

Old McKendree Board of Trustees Minutes: August 23, 2008

The Old McKendree Board of Trustees met for a special meeting at 9 a.m. August 23, 2008 at the chapel.

Jack Byrd presided with the following members in attendance: Mike Kasten, Bob Bohnsack, Marybelle Mueller, Jerry Willer, Jim Englehart, David Myers, Jim Sanderson, Alice Lewis, Weldon Macke, Rodney Ladreiter, Beverly Piepenbrok, Beth Biri, and Betty Henry.

Jerry Willer gave the opening prayer.

Minutes and treasurer's report were deferred until the September meeting.

Jack expressed thanks to Lynn Cotner for all the hours of work he has contributed to the clearing of trees, limbs, brush, etc. throughout the grounds.

There was much discussion concerning the fence separating the lawn and parking area to the north of the Chapel. Jim Sanderson moved to replace the fence down to the big tree (about 75% of the fence). Rodney seconded the motion and it passed. Jerry will get the materials needed and a workday will be scheduled to do the work. Lynn will remove the remaining fence. An amended motion was made by Jim Sanderson to replace the entire fence. Rodney seconded the amended motion. The amended motion was defeated on a show of hands vote.

Lynn explained the situation along the drainage area between the caretaker's house and the Chapel lawn. Conservation experts recommended making a natural habitat area to help stop the erosion. This matter will be discussed at the September meeting.

Marybelle moved that professionals be hired to clean up the cemetery before the Annual Service in September. Jim Sanderson seconded the motion and it passed. Jack will contact Rockhill to do the work.

Marybelle voiced concern about the landscaping at the caretaker's house. She and Alice were to meet with a landscaper after today's meeting.

The Saturdays in September will be workdays for the Chapel and grounds. Lynn will coordinate a schedule of jobs and workers. Board members will check with their churches for volunteers and contact Lynn with availability.

Beth will be in charge of the work inside the Chapel with any volunteers who want to help with inside work.

It was agreed to have copies of Dr. Frank Tucker's history of the Chapel on hand for sale at the Annual Service as well as other gatherings of interested persons.

Marybelle has prepared invitations to be sent to all congregations in the Southeast Missouri District for the Annual Service with guest speaker Missouri Conference Bishop Robert Schnase.

The newest member of the Board, Bob Bohnsack, was welcomed informally prior to the start of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Poe Henry, Secretary