

OLD McKENDREE BOARD MEETING

The Old McKendree Board of Trustees met at 10:00 a.m., July 11, 1998, in the Cox Memorial Hall conference room, New McKendree UMC, Jackson, Missouri.

Present at the meeting were: Jack Byrd, Teri Tomlin, Marybelle Mueller, James Sanderson, Rodney Ladrieter, James Rex Haynes, Hughes Davault, David and Theresa Hopkins, Harold Kuehle, Walter Joe Ford, Joyce Peerman, Byron Lang and Betty Henry.

Jack called the meeting to order and Harold gave the opening prayer.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The financial report was distributed and accepted.

Betty distributed copies of the report submitted to the Missouri East Conference for its annual workbook.

Old business:

The Hopkins boys are doing an exceptionally good job with the cemetery mowing. Many compliments have been received concerning the chapel grounds also.

Terri reported that insurance agent Gene Wills was unable to give her specifics concerning the liability insurance we have and its coverage of persons who may be injured while mowing, attending gatherings, etc. Marybelle volunteered to check into this further. David assured the Board that he had adequate medical insurance to cover any injuries his boys incur.

The canopy painting bill included an additional \$1500 charge to cover sand blasting all the canopy supports. All who have seen the finished job agreed it was worth the extra money for the assurance of many years of durability.

Betty reported on her conversation with Charles Yrigoyen confirming his coming for the 1998 Annual Meeting.

Harold reported on the work of the "living wall" committee. Hughes has done the measuring and figuring and they have gotten information from the Missouri conservation Department. Two suggestions were presented to the Board. First was the planting of red cedar trees along the fence row in addition to the natural vegetation that is already there. The second was the installation of a chain link fence with the planting of ivy that would climb and cover the fence. It was decided to postpone a decision until the September meeting allowing board members to actually see the area involved.

Rodney will again contact Larry Welker about the installation of fencing beneath the Chapel to keep the groundhogs out. The need to have the fence in place before the September meeting was emphasized.

David will get the treatment to discourage the roosting pigeons done again.

New business:

Walter Joe moved that money in an account for the clergy cemetery to be located north of the chapel be transferred to the checking account. Joyce seconded the motion. Since the Board had voted previously

to abandon the cemetery idea due to lack of interest, the money could be used for other needed projects. The motion passed.

Annual Meeting plans:

Music- St. James AME choir from Cape, with Rodney to contact them; Arcadia Valley singers, with James Sanderson to contact them; Hobbs Chapel UMC choir and members of the Stewart family as other possibilities.

Sound system and keyboard- Rodney

Parking- Hopkins men

Offering baskets- Rodney

Ushers- Hughes

Refreshments- Theresa

Publicity- Betty through the District Office

Programs- Jack will contact the District Superintendent, Rev. Brent Mustoe, so that he will know that the D.S. has in the past, made up the order of service, asking various clergy to participate and his office has printed the programs and song sheets.

Members of the board expressed concern over the lack of publicity given the annual meeting through some local churches. It was suggested that publicity from the District Office strongly encourage local pastors to announce the meeting during services and include the information in their bulletins and newsletters. Suggestions also included getting the information aired over the local Cable Access Channel and area Christian radio stations.

Replacement of the deteriorating fence at the entrance to the chapel grounds was discussed. The idea of a split rail fence was also discussed. There was no action taken.

Betty asked for ideas for an upcoming grant proposal to the General Commission on Archives and History. It was decided to combine a request for funds to create the "living wall" and a request for money to establish a fund for the acquisition of land bordering the chapel property. The need for a buffer between the chapel property and what surely will be a subdivision and/or commercial area is vital for the preservation of the chapel and its grounds.

Jack asked Joyce Peerman to chair the nominating committee with Byron Lang and Theresa Hopkins to serve with her. Their report is to be given at the Annual Meeting.

David reported filing a report of vandalism at the Chapel with the Jackson Police. The youths had signed the register as well as leaving graffiti on the wall. David's detective work aided the police with the quick solution of the crime.

Hughes will meet a group of 4-H members for a tour of the Chapel and grounds on July 12. Betty will meet with a group of Japanese students for a tour on July 27.

With no further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Poe Henry
Secretary, Board of Trustees