

Old McKendree Board of Trustees
Minutes: September 28, 2008

The Old McKendree Board of Trustees met September 28, 2008 following the Annual Service. Jack Byrd presided with the following in attendance: James Sanderson, Jerry Willer, David Myers, Rodney Ladreiter, Paul Nothdurft, Beverly Piepenbrok, Weldon Macke, Terri Tomlin, Brad and Beth Biri, and Betty Henry.

Attendance at today's Annual Service was 115. The offering was \$707.00.

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 12, 2008 and the special meeting of August 23, 2008 were read and approved.

Copies of the treasurer's report were distributed, explained, and accepted. Terri reported receiving several donations as a result of the letters sent out from the District Superintendent.

Weldon, chair of Nominations moved that the current officers be reelected for the coming year. The motion was seconded by Jerry and passed.

Officers: President – Jack Byrd
Vice President – Walter Joe Ford
Secretary – Betty Poe Henry
Treasurer – Terri Tomlin

Jack expressed thanks to all who donated many hours of labor getting the grounds ready for the Annual Service. Crews from several area churches were involved. Lynn Cotner and Jerry Willer coordinated the work.

Further work in the cemetery will be discussed at the January meeting. Members were asked to consider resetting any named headstones that are in a pile at the back of the cemetery as well as erecting a marker noting the burial of the Presbyterian minister who was buried there in 1810. It was decided to remove any trees that are encroaching on burial sites and hindering mowing.

Terri explained costs of increasing insurance coverage for the caretaker's house and liability on the grounds. David Myers moved that the caretaker's house be insured for \$100,000 and liability for the grounds be increased to \$1,000,000. Brad seconded the motion and it passed. More information will be gathered before April when the current policy expires as to any other changes needed.

Rodney asked members to consider making the 190th year of the Chapel/ 200th year of the organization of the congregation in 2009, a large celebration. He suggested holding the service on a Saturday to allow more time for celebrating. This will be discussed more in January.

Discussion concerning making a natural habitat area between the caretaker's yard and the Chapel grounds was deferred to a later date.

Jack asked Brad and Beth Biri if they felt they could keep up with the work necessary to maintain the grounds as they are now. Brad assured the Board that he could.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be at 9 a.m. January 10, 2009 at New McKendree's Cox Hall, Jackson.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Poe Henry, Secretary