

**Old McKendree Board of Trustees**  
**Minutes: January 14, 2006**

The Old McKendree Board of Trustees met at 9 a.m. January 14, 2006 in Cox Hall, New McKendree UMC, Jackson. Jack Byrd presided with the following in attendance: Marybelle Mueller, Lynn Cotner, James Sanderson, Alice Lewis, Weldon Macke, David Norbury, James Hartmann, Paul Nothdurft, David Myers, Rodney Ladreiter, Terri Tomlin, Theresa Hopkins, and Betty Henry.

District Superintendent Norbury gave the opening prayer.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was distributed and accepted.

**Old Business:**

During discussion concerning the sound system in the Chapel, Marybelle suggested contacting Unity Pro Sound Systems for information. Jack will do this.

Discussion concerning the cost of having the musical group "Friends Pickin'" led to a motion by Marybelle that the musical entertainment at future meetings be limited to groups that are free of charge. The motion was seconded by Alice and passed. Rodney then moved that the invitation extended to Friends Pickin' for 2006 be cancelled. The motion was seconded by David Myers and passed. Paul will contact the group with the Board's decision. During the discussion, James Sanderson announced that the Smith Chapel Choir has agreed to provide music for this year's meeting.

D.S. Norbury announced that Missouri Conference Bishop Schnase had accepted an invitation to speak at the 2007 Annual Meeting.

**New Business:**

Lynn reported additional tree damage but with no apparent danger to buildings or visitors at this time, no action was deemed necessary.

Weldon presented a report on the latest designs for the East Main Street expansion and Interstate 55 interchange. He showed drawings of the proposed work. Jack asked Weldon and Rodney to check on the availability of property that is on the east and west sides of the Chapel grounds for possible purchase.

Betty suggested adding 2 new members to the Board. D.S. Norbury will check on possible additions to the Board attempting to expand the areas represented within the District.

Alice announced Centenary UMC's plans for their centennial celebration in the fall of this year.

D.S. Norbury is working on plans to have Bishop White, this year's speaker, keynote a District Training session set for September 23, 2006. This would help on the expenses for Bishop White's trip. Paul asked about the expenses and they will include airfare, accommodations and an honorarium. The actual total is not known at this time.

Suggestions for future speakers should be given to D.S. Norbury due to the full calendars of many prominent speakers.

Theresa reported on a faulty water heater in the caretaker's house. Rodney moved that a new water heater be chosen by the Hopkins and be installed. The motion was seconded and passed.

James Hartmann asked about planting new trees to replace ones that have been lost. The Building and Grounds Committee will meet later in the spring and determine the needs. A report will be given at the July meeting. D.S. Norbury and his wife would like to donate a tree, as would Alice Lewis.

Rodney asked about the cemetery mowing this season. Weldon mentioned that Tom Gross from Gordonville might be interested and will contact him and report to Jack. Jack will check with the mowers that did the job last year.

David Hopkins will set a Spring Work Day later.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Poe Henry, Secretary