

Board Meeting
Prairie States Christian Service Camp
06MAR07
(for 06FEB07 meeting that was canceled due to weather)

Present: Larry Callahan, Mark Duhon, Van Haas, Ken Hanford, Emma Hanford, Edward Johnson, Jack Kotter, Dick LeSage, Dale Markwalder, Jake Salm, Jim Small, and Gerald Stuckey, Dan Worthy.

Ken called the meeting to order at 7:33pm and offered an opening prayer.

DEC06 minutes were presented. An addition was made to the minutes in order to mention a board action to borrow \$5000. Dick motioned for acceptance, Mark seconded - CARRIED.

Mark presented the financial report. Gerald motioned for acceptance, Jack seconded – CARRIED.

Mark presented the proposed 2007 budget. Jack motioned for acceptance, Gerald seconded – CARRIED.

Jim proposed taking on the treasurer's job for \$100 per month. Jack motioned for acceptance, Dale seconded – CARRIED.

Jim's mileage (\$276.45) was presented. Jack motioned to accept, Dick seconded - CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Jim mentioned jobs and needs for the grounds, including shingles on Pool Pump-house and Canteen, new doors on the Dining Hall and Canteen, roof repair on Chapel, finish ceiling and paint bunks in Girls' Dorm, and a new stove for the kitchen (a grant will be sought for this).

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed list of deans was submitted for board approval. Dick motioned to accept the list, Dan seconded – CARRIED.

A proposal was presented to increase the Camp's farm land rent to \$150 an acre for 2007. Mark motioned to accept the proposed increase, Dan seconded – CARRIED.

Further work will need to be done on the north side of the grounds due to the perennial drainage and erosion problems.

Some discussion and consideration of a golf-centered fund-raising drive to move the Camp from deficit to surplus financial condition. It seemed good to first approach the churches of the association requesting a special offering to pay off the debt. Jim will send out letters about a spring offering drive.

No new quote yet on other insurance options for the Camp.

Jim talked of his intention to place an ad in the County Times/Spirit. Some discussion ensued about cost-effectiveness of such an ad. Jack motioned to forgo the [ad] and maximize our usage of the literature already mailed to each former camper as well as our web site.

Jim said that Jon Morrissette is willing to maintain our web site at no charge. He is a professional web site developer and will probably do well with our page.

Jim reported additional inquiries from some Danville churches due to much higher fees of other camping programs.

2nd and 3rd cooks are still needed, as well as a night watchman.

The next Board Meeting is set for 03APR07 at 7:30pm at the Centennial Christian Church.