

Minutes for Luther Park Board of Directors
February 21, 2008

Board Members In Attendance: Stan Buchanan, Eileen Christopherson, Pastor Jim Page, JoDeen Forsyth, Dale Kringle, Amanda Rasner, Donny Moats, Pastor Leila Haight, Pastor Michael Wollman, Brenda Thalacker, Pastor John Ashland, and new member Steve Kolden.

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance: Sherm Toufar

Ex-Officio Members Absent: Mary Toufar

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by our board president, Pastor Mike Wollman.

Devotions: Amanda Rasner briefly spoke about her recent trip to Mexico and how God is working there. She read a devotion based on John 7: 37-38, from the book Moments of Peace for the Morning. Devotions ended with prayer, including member requests.

Introduction of New Members: Pastor Lee Haight and Steve Kolden were welcomed to the board. Pastor Lee was elected to a 3 year term at the annual meeting. Steve has agreed to fill the vacant seat created when Don Moats moved from Cluster 3 to Cluster 4. Don Moats made a **motion** to approve the appointment of Steve Kolden to the Luther Park Board of Directors, until the next election. A second was made by Dale Kringle. The motion passed.

Minutes and approval: The minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. A correction was made on the second page, where Pastor Ashland's first name was printed as Jim instead of John. Eileen Christopherson moved to accept the January minutes as corrected, Stan Buchanan made the second, and the **motion** passed..

Directors' Reports

Mary is on the road, recruiting summer staff, but Sherm shared a copy of her February calendar/schedule with the board.

Sherm elaborated on and added to his monthly report which board members received by mail last week. A thousand dollar estate gift was received today. He has 4, and possibly 6, visits scheduled for next week. Sherm asked for clarification on the date that he needs to get his written monthly report to board members. It was agreed that the report should be sent out a week before the meeting rather than on the 10th of the month. It was also agreed that his report would be sent by e-mail. Stan asked if any progress has been made on the planned giving brochure which was part of our contract with consultants, GBS. Sherm answered that it has not been worked on and that he would bring it up with GSB again.

“Every Congregation” outreach report: Pastor Mike reported that 11 congregations have contacted him and 6 have scheduled dates for his Sunday visit. He has met with Sherm and Mary and they have decided which congregations will be contacted by each of them. With Dick Sayther of GSB, they have also designed 3 different brochures/bulletin inserts for this program and they are being printed now.

Pastor John suggested that we might ask people to use the upcoming government rebate checks to join the Towering Pines club.

Committee reports

Program—Mary and the program committee members are studying the Bible study material and determining how it will be presented to the campers.

Property—Don Moats reported that 4 cabins need to be resingled this year. We have settled with Certaineed and \$4,684.79 has been received. We will receive another \$15 per square when we order new shingles from Certaineed. We have estimates of \$13,354.08 and \$14,701.69 from the lumber yards in Chetek and Rice Lake. Don has volunteered to do the labor on 2 cabins. Stan also plans to help. Brenda asked if our volunteer needs are listed on our website and was told that they are and that some updates will be entered in the next week or so. We also need to put a new roof on the tool shed this year. We want to put steel on and the one estimate we have received was approximately \$2700. The new filters for the swimming pool need to be ordered now so the pool is ready for campers. Stan Buchanan made the **motion** to order the pool filters and parts up to \$6000. Dale Kringle made the second and the motion passed. In answer to a question, Sherm said that we did accept the ice making machine offered to us free from the Baptist Bible Camp and also a soft serve machine.

Finance—Printed copies of the January 31, Income/Expense Report were passed out. Stan went over the main points of the report. Don Moats made a **motion** to accept the finance report. The second was made by Amanda Rasner. Motion passed.

Old Business

Annual Meeting reflections—Don thanked Pastor Mike for setting a positive tone with his opening remarks at the annual meeting. Pastor John asked if we are satisfied with the turnout for the annual meeting when only about 40 congregations out of 133 member congregations are represented. What can we do to get more interest? Sherm said that this is about the same number of churches represented every year at the annual meeting. He said that approximately 90 of the 133 churches send campers to Luther Park in any given year.

New Business:

Board Retreat--After some discussion and comparing of calendars, it was decided that the board would have a combined March meeting and planning retreat at camp on Saturday, March 29. Those who can, will gather at camp at 6:30 pm on Friday, March 28, for socializing, discussion, and preparation. The March board meeting will begin at 9 am, Saturday morning, March 29. Pastor John volunteered to do devotions. The board meeting will be followed with a strategic planning and organizing session guided by GSB.

We will NOT have a board meeting on March 13, as announced last month.

Other—

Endowment Committee Appointments--Two board members need to be appointed to serve on the Endowment Committee for 1 year. Stan Buchanan and Brenda Thalacker volunteered.

Golf Committee—Sherm will contact committee members to begin plans. The first goal is to have the course and date set by the end of February.

Telephone/Food updates—Brenda asked for updates on past discussions. The telephone company was contacted and some changes will be made so that phones only used part of the year will not be billed year around. No one has yet looked into the possibility of using the Feed My People organization for summer food supplies

Dale made the **motion** to adjourn and a second was made by Pastor Lee. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
JoDeen Forsyth, secretary