

**OLD MCKENDREE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**January 15, 2000**

The Old McKendree Board of Trustees met at 10:00 a.m., January 15, 2000 in Cox Conference Room at New McKendree UMC, Jackson, Missouri.

Jack Byrd presided with the following in attendance: Hughes Davault, James Sanderson, Rodney Ladreiter, Brent Mustoe, John Rice, Marybelle Mueller, Terri Tomlin, David & Theresa Hopkins and Betty Henry.

James Sanderson gave the opening prayer.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

Copies of the treasurer's report were distributed and the report was accepted. The grant of \$2000 received was in response to a request for money to help purchase property along the western border of the Chapel grounds. Marybelle moved that this amount be put into a separate Certificate of Deposit until it is used for that purpose. The motion was seconded and passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

David will get an additional bid for the treating of the Wm. Williams cabin for termites. The bid he has at this time is for \$450.00 from an exterminator from Sedgewickville. He will contact Pest Free in Jackson also. Rodney moved that David follow through with the best bid and have the work done. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jack will contact David and set a date for the backhoe work

Rodney distributed a diagram of the proposed fence work at the entrance to the Chapel grounds and prices from Terrace Fence Co. of Marion, IL. After discussion, it was suggested that a local supplier of materials be sought. James Sanderson inquired about volunteer help with the installation. David moved that Jack and Rodney go forward with the project utilizing a local supplier if possible and Jack's workers and volunteers. The motion was seconded and passed. Marybelle moved that the 3-rail design be used. The motion was seconded and passed.

Rodney reported that the plaque inside the Chapel had been covered with shellac and could not be easily cleaned. He will consult with Harold Kuehle about suggestions.

Jack reported that the sign erected at the Cemetery had been stolen on Halloween. He has a replacement ready to put in place soon.

Luke Hopkins offered to do the cemetery mowing again this spring and summer at the same pay as last year. Considering the fine job Luke did last year, James moved that we accept the offer. The motion was seconded and passed.

Brent reported that the District had paid the expenses of last year's speaker for the Annual meeting. He indicated his intention to include this item in future budgets for the District.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Life Scout Garrett Gjerstad, a member of New McKendree UMC and Boy Scout Troop 311, presented plans for an Eagle Scout project. He distributed copies of the proposals and a diagram of possible placement of benches that he would build. He also offered to remove the identifying numbers that remain on the logs of the Wm. Williams cabin after it was reassembled several years ago. Garrett's father, Ron was also in attendance and will be alongside Garrett as he does his work. James expressed interest in the type of benches to be built. The board agreed that the design should be in keeping with the historic period the Chapel represents. A split log type was suggested as an acceptable style. David & Theresa stated that permanent placement of the benches would not hamper mowing and would keep people from moving them around. Another part of Garrett's plan dealt with the repair of the fence post at the entrance. With the planned replacement of the fencing, this would not be necessary. Discussion regarding the removal of the painted numbers ended with Marybelle moving that Garrett proceed with this project. The motion was seconded and passed. Jack asked Hughes, James and Betty to work with Garrett so that he could proceed with his plans.

John reported on conversations with Clayton Smith concerning the music ministry of Wesleyan scholars A.G. and Kate. The program they present would be ideal in the Chapel setting. They are to be in this area on Tuesday, September 19, 2000. After discussion about the safety of those attending a late afternoon, early evening gathering with no outdoor lighting, John said he and Clayton would continue discussions.

Terri asked for any additional expenses that need to be included in the proposed budget for 2001. Cost for the fencing, above the grant money, was mentioned. David asked about finishing an additional bedroom in the basement of the caretaker's house. Rodney moved that David be allowed to spend up to \$500.00 for needed materials. The motion was seconded and passed.

Jack shared contents of a letter he received from Bishop Monk Bryon with suggested changes for the Annual Meeting. Among the ideas given was the suggestion to change the day to Saturday and make it a multi-event day. The board took no action at this time. Speakers for the next two years are already on the calendar and those dates are set.

The next regular meeting of the board will be at 10:00 a.m., July 8, 2000 in the Cox conference room of New McKendree UMC, Jackson, Missouri.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Poe Henry  
Secretary, Old McKendree Board of Trustees