

Old McKendree Board of Trustees Minutes: July 8, 2006

The Old McKendree Board of Trustees met at 9 a.m. July 8, 2006, in Cox Hall Conference Room of New McKendree UMC, Jackson.

Jack Byrd presided with the following members in attendance: Terri Tomlin, Rodney Ladreiter, Alice Lewis, Marybelle Mueller, Weldon Macke, David Myers, Joyce Peerman, Hughes Davault, James Sanderson, James Hartmann, Walter Joe Ford, Beverly Piepenbrok, David and Theresa Hopkins and Betty Henry.

David Myers gave the opening prayer.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was distributed and accepted. The miscellaneous expenses included the costs of the new doors for the caretaker's house that had been authorized last July.

OLD BUSINESS:

Marybelle volunteered to contact Unity Pro Sound Systems concerning the recorded message and machine inside the Chapel.

Rockhill and Sons are doing the cemetery mowing again this year. The Hopkins indicated that their son Luke would be interested in mowing again beginning in the summer of 2008.

Centenary UMC of Cape Girardeau will worship at the Chapel September 17, 2006 as part of its centennial celebration.

Marybelle read the letter announcing the inclusion of Old McKendree Cemetery within the boundaries recognizing Old McKendree as a part of the National Historic Registry. The Board expressed its appreciation to Marybelle for all she put into the project.

Rodney approved Rev. Jerry Willer and Mike Kasten as additions to the Board of Trustees on a motion. The motion was seconded and passed. Their names will be submitted to the Conference Nominating Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jack spoke with Bill Dorris who is building a house on the west side of the Chapel Lane entrance. If he succeeds in buying the remaining property along the west border of the Chapel grounds, he may be willing to sell some of it to the Chapel association.

Bishop White and Bishop Schnase will be at Zion UMC, Gordonville on Saturday before our Annual Service.

The Building and Grounds committee is to meet before the September meeting to suggest what trees should be planted and where. Donations given in memory of Jeff Henry were reported to be \$1045.00 that can be used for this project.

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Marybelle reported to the Board a discussion she and Betty had had concerning improving the entrance to the Cemetery. Betty will write a grant proposal to the General Commission on Archives and History for financial help for this project. Marybelle is to bring ideas to the September meeting. Walter Joe moved that we ask for \$5000 from the Commission. The motion was seconded and passed.

David asked the Board to consider adding a windbreak to the south side of the carport. Supplies should cost no more than \$150 and David would do the work himself. Weldon moved that the project be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

David suggested asking the choir from St. John's Methodist Church in Moss Point, Mississippi to present the program at a future Annual Service. Since the services for the upcoming two years are already planned no action was taken at this time.

Rodney suggested exploring other solutions to protecting the Chapel's borders other than purchasing more land. Discussion followed but no action was taken.

Annual Service plans:

Ushers- James Hartmann

Parking- David Hopkins

Music- Smith Chapel Choir (to be contacted by James Sanderson)

Sound- Mel Gilhaus (to be contacted by James Sanderson also)

Refreshments- Theresa Hopkins

Publicity- Weldon Macke and James Sanderson

Betty will contact the DS to get permission from Bishop White to record the Annual Service.

Jack appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of Chairman Beverly Piepenbrok, Marybelle Mueller and James Sanderson.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Poe, Secretary