

Minutes for Luther Park Board of Directors  
May 15, 2008

**Board Members In Attendance:** Pastor Michael Wollman, Eileen Christopherson, Stan Buchanan, Pastor Leila Haight, JoDeen Forsyth, Amanda Rasner, Donny Moats, and Steve Kolden.

**Ex-Officio Members in Attendance:** Sherm Toufar, Mary Toufar

**Members Absent:** Dale Kringle, Pastor Jim Page, Brenda Thalacker, and Pastor John Ashland

**Call To Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by our board president, Pastor Michael Wollman.

**Devotions:** Mary Toufar gave devotions based on Matthew 28:16--20, which describes our job description as Christians. Devotions ended with prayer.

**Minutes and approval:** The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. A typographical error which appeared on some copies was noted. The beginning of the fourth line should read, "Members Absent" and not Ex-Officio Members Absent. Eileen Christopherson moved to accept the April minutes and Dale Kringle made the second. **Motion** passed.

### **Directors' Reports**

Mary's written report was reviewed. She also handed out an update on camp registrations. As of this date, we have 799 campers registered. We need 150 more by June 1 to keep pace with last year. Sherm's written report was reviewed.

**"Every Congregation" outreach report:** The Sunday congregational visits continue. Dates are booked into the fall and even as far as next February.

### **Committee Reports**

**Program**—There was no report from the Program Committee except for the statistics on camper registrations which Mary handed out during the directors' Reports.

**Property**—Don Moats reported that the cabin roofing is in progress and five should be done by next week. A volunteer plumber is scheduled to work on the pool filter. The problem with the kitchen grease trap will be put off until next year. It is still functional for this summer. The wells have been tested and the water quality has greatly improved since the last test. We cannot take down the contaminated water warning signs until we have passed the test for two consecutive years. We have two thousand pine trees waiting for more volunteers to help with the planting.

**Finance**—Printed copies of the April 30, Income/Expense Report were passed out. Stan Buchanan went over the main points of the report. We are about \$27,000 short of our budget at this point in the year. We are paying off debts on schedule. Congregational giving is down about \$8000. Discussion followed on what can we do? We have to increase income or cut expenses. Steve Kolden suggested that we need to pay off our \$35,000 bank loan so we are able to borrow again if we need to. He suggested that we need a committee to look at the options we have and to make a list of things we can cut if we get to that point. The board president agreed to work on starting this process. Pastor Lee Haight volunteered to help with the "Every Congregation" Outreach program by making some additional Sunday preaching visits. Steve Kolden made a **motion** to accept the finance report as printed. The second was made by Don Moats. Motion passed.

### **Old Business**

**Meeting Schedule for the remainder of 2008**—At the April board meeting, the executive committee was asked to make a recommendation on the number of board meetings needed during the year, and present it at the regular May meeting. After the April board meeting, the vice president, the treasurer, and the secretary met and came up with the following schedule:

January—short organizational board meeting immediately after the annual meeting

February—meet in Eau Claire

April—meet in Eau Claire

June—meet at camp

August—meet at camp including a session with counselors

October—meet in Eau Claire

December—meet in Eau Claire and set budget

The directors' reports and a financial summary would be e-mailed to all board members every month.

Extra meetings could be scheduled if needed.

The executive board may wish to meet with the directors in the months that we do not have board meetings.

There was a short discussion about a new meeting schedule, but it was decided to **table** this topic until the next meeting.

#### **New Business:**

**Follow up to Retreat**—Pastor Mike said that Jim Page may be able to lead up our strategic plan work. Discussion followed that this was part of our plan with Gronlund Sayther Brunkow. Dick Sayther will be invited to our June meeting.

**Discussion/Decision on the Forest Crop Law Status at Luther Woods.**— Sherm presented some of the options we have. Our present Forest Crop Law expires December 31, 2009. This program has been replaced by the Managed Forest Law. If we choose to enroll in the new program, we will need to submit a petition by July 1, 2008. Dale Kringle volunteered to work on this with Sherm this month and present a recommendation at the June meeting. A decision will have to be made at that meeting.

**Next Meeting--** June 19, 2008, at Luther Park. Supper will be at 5:30 with the board meeting to follow. Dale will give the devotions.

**Other**—Sherm handed out information on the Golf Outing, asking board members to assist in finding hole sponsors and golfers for the June 23 event.

Pastor Mike handed out a Kwik Trip brochure on the Kwik Rewards Fund-Raising Program to benefit your favorite charity. Information can also be obtained by calling 1-888-736-5945 and asking for the Kwik Rewards Fund Raising Program.

Dale made the **motion** to adjourn and a second was made. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
JoDeen Forsyth, secretary