

Old McKendree Board of Trustees

Minutes: September 27, 2009

The Old McKendree Board of Trustees met September 27, 2009 following the Annual Service. President Jack Byrd presided with the following in attendance: Marybelle Mueller, Jerry Willer, Rodney Ladreiter, Weldon Macke, Paul Nothdurft, Lynn Cotner, Walter Joe Ford, Alice Lewis, Beverly Piepenbrok, James Sanderson, Jim Englehart, John Rice, David Norbury, Terri Tomlin, Matt and Crystal Highfill, and Betty Henry.

The minutes from the regular meeting on July 11, 2009 and special meetings on July 21 and August 22 were read and approved.

Copies of the treasurer's report were distributed and accepted.

Attendance at today's Annual Service was 120; offering collected was \$1031 and church donations totaled \$800.

Unfinished/Old Business:

David Myers will clean the spring area when weather and time permits.

Spraying around the grave markers and fence areas has been done twice and seems to be effective.

New Business:

James Sanderson, nominations chair presented a slate of officers for the upcoming year as follows: President – Jack Byrd, Vice President – Lynn Cotner, Secretary – Betty Henry, Treasurer – Terri Tomlin. With no further nominations from the floor, Alice moved that the slate be accepted by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed.

The air conditioner in the caretaker's house has been repaired by the Peter's Company. They submitted a bid to replace the 20+ year system for \$ 4590. If a replacement is done, Rodney suggested other bids be considered.

Matt visited New McKendree's UMM and as a result of his discussion about the pigeon problem at the Chapel, the group donated \$500 toward the purchase of a deterring system. Marybelle moved that Matt decide on the best system for keeping the pigeons away from the Chapel up to a cost of \$500. The motion was seconded by John and it passed.

Lynn reported serious damage to the roof of the shelter housing the lawn mower and other equipment. He moved that Rodney contact the roofers that will be replacing the roof on the caretaker's house and have them take care of the shelter roof also. The motion was seconded by Walter Joe and it passed.

Jerry moved that a letter be sent to churches asking them for financial support of the Chapel and Cemetery. Lynn seconded the motion and it passed. Jack asked Betty, John and Alice to take care of this project. John offered help from New McKendree's office staff and David said that mailing labels could be obtained from the District Office.

Lynn contacted Jamie Hovis of Congregational Methodist Church about the termite problem in the Williams cabin. Jamie has treated the Chapel for termites in the past. Jamie will take care of the problem as a donation to the Chapel. Lynn suggested that some work may need to be done on and between some of the logs on the cabin to correct damage that has been done by the termites.

Weldon suggested a note of appreciation be sent to the Stroders for the use of their horse for today's guest speaker.

David said the District will take care of the expenses for Rev. Kottwitz's visit.

Since there are currently 2 openings on the Board, James reported that Nancy Haertling would like to serve. With no objection, her name will be submitted to the Conference Committee on Nominations. Alice suggested asking Stephen Limbaugh, Jr. if he would be interested in the other opening. It was mentioned that his grandfather Rush Limbaugh, Sr. had devoted many years of service and support to the Chapel. Betty will contact both.

Discussion concerning a paved walkway from the gate to the Chapel and a handicapped accessible restroom resulted in a motion by Lynn that Rodney provides estimates for both projects at the January 2010 meeting. James seconded the motion and it passed.

Rodney presented costs for replacing the "Open from dawn to dusk" sign at the entrance to Chapel Lane. Costs were: 24" by 18" -\$54 and 24" by 36" - \$99. This will be decided on at the January meeting also.

Rodney will also present information concerning workman's compensation costs at the January meeting.

David reminded members to be thinking about the speaker for the 2010 Annual Service.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Poe Henry, Secretary