

## **Old McKendree Board of Trustees**

### **Minutes of July 14, 2007**

The Old McKendree Board of Trustees met at 9 a.m. July 14, 2007 in Cox hall, New McKendree UMC, Jackson, MO.

President Jack Byrd presided with the following members in attendance: Terri Tomlin, Marybelle Mueller, Weldon Macke, Lynn Cotner, Rodney Ladreiter, Mike Kasten, Alice Lewis, James Hartmann, Jerry Willer, Beverly Piepenbrok, Walter Joe Ford, David Myers, Beth Biri, and Betty Henry.

Rev. Willer gave the opening prayer.

The minutes from the January 13, 2007 meeting were read and approved. The minutes from the special meeting held on May 19, 2007 were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was distributed and accepted.

Lynn reported that the roof replacement on the Williams Cabin was completed. The remodeling of the caretaker's house was done. A donation of \$5000 had been received towards that work and came close to covering the expenses. He also reported he received a bid of \$1500 to remove the large tree in the cemetery. This covers the removal of the stump and large branches but not the debris. Removal of the debris will be the responsibility of the trustees. Acceptance of a bid had been previously authorized.

Marybelle reported on the meeting concerning zoning designation of the Chapel and grounds. Although additional hearings will be held, her request on behalf of the Trustees that the Chapel and grounds be zoned residential was acceptable to those officials in attendance. Future zoning hearings will have to be attended and support for the residential classification be shown.

Weldon reported on meeting with representatives of MODOT, Jackson and SEMO University. He was assured that Old McKendree would be protected. Weldon also stated that SEMO would be constructing an Autism Center and park area east of the Chapel grounds and Lane. Some excavating work will benefit the parking area north of the Chapel.

Marybelle reported on the meeting on July 12, 2007, with MODOT Historic Preservation Specialist Karen Daniels, Jackson City Manager Jim Roach, City Engineer Chris Koehler and others. Daniels informed the group of regulations, restrictions, and requirements, etc., that apply to Historic Sites. Everyone was made aware of the protection assured Old McKendree. Discussions concerning the access road connecting US Highway 61 and East Main Street included the projected traffic of 13,000 cars per day using the four-lane road. Large power lines will also need to be placed to service this expanding area. The city would like to do both the road and power lines together. Two of the proposed routes for this access road impacted the Chapel and grounds more than a third one. The third route would cross the Chapel Lane closer to Bainbridge Road. A suggestion by Marybelle of a bridge in place where the road crossed the Chapel Lane led to the possibility of a bridge over or a tunnel under the access road to provide safe travel between Bainbridge Road and Old McKendree Chapel. She was told that a bridge or tunnel would cost less than going completely around the Chapel and grounds.

Marybelle is requesting that a representative of Old McKendree be considered a consulting party thus being assured of receiving all pertinent information concerning the road project. All members in attendance expressed approval of the consulting party status with Marybelle as the representative of the Board.

The family of Byron Lang has requested that his name be removed from the list of members. Marybelle moved that Byron be designated an Honorary member of the Board of Trustees. She cited his many years of service to Old McKendree. Mike seconded the motion and it passed.

Lynn reported that the doors to the restrooms and storage room needed to be replaced. Additional repairs are needed to the restrooms. He read bids received for the work emphasizing using metal doors this time. David moved that the bid from Koerber be accepted. Alice seconded the motion and it passed. Discussion concerning adding a handicap accessible restroom followed with the need for additional information to be brought to the next meeting.

Lynn will contact Melvin Gateley or Steve Strom concerning repair of some logs on the Williams cabin. Lynn will waterproof the cabin and chapel after the repair work is complete.

Lynn had gotten a bid for a water treatment system for the caretaker's house. Walter Joe moved that after receiving another bid, Lynn make the decision and have a system installed. Mike seconded the motion and it passed.

Discussion concerning District and Conference wide financial assistance for Old McKendree led to a motion by Rodney to contact the District Office and petition the Annual Conference to request a special offering be taken by all churches annually designated for Old McKendree. Lynn seconded the motion and it passed. Marybelle and Betty prepare the resolution.

Rev. Willer volunteered to perform weddings at Old McKendree when asked by couples with no family clergy.

Lynn mentioned contacting Carlton Thoma when decisions about the entrance to Old McKendree Cemetery are being made. He has done some excellent work with rustic outdoor settings. The City of Jackson's animal abatement officer will assist with the groundhog trapping at the chapel.

**Annual Service Plans:**

Speaker - Dr. David Kerr, pastor of Salem/Ladue UMC Missouri Conference Bishop Robert Schnase will speak in 2008.

Music - Terri will contact Julie Walker about the Whistle Stop Wesleys providing the special music.  
Parking – Brad Biri, Ushers and offering – James Hartmann, Stage – Brad with Rodney and Lynn,  
Sound System – Rodney, Refreshments – Beth Biri

Jack appointed Mike to chair the nominating committee with members Beverly Piepenbrok and James Hartmann serving with him.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Poe Henry