

Minutes for Luther Park Board of Directors  
April 17, 2008

**Board Members In Attendance:** Eileen Christopherson, Pastor Jim Page, JoDeen Forsyth, Amanda Rasner, Donny Moats, Brenda Thalacker, Steve Kolden, and Pastor John Ashland,  
**Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:** Sherm Toufar, Mary Toufar  
**Members Absent:** Stan Buchanan, Dale Kringle, Pastor Leila Haight, and Pastor Michael Wollman,

**Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by our board vice president, Donny Moats.

**Devotions:** Sherm Toufar spoke about his thoughts on the recent death of a Christian friend. He spoke of the funeral as a celebration of life in Christ and shared Isaiah 40:31-- But they who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Devotions ended with prayer.

**Minutes and approval:** The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed. Eileen Christopherson moved to accept the March minutes as presented, Steve Kolden made the second, and the **motion** passed.

### **Directors' Reports**

Mary's written report was reviewed. She noted that registrations have started to fall below the level of registrations at this time last year and we need to spark some urgency with churches to get their campers committed. Mary expected to have a full summer staff within the next few days, including the last four men counselors.

Sherm's written report was reviewed. He mentioned that a gift of \$2300 had recently been received and that a goal of \$80,000 has been set for this year's Way Club.

**"Every Congregation" outreach report:** Sherm reported that congregations continue to be scheduled. About 8 congregations have been visited so far and they are booking into the fall. It is too early to tell if the visits are making any financial difference, but there have been some donations from new donors.

### **Committee Reports**

**Program-**Mary reported that the daily Bible studies are done. Orientation for pastors and youth workers will be held at camp next Tuesday morning. This Saturday is the Way Club banquet and about one third of the summer staff will be there.

**Property-**Don Moats reported that the cabins have all been cleaned. Damascus has some mold that still has to be taken care of. The new shingles will be delivered in early May. Don has scheduled some volunteers for roofing during the week of May 12-19. Pastor Mike has some more volunteers coming on the weekend. The shingles came to \$12,853. Dave is contacting Brenda's husband about working on the pool filter. The problem with the kitchen grease trap can not be repaired and a replacement is being looked at. One thousand pine trees will be arriving

next week and a youth group is scheduled to help with the planting. The new housekeeper, Tracy Francois, is doing a good job and she intends to include some recycling into her camp position.

**Finance**-Printed copies of the March 31, Income/Expense Report were passed out. Brenda went over the main points of the report. We are about \$22,000 short of our budget at this point in the year. Some checks are being held, but none are over 30 days. We have met all our loan repayments. Sherm predicted that the present shortage will be made up as soon as the next payment of Thrivent matching funds arrive in May. Brenda Thalacker made a **motion** to accept the finance report as printed. The second was made by Amanda Rasner. Motion passed.

### **Old Business**

**Audit contract update**-Our auditing firm was requesting a price increase of \$500 for services this year. We explained that we had not budgeted for this and the company agreed to continue under the original contract.

**Gulf Outing**-The gulf outing will be June 23, 2008, at Sioux Creek Golf Course, Chetek. Sherm and JoDeen met on April 13, to plan and work on some letters to be sent out. Letters and contacts to prospective major sponsors (\$500) will be made in the next couple days.

### **New Business:**

The next meeting will be held May 15, 2008, at Hope Lutheran Church on Eddy Lane in Eau Claire. Mary will give devotions and JoDeen will provide snacks.

### **Discussion:**

It was suggested that each member of the board does not need to receive the full paper copy of the financial report every month. It was generally agreed that the financial committee should receive the full report each month and that it would also be helpful if they could receive this information prior to the meetings. The other members of the board only need to receive a summary of the report, unless the financial committee deems more is necessary at certain times. Another discussion followed on the pros and cons of monthly meetings versus meetings every other month. Some of the comments included the price of gas, the use of e-mail updates, and what other camp boards do. Steve suggested that the executive committee discuss this and bring a recommendation to the May meeting.

Steve made the **motion** to adjourn and a second was made. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
JoDeen Forsyth, secretary