

OLD McKENDREE BOARD of TRUSTEES
September 28, 2003

The Old McKendree Board of Trustees met on the Chapel grounds following the Annual Service, September 28, 2003.

Jack Byrd presided with the following members attending: James Sanderson, Weldon Macke, David Myers, James Hartmann, Terri Tomlin, Rodney Ladreiter, Lynn Cotner, Paul Nothdurft, Alice Lewis, Joyce Peerman, Hughes Davault, Betty Henry, David and Theresa Hopkins.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was distributed and accepted. Terri announced the offering from today's service of \$379.20 and additional wedding money was turned into her today.

Old Business:

Hughes reported on his meeting with the retired clergy and their spouses. James Sanderson reported being among them and the interesting talk Hughes gave.

Bob Rafferty of Pest Free has completed the necessary treatments.

David Myers did the dirt work and stump removal needed. Their crew also worked on evening out the drive through the chapel grounds that had washed badly.

Jack will talk with District Superintendent Breon about upcoming speakers. Rev. Steve Breon, D.S. has been asked to speak in 2004 and was to invite Bishop Woody White for 2005.

New Business:

Theresa reported that the nominating committee had asked the current officers to remain another year. She made a motion to that effect. The motion was seconded and passed. Officers for the upcoming year:

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

David Hopkins set the workday for Saturday, November 22, 2003 at 9 A.M. All are urged to participate and spread the word among their congregations.

Terri reported that Patsy Johnson would like to plant a tree to commemorate the many Girl Scout groups that have spent time on the Chapel grounds over the years. Hughes and his committee will determine where and what kind of tree to plant and contact Patsy.

Theresa and David will be on vacation October 12 – 18. It was decided to leave the gate across the lane in front of the caretaker's house open during that week. Some members of the Board will drop by from time to time to check on the Chapel and grounds. Betty

will have a key to the main gate leading to the Chapel for the expected visit of the Missouri Conference Commission on Archives and History scheduled for October 17.

Rodney reported 92 in attendance at today's service.

Joyce gave her publicity report and voiced concerns with some of the problems she encountered. She was pleased with coverage given by the Jackson City homepage on cable channel 5 and several radio stations. She submitted articles to newspapers in Jackson, Marble Hill, Charleston, East Prairie, Perryville, Dexter, and Sikeston. The article appearing in the Southeast Missourian had been condensed and was disappointing. An attempt by Jack to remedy the Missourian coverage was unsuccessful. Joyce was commended for her diligent work.

James Sanderson reminded the Board of the suggestion of recording the talks given by our annual speakers. He will work with Melvin Gilhaus, sound technician. James Sanderson will work on securing the gospel choir for next year's special music.

Betty reported receiving a letter from the General Commission on Archives and History approving a grant for \$1,000 to be received in late December 2004. The money is to help with the legal costs concerning the Chapel grounds.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be Saturday, January 10, 2004, in Cox Memorial Hall, New McKendree UMC, Jackson. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please note the change in time.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Poe Henry, Secretary