that "Prior approval of the Board of Trustees shall be received by standing committees for new programs and/or capital projects exceeding \$1,000 before obligation or expenditure of funds are to be made for such activities." Lynn Burns will send this statement to Leigh Young to distribute to all standing committee chairs.

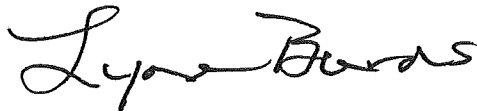
Chairman Remarks: Randy Case reported that the Children's Sunday school classes had requested a TV for one of the classrooms. The adult Sunday school classes have taken up contributions which will cover the costs.

He next told the board that three keys had been lost, resulting in having to re-key all locks at a cost of \$2,500. The office is looking into a better method for signing out and keeping track of all keys.

Randy then expressed his concern over the number of congregates who did not stay for the called meeting and the low number of congregates attending the Wednesday night activities.

Ron Ceravolo moved to move into Executive Session. Lassie Dye seconded and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn Burns". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Lynn Burns, Secretary