



REGIONAL BOARD NOTES

MARCH 22, 2021

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Join Zoom Meeting

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Participating: Mary Lou Kegler, John Steinmetz, Neil Engle, Laura Phillips, Janet Brooks, Keith Asaeli, Sheryl Tucker, James Vertreese, Aria Patterson, Peggy Chandler, Lara Blackwood Pickrel, Shandra Yost Soltani, Linda Harris, Janice Harris, Gerry Jones, David Roebuck, Trish Winters, Lois Kelley, Kathy Harris, Bill Rose-Heim

Bill Rose-Heim took minutes for Secretary Mark Willis

Opening Devotion – (BRH)

Janet Brooks moved and Peggy Chandler offered a second to approve a rearranged Agenda to allow for creative time at the beginning. Motion passed.

- A letter will be sent from our Regional Board to a member of your congregation who has been a Barnabas (encourager) during the pandemic. Who is one of those persons in your congregation? Board members put name and addresses -if known- and the name of the congregation in the chat for everyone to see. Bill will compose and Jessica will send the letters)
- July 31 Board Retreat Planning Session: 10-5 pm including catered box lunches
 - Time for Team Building activities
 - Setting and Prioritizing Goals for our Region
 - Creating Strategy to achieve goals
 - Hearing from our General Minister and President (by Zoom) followed by Q&A
 - Worshipful Celebration
 - Venue? (Merriam Christian Church/Tall Oaks/Park Hill . . . etc.)
 - There were no further suggestions

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Minutes from the December 2020 Board meeting were reviewed online. John Steinmetz moved approval. Janet Brooks offered a second. Motion passed.

Financial Report – The report from Disciples Treasury Services for February, 2021 was reviewed in detail.

- James Vertreese reported that \$176,015.20 from Regional Funds were sent to UCCR for operations and the purchase of a truck
- \$150,000 funds were received from the previous sale of Tall Oaks land last year.

Review of submitted Commission, Committee, Constituency Reports

- Kathy Harris reported that the Personnel Committee will be working with the Executive Committee on plans for the Sabbatical leave September 1 – November 30, 2021 for our Regional Minister and President and concurrent staffing for essential services in our Region during his absence
- Report from Tall Oaks Inc. Board.
 - Additional repairs needed to repair the onsite residence for the new chef – see condition of kitchen floor



- subfloor; 3/4 T&G OSB 4X8 sheet, \$49.08 X 13 = 638.00 (Hi-moisture resistant)
- 400 sq. ft vinyl flooring - don't have estimate yet.
- In response to a question from Rev. Tina Heck, Marketing and Scheduling staff for United Camps, Conferences and Retreats regarding family camping at Tall Oaks:
 - Neil Engle moved approval of the resolution below.
 - *The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City announces 2021 RETREATS AND*

FAMILY GATHERINGS AT TALL OAKS FOR MEMBERS OF GREATER KANSAS CITY DISCIPLES CONGREGATIONS. From February 15,- June 1, 2021 and from August 1 - December 31, 2021 individuals and families in Greater Kansas City Disciples congregations may reserve space for personal retreats and family gatherings (following Tall Oaks and CDC recommended safety guidelines) without having to provide an additional Certificate of Liability.

- *Simply make your reservation through United Camps, Conferences and Retreats (operating Tall Oaks), pay the discounted Disciples rates, and enjoy your time.*
 - Laura Phillips offered a second. The motion was approved
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Staff Reports (posted at <https://www.kcdisciples.org/regional-board.html>)

- Camp and Conference Coordinator Shandra Yost Soltani reported that there have been over 30 registrations for an in-person cohort summer church camp following guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control, American Camping Association, and input from the Tall Oaks, Inc. Board President William Drake, MD.
- Regional Minister and President gave updates since filing our Region's 2020 General Board Report

Old Business

- None reported

New Business

- John Steinmetz reported On the sale of the 80 acres in 2020 for \$150,000 (plus \$50,000 donation)
- Options offered by the neighbor Mr. Parr who is interested in buying the 30 acre "finger" north
 - Appraised at \$172,000 (\$5,737/acre)
 - \$90,000 with full restrictions
 - \$120,000 if he could build a house on the property
 - \$150,000 without restrictions – (option recommended by the Executive Committee)
 - Buyer requests right of first refusal before we sell any other land. (Consensus was to honor that request for fear that this provision

might be forgotten in the long-term and provide for a potential legal issue.)

- Question: Is the land in consideration zoned for residential or agricultural?
- Gerald Jones moved the third recommendation, (Offer to sell 30 acres of Tall Oaks not in use and unlikely to ever be) to Mr. Parr at \$150,000) Peggy Chandler offered a second. Motion was approved.
- South Summit Parsonage
 - Preparation for sale and sale expenses would to be taken from regional operations and replaced from the proceeds of the final sale.
 - Laura Phillips moved and Jerry Jones offered second to authorize the Regional Executive Committee to do whatever is necessary to prepare the house for sale
- Trish Winters gave an update on MORE2 (A Kansas City community organizing group which our Region helps to sponsor along with several DOC congregations)
 - Working to get justice for women who were the victims of a retired, allegedly predator police officer in Kansas City, Kansas
 - Working to promote the American Dream and Promise Act and the Farm Workforce Modernization Act – Immigration reform bills passed by the U.S. House of Representatives
 - Emerging women’s community organizing cohort NTOSAKE (“She walks with lions”)
 - Efforts to ban out-of-school suspension for the youngest students
 - Trish was part of the White Co-Conspirators Summit that was co-sponsored by the Office of General Minister and President, Reconciliation Ministry and Regions (including Greater Kansas City)

Notices

- Mary Lou talked about the good work of our Regional Executive Committee and noted that Regional Moderators are meeting online monthly
- Laura Phillips asked for prayer as congregations look at worshiping in person
- Trish Winters asked for prayers for the Asian community as they experience a rise in racist violence directed at them
- Bill Rose-Heim asked for prayers for Rev. Terri Hord Owens, our General Minister and President

Closing Prayer was offered by Neil Engle.

Respectfully submitted, BR-H