



Big Canoe Chapel Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 19, 2019, 2:00PM

Trustees present:

Ray Bedingfield (20)	June Lewis, VChmn (21)
Seals Burdell (22)	Glenda Mitchell (20)
Devon Collins, Sec (21)	Bill Nelson (22)
Jeff Downing (20)	Susan Newton (22)
Fran Farias (21)	Dennis Shearer, Chmn (20)
James Garner (21)	

Other attendees:

Len Walker, Pastor
Win Cates, Communications Committee
Ron Ceravolo, Technology Committee
Keith Scott, Technology Committee
Jeff Turner, Treasurer
Lindsay Wessling, Director of Children & Youth Ministry
Leigh Young, Business Manager

Len Walker led the opening prayer.

Fran Farias presented the devotional and urged us all to Stop, Look and Listen for the Lord in all aspects of our daily lives.

Len Walker emphasized with the coming of Fall, the Chapel will be experiencing busy times. The Men's Journey Group and the Women's Bible Study are beginning, as are weekly Vespers' Services. He reminded the Board that the Stewardship Committee is chaired by Wyatt Wood, and the first three Sundays in November will be time of the official stewardship season.

The minutes from the July 15, 2019 meeting of the Board of Trustees were presented for approval. Jeff Downing moved to approve and James Garner seconded. The minutes were approved.

Financial Report:

Jeff Turner reported that through July contributions are ahead by about \$15,000 and expenditures under by \$26,000. Payments of \$70,000+ are due for Benevolences and Missions and there is cash available.

2020 budgeting has begun with visits to all the Committees who are being instructed to start with zero based budgets and to review each line item for possible changes. Plans are to have a flat budget year over year, but this will depend on pledges.

Surveillance Cameras:

Ron Ceravolo presented how this project has progressed since approval in 2018. Fourteen cameras were initially approved and seven have been installed. These motion detection cameras start recording when any motion occurs. Recordings are saved for 14 days and can then be uploaded to the Cloud. Plans are to have all the children's classrooms (completed) and the office covered along with all points outside the Chapel campus. Leigh, Mary Donna and Paul can view live coverage from their desk computers. Ron and Keith Scott have remote viewing capabilities.

Dennis reminded the Board that Devon would keep electronic copies of the BOT Calendar, Board Passed Motions, Buddy List, Devotional List, and Committee Chair/Liaison List. Please notify her of changes. Dennis also urged the members to meet with their Committee Chairs to keep them informed of the Board's activities.

Billboard Update:

Dennis met with the Finance Committee to share the long range marketing vision for the Chapel. He received pre-approval to rent a billboard if an appropriate one comes available. Fran Farias asked about the possibility of using the Terraces billboard to advertise other Chapel events and programs. This will need to be explored by the Communications and Technology Committees.

Mothers' Morning Out Update:

Lindsey Wessling gave a report on the status of MMO. The Fall session began August 6 with four children in attendance. One child is on a monthly fee schedule with the other three on daily fee basis. Ways to advertise were discussed, including Smoke Signals and Inside the Gates articles, along with continuing to post on Facebook. As this program is still in an early stage, the Board has agreed to carry the expenses until they reach the breakeven stage (8 children registered). This will continue to be monitored.

Succession Planning:

Jeff Downing, along with Fran Farias, presented a recommendation to the Board regarding succession planning. Relevant organizations who will benefit from this include: Board of Trustees, Chapel Committees, Women's Guild, Men's Fellowship, and Sunday School Classes. This recommendation offers flexibility but encourages the groups to have a process to ensure that appropriate and skilled leaders are identified and in place. Dennis asked the Board to meet with their Committee Chairs to discuss this recommendation. Susan Newton and Dennis agreed to be the liaisons for the Women's Guild and Men's Fellowship respectively.

Glenda Mitchell made a motion to accept this recommendation which was seconded by June Lewis. The motion passed.

Inactive Members:

Leigh Young presented a list of Chapel members who have been inactive for over a year. Two letters will be sent: one to those who have moved to ask if they still want to receive communications from the Chapel and one to those who still live here stating how they are missed and hope they will consider returning for worship services.

Parking Lot:

Dennis had added Terraces to the Parking Lot and asked Ray Bedingfield to bring to the Board ideas on ways to utilize this asset to share our faith.

James Garner moved that the meeting be adjourned: June Lewis seconded. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Devon Collins
Secretary