

Big Canoe Chapel Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
Monday, July 16, 2018  
2:00 pm

Trustees Present:

Larry Applewhite, Chmn (19)  
Ray Bedingfield (20)  
Dan Bellenger (19)  
Judy Bellenger (19)  
Devon Collins (21)  
Jeff Downing (20)  
Fran Farias (21)  
June Lewis (21)

Glenda Mitchell (20)  
Chuck Palmer (20)  
Jim Pollner (19)  
Dennis Shearer, V.Chmn (20)  
Carol Willoughby (21)  
Wyatt Wood, Sec (19)

Others Present:

Lamar Helms  
Jeff Turner  
Leigh Young  
Chuck Knapp

The meeting was called to order by Larry Applewhite, Chairman.

Lamar Helms led the opening prayer.

Larry Applewhite led the devotion on overcoming the guilt of sin.

Chaplain's remarks:

Lamar provided the chaplain's remarks as Len Walker, senior chaplain, was attending the camp meeting at Indian Springs. Lamar presented that 29 people went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Several of them will share their respective experiences this coming Sunday service, July 22. The chapel chior returned from the performance in Carnegie Hall in New York City where 24 chior members joined chiors from other parts of the country to present a meaningful performance. The chior has been invited for a performance at the Biltmore House in Ashville, NC for a Christmas performance on December 21, 2018. Six new Stephen Ministers were commissioned on July 14 in both morning seVICES. Over 90% of the Stephen Ministers are currently providing care to someone. Planning for the 2019 mission conference has begun. This year's mission conference will be co-chaired by Larmar Helms and Nancy and Frank Swartmiller.

Financial report:

Jeff Turner provided the financial report for June, 2018.

Chuck Knapp, chair of the finance committee, reported that there is a concern for declining contributions for the past two months. May and June contributions were below the budgeted

amount and were lower than the same two months of 2017. Chuck presented a couple of explanations why contributions could have declined being the membership's adjustment to the new tax law and normal Chapel contributions that could have gone to other causes such as the mission conference and Women's Guild that had both raised significant amounts of money recently. Chuck discussed a couple of ways that the decline in contributions was going to be presented to the congregation via a June 30, 2018 statement mailed to each Chapel member and a notification in the weekly bulletin. Chuck indicated that no specific action is required now by the Board of Trustees. We do need to be mindful of this negative trend.

**New business:**

A questions was raised as to whether the Chapel van could be used to pick up people that wanted to attend Sunday services but who may be unable to drive. Most trustees agreed that the van could be used for this purpose but that the van was not handicapped equiped and that a qualified, insured driver would have to be willing to drive. It was also mentioned that the Wellness Collaborative may provide the same service. No action was taken.

Larry led a brief review and discussion regarding the recent presentation to the Board concerning the Chapel vision and strategies. The following committees were formed to review certain issues before the Board related to the the aforementioned presentation:

**Worship study committee:**

Danny Bellenger  
Carol Willoughby  
Jim Pollner  
James Garner  
Wyatt Wood

**Property Owners Association engagement committee:**

Judy Bellenger  
Lamar Helms  
Chuck Palmer

**Chapel K-12 Christian School study committee:**

Larry Applewhite  
June Lewis  
Devon Collins

**Collaboration Committee:**

Dennis Shearer  
Jeff Downing  
Glenda Mitchell  
Fran Farias

By unanimous consent, the Board decided to use the remainder of the meeting for the above study committees to meet to begin work.

Danny Bellenger made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jim Pollner, approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Wyatt Wood, Secretary