

Minutes for Luther Park Board of Directors
June 19, 2008

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

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

Members Absent: Steve Kolden

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

Devotions: Dale Kringle gave devotions based on 1 Corinthians 10:31 about doing everything to the glory of God. Dale reminded us that as board members we all have different backgrounds but we come together for the glory of God through the work God is doing at Luther Park. Devotions ended with prayer.

Minutes and approval: The minutes of the May meeting were reviewed. A correction was made; Dale Kringle was present (not absent) at the May meeting. Dale Kringle moved to accept the May minutes as corrected and Stan Buchanan made the second. **Motion** passed.

Directors' Reports

Mary Toufar handed out copies of her report which was e-mailed to board members earlier today, plus an additional list of 2008 registrations to date in comparison to the total registrations in each program for 2007.

It was noted that since May 1, we have remained at about 90 registrations behind last year, but registrations are still coming in weekly. Mary reported that other Wisconsin camps are reporting similar lower numbers this summer.

Sherm Toufar's written report e-mailed last week was reviewed. In the discussion, Sherm was asked to explain how the "Pastoral visits" and "Pastor's Conferences" tie into his goals for Luther Park. Sherm explained that the Luther Park congregations come from 6 different conferences. His visits promote PR and provide an opportunity to keep the pastors informed about our camp. The discussion brought up the fact that pastoral visits are a good way to find individuals who can help Luther Park with gifts and services.

"Every Congregation" outreach report: The Sunday congregational visits continue. Pastor Mike has preached in 14 congregations, Sherm in 16, and Mary in 3. From these efforts, 120 donations have been made with 19 being at the \$100 level or more. 68 responses have come from first time givers. A total of \$5483 can be contributed to this effort so far.

Committee Reports

Program-Mary has done an excellent job training the staff. Amanda and Pastor DJ Rasner very successfully worked with the summer staff to understand this year's challenging Bible study.

Evaluations from the first 2 weeks have been quite positive.

Property-Don Moats reported that several maintenance projects have come in below budget. The roofing projects were expected to be \$5400. The actual cost of materials was \$13,480 and \$8374.79 was received in the Certainteed agreement for a net cost of \$5105 to reroof the cabins and the Welcome Center. Thanks to a volunteer group from Good Shepard in Eau Claire, Pastor Mike Vetch and his brothers, and Don Moats and his wife, 5 cabin roofs have been finished.

Materials to repair and replace the filters on the swimming pool came to \$7056, which was well below the \$1500 budgeted for the project. Thanks to the volunteer work of Brenda Thalacker's husband and brother-in-law, the pool repairs have been completed.

Materials to replace the shelter at Luther Woods have been purchased for \$2285. The new shelter covering will be larger than the old one, but the old concrete floor will not be expanded. Volunteers are being sought to complete the new shelter this summer and the total cost will be less than the \$6000 budgeted.

About 3000 trees were planted at Luther Park this spring.

An unexpected maintenance expense occurred when the camp pontoon quit working during the first week of camp. It was quickly repaired by a local boat service for \$700.

Finance-Printed summaries of the May 31, Income/Expense Report were passed out. Brenda Thalacker went over the main points of the report. Our income is about \$16,500 short of our year to date budget, mostly due to low summer and retreat fees. Our expenses are also below our year to date budget, resulting in better finances at the end of May, than we had anticipated we would be in at this time when making the budget for the year. No checks are being held and loan payments are being made on time. Don Moats made a **motion** to accept the finance report as printed. The second was made by Amanda Rasner. Motion passed.

Old Business

The Forest Crop Law status for land at Luther Woods was discussed. Dale Kringle reported on his research of the topic and the information he received from the Washburn DNR spokesman. Stan Buchanan made a **motion** that the property committee be authorized to begin the application process and to put as much as 280 acres of Luther Woods or a minimum of what is now in the program, into the Managed Forest Law program. Second by John Ashland. Motion passed.

The Golf Outing has about 60 registered golfers for Monday, June 23. Sherm asked for golf day help. Eileen Christopherson and Pastor Mike Wollman volunteered. Sherm and JoDeen Forsyth will also be working starting at 10 A.M.

New Business:

Meetings:

A **motion** to skip the July meeting was made by Pastor John Ashland, with a second by Pastor Lee Haight. **Motion passed.**

Dick Sayther Meeting-- On Wednesday, July 2, 2008, 10:30 A.M. Pastor Mike and Sherm will meet with Dick Sayther, who was unable to come to our meeting tonight. The president invited all board members to this meeting about planned giving. If you plan to come, please let Pastor Mike know 24 hours in advance.

Summer Staff Visit Meeting--On Tuesday, August 12, 2008, board members will have a **supper meeting** with the summer staff at Luther Park.

Next Regular Board Meeting-- Our next regular board meeting will be held on Thursday, August 21, 2008, at 6:15 P.M. Pastor Mike will give devotions. The Toufars will provide snacks.

Other:

Pastor Jim Page asked for a follow up on the every other month meeting schedule as discussed at the May meeting. President Wollman said this can be discussed again on August 21.

The meeting was adjourned around 9 P.M. and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
JoDeen Forsyth, secretary