

Minutes of the White Lake Covenanter Camp Board of Directors

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors met by Zoom Meeting

In attendance were:

Chair, Duran Perkins; Vice Chair, Jonathan McDonald, Treasurer, Chris Huggins; Secretary, Bonnie Weir; Board members, Peter Robson (also Camp Manager); Jeremy Nelson, James Hulbert, Alice Paar, Becky Johnson, K.J. Chamberlain and Kathy Gladfelter; Presbytery Commissioners, Bill Chellis and Greg Moberg

Duran opened the meeting with prayer and verified that a quorum was present.

The Minutes of April 7, 2020 were approved as distributed including an email correction from Greg Moberg (Thrivent Financial).

Duran reviewed the situation in Sullivan County. The number of cases is growing. The action of our Board has been published on the Sullivan County website. Peter noted that the Health Director had recommended that camps not open this summer.

Peter reported that the lawn will be cared for with help from James as he needs it.

Bob mentioned that there is a needy family in the White Lake congregation who are willing to do the mowing for a total charge of \$2000 for the summer. This is the same amount that Rich Hendrickson has charged.

Greg moved that Peter be given the responsibility for keeping the camp mowed for the summer. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Nelson. The motion was tabled while we considered the budget. When considered after the budget, the motion passed unopposed.

Chris presented the financial report. In 2019 our expenses exceeded our income by ~\$6300, which came from our savings account which now only has ~\$1400 in it. Chris noted that we should be encouraged by all that we accomplished in 2019 – preparation of the back fields, basketball court, dining hall renovations, and the Gretchen Robson cabin. Chris has prepared a budget based on the decision from April that camp will not be open this summer. Chris spoke in favor of Greg's motion – and suggested that maybe we could give the White Lake family a chance and see how they do. He also suggested that we keep some lights on in various buildings. An important part of the budget is funding for the work that Peter will be doing as manager. Chris proposed a budget of \$26,300 assuming we will receive personal, church and presbytery donations.

We next discussed Capital Improvement projects. Chris would put removal of the McBurney Trailer (in the most economic way possible), and purchase of Storage Containers at the top of the list. Peter would prefer take the following steps: 1. Empty the contents 2. Remove valuable metal 3. Rent a dump trailer 4. Salvage the metal for a small financial gain 5. Disassemble the frame and remove. Peter would like 3-4 others to help him with this and would like a total budget of \$3500 to accomplish this.

Chris added a \$3500 line item in the budget for trailer removal.

Peter moved and Greg seconded a motion to adopt a \$29,800 budget for 2020. The motion was passed unopposed.

Greg moved and Chris seconded the motion that Peter be given the responsibility for removing the trailer. The motion passed unopposed.

By common consent, we decided to consider purchase of rental units at our August meeting.

Bob would like to keep thinking about how to replace the 3 bedrooms, a bathroom and a kitchen in the trailer. In Oct. 2019, the Chair agreed to appoint a committee to consider this. Duran appointed, Peter, Bob, and Chris to this committee. Duran appointed Greg as a consultative member. Duran asked the committee to consider 1-year needs and the needs over the next 5 years and bring a report to our August meeting.

Bob asked for a coordinated plan for fundraising. He expressed concern about taking money away from mercy needs at this time.

Peter asked us to spread the word – you may not drink the water at camp. You must take away any garbage you bring to the camp.

Greg has contacted “Thrivent Financial” and is working toward two \$500 contributions for a certain specific projects. He is thinking about food for the workers who remove the McBurney Trailer and/or paint for the Perkins family to use in painting camp buildings.

Jonathan closed the meeting in prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 10 at 7:00 p.m. Peter will set up a zoom meeting at that time. We adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Weir, Secretary, White Lake Covenanter Camp Board of Directors

APPENDIX:

Current list of congregational representatives:

Please note that officers are members of the Board by virtue of their election.

Congregational Representatives – Certified by their session for 2020

Cambridge – Alice Paar

Ridgefield Park – Glen Chin alt. David Weir

Walton – Janet Boye, alt. Nanette LaTourette, James Hulbert

Christian Heritage (Endicott) – Kimberly Chamberlain

Rochester – Peter Robson

Syracuse – Chris Huggins alt. Bruce Trexler

Oswego - Aaron Standish

Ottawa – Cory van der Meer
Hazleton – Jeremy Nelson

Congregational Representatives from 2019 – need updated certification for 2020

Broomall – Jonathan McDonald
Christ RPC (Providence, RI) – Kelli Trexler
Coldenham-Newburgh – Becky Johnson
Elkins Park – Duran Perkins
White Lake – Rich Hendrickson alt. Elizabeth Chellis
Lisbon – Gwen Smith, alt. Jonathan Smith
Russell – Greg Alexander

Presbytery Commissioners

Greg Moberg, Bruce Trexler, Bill Chellis, Jonathan Trexler

Email contacts for the following congregations who have not named a representative:

Christ Church (Utica) – Aaron Goerner
Messiah's Church – Brian Coombs
Fulton – Nick Iamaio
Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Toronto – Rod Finlayson

No email contact

Hillside (Ontario)
Hudson-St. Lazare
New Creation (Ontario)