

Old McKendree Board of Trustees

Minutes: January 10, 2009

Old McKendree Board of Trustees met at 9 a.m. January 10, 2009 in New McKendree's Cox Hall in Jackson.

President Jack Byrd presided. The following members were in attendance: Lynn Cotner, Alice Lewis, David Myers, Mike Kasten, Rodney Ladreiter, Terri Tomlin, Weldon Macke, David Norbury, Brad Biri, and Betty Henry.

District Superintendent David Norbury gave the opening prayer.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was distributed and accepted. Response to the appeal for funds from individuals and churches sent by the District office has been good. Donations have been received from throughout the conference. Several churches have signed covenants indicating continuing support. The list of donors is with the Board Treasurer.

Brad reported fixing the water line from the well to the caretaker's house. He also had the drain from the kitchen sink cleaned out.

Lynn reported cleaning the fencerows in the cemetery and found additional gravestones, most without any identification. He also cleaned the fencerow between the chapel grounds and the parking area with help from David Myers.

Insurance coverage has been updated. Rodney will check with Church Mutual and UMPACT for bids before the April renewal date for the current policy. Insurance will be added to cover the canopy over the Chapel.

The 2009 Annual Service will be September 27 with Rev. Cleo Kottwitz as the speaker. David Myers moved that the service begin at 2 p.m. with a songfest for the first hour. Lynn seconded the motion and it passed. Rodney and Alice will coordinate the music to include groups and individuals from several churches. Other suggestions for the event to celebrate the 200th year of the organization of the congregation and 190th year of the Chapel building included erecting a brush arbor on the grounds.

Mike moved that one of the unmarked stones found by the cemetery be used to signify the first burial in Old McKendree Cemetery, Cumberland Presbyterian Minister Joshua White in 1810. Brad seconded the motion and it passed. Walter Joe Ford will be asked for suggestions with the marker.

Members agreed to let the area of natural habitat between the caretaker's yard and the chapel grounds remain as it is. Lynn and David Myers will check on any additional plantings that may be available through the Conservation Department. Rodney will check on having a sign made designating the area.

Brad will check about a sign along I-55 designating an exit for Old McKendree Chapel and Cemetery. Rodney brought up the need for handicapped accessible rest rooms. Since the current restrooms have recently been redone, adding a separate one for handicapped accessibility was mentioned. Removing the current ones and replacing them with accessible ones was also mentioned. Much discussion followed but no action was taken at the meeting.

Jack and Betty will meet with Rodney Bollinger of the city of Jackson to sign easements for the new Old Orchard Road connecting Highway 61 and East Main Street to be constructed over Chapel Lane.

Lynn moved that \$8,000 be transferred from the checking account to a CD. Betty seconded the motion and it passed.

Mike moved that bids be secured for mowing and trimming of the cemetery. Rodney seconded the motion and it passed. David Myers will get bids for this.

David Myers moved that Brad and Rodney get bids for roofing the caretaker's house and accept the best bid. Mike seconded the motion and it passed.

After discussions concerning upcoming expenses, Mike moved to rescind the earlier motion to move \$8,000 from checking to a CD with roof costs and possible restroom changes to consider. Lynn seconded the motion and it passed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Poe Henry, Secretary