

June 3, 2019 Executive Committee Meeting

Opening Prayer – Mary Lou Kegler shared a song of God’s grace and prayer

Tall Oaks

The recent tornado that hit Linwood, Kansas did cause some minor damage at Tall Oaks, mostly in limbs down. No major damage to personnel or property. However there was some damage to one of the trailers. The retired individual in that trailer is staying with his daughter until repairs or other decisions are made.

The cook has resigned and is filing a grievance with the TO Board. They are aware and are dealing with the situation. More info to follow when necessary.

Kirby Gould is having a fundraising meeting on Sunday, June 9th at 4PM at Merriam CC. Anyone is welcome to come. Info on fundraising for Region and Tall Oaks to be discussed.

Finance

The TO Empowerment Fund has been shifted in its entirety to the TO General Fund to help with the budget deficit. We can also use the TO Ministry Designated Fund if necessary.

Regional Endowment Fund does have resources we can use for General Ministry budgetary needs. Kirby Gould has advised the Finance team not to touch the original amount of the Schoemaker Fund (Approx. \$29K).

In regard to summer camps at Tall Oaks, the Region did have to cancel three camps (Day1, GP1, Eq1) but we still owe the deposit on those camps. Camp and Conference looking to consolidate camps in 2020 where possible to save money. Tall Oaks would then need to generate new business to fill the open times.

We are researching how to better utilize funds from the Bowen Fund. Hoping to use some of these funds for Transitional Ministry for salary/expenses. Transforming/New Church will make suggestions on funds use.

Other Discussion

Mark Willis and Jeff Hon have been tracking down information on the Cherokee Church dissolution and the distribution of funds. The Region has begun receiving payments from the Montessori School that purchased Cherokee’s building. After meeting with Rev. Trish Winters and Kerri Mulligan, we tracked down all of the paperwork from the sale. The Region is receiving payments from two promissory notes from Global Montessori that are to go into the general fund. These payments will continue for approximately 5 years on the first note, and 30 years on the second note. All the requisite paperwork has now been placed on file with the Region.

Reconciliation Event

Planning an event in August on Reconciliation/Healing and Trauma. The hope is to raise \$1000 from attendance fees. We did receive a grant from Reconciliation Ministries. Discussion on changing event from fee-based, to offering-based. Expenses planned so far do not include food for attendees. Our hope is this trauma-informed event would be a draw not only to Region churches, but to regions and churches outside of our Region. Anticipating possible pushback from churches questions need for this or

effectiveness of it. Discussed having no fee, but accepting donations from participants or participating churches. It is planned for August 23 & 24.

MORE2

Region has purchased 10 tickets for the MORE2 Banquet at a cost of \$750 from Reconciliation fund. Need to make sure all tickets are used. The event is June 13 at Municipal Auditorium. The event is planned as a celebration. Ten of the churches from the start of MORE2 are being recognized.

Regional Minister Report

BRH reported on what he is working on.

Faithfully Submitted

Rev. Mark Willis, Board Secretary