

**Old McKendree Board of Trustees
Minutes: January 12, 2008**

The Old McKendree Board of Trustees met at 9 a.m., January 12, 2008 in New McKendree Cox Hall.

Jack Byrd presided and Jerry Willer gave the opening prayer. Also in attendance were Alice Lewis, David Myers, Mike Kasten, Rodney Ladreiter, Paul Nothdurft, Marybelle Mueller, David Norbury, Lynn Cotner, Betty Henry, Brad and Beth Biri.

The minutes of the September 2007 meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was distributed and accepted.

Old Business:

Lynn reported the tree from the cemetery had been removed at a cost of \$1500. A logging company had removed 6 large trees and a large stump without charge. Lynn spent 150 hours cutting and removing debris. The Board expressed its appreciation for all his work.

There is a need for chat or gravel for the turnaround at the Chapel fence.

Marybelle reported the annexation of the cemetery into Jackson city limit was completed on October 1, 2007. She also reported on the final plans for the access road which will cross Chapel Lane. There will be an overpass or tunnel providing access between the Chapel and Cemetery. The Board expressed its gratitude for all the work Marybelle has done on this project.

New Business:

David Myers requested permission for use of the Chapel and grounds by New Salem/Old Salem Churches on October 12, 2008. Mike moved that the request be granted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Rodney will contact James Sanderson about planting some trees to replace ones that have been removed.

Brad was instructed to contact Rental Land about renting a stump grinder for use on the grounds.

Discussion about the lumber left from previous projects resulted in a motion by Paul that it be sold to the highest bidder. The motion was seconded and passed. Brad will advertise it for sale.

Marybelle moved that the old 60 inch diesel mower be sold. The motion was seconded and passed. Brad will check about a price and advertise it also.

Suggestions for speakers at future annual services are to be brought to the July meeting. Some of the names mentioned were Peter Kinder, Rush Limbaugh, Cleo Kottwitz, and Harry Fooockle.

Betty is to e-mail a list of previous speakers to the District Office for its records.

Brad will continue to check the roof of the caretaker's house. Some shingles have been lost during recent storms.

Marybelle brought up the need for donations to keep up Old McKendree. The idea of a collections box was discussed. Paul said his son could make a strong metal one. David moved that Paul's son make the box. The motion was seconded and passed.

Old McKendree no longer receives funds from apportionments. It is listed as one of the "Vital Ministries" and churches may designate it to receive funds from their donations. It is important for all churches, especially those in Southeast Missouri to be made aware of this designation for giving. No action was taken on this at today's meeting.

David Myers will coordinate the cleaning of the spring behind the William Williams cabin.

Rodney mentioned the willingness of New McKendree United Methodist Men to help with some project at the Chapel. Lynn will contact Brian McCallister, UMM President when help is needed.

At the request of James Hartmann, Mike moved that James be removed from the list of active members and designated an honorary member of the Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded and passed. Suggestions for a replacement on the active member list should be brought to the July meeting.

The next regular meeting will be a 9 a.m., July 12, 2008 at the Chapel.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Poe Henry, Secretary