

Special Southern Ohio District Board Meeting 8/6/2013 at BRC

Talk from the 6 p m to 7:30 p m.

Larry asked that we talk and pray about the decision the district made to save Woodland Alters from being sold. Appreciation was given to Larry for the way he handled himself during the conference held at Prince of Peace. Dave Shetler commented that he has received good comments on what the board has done. Several people did express that they supported the decision on what the board proposed.

Tony Price wanted to express his appreciation to Jodie Oates on all the work he did for the board and was a little upset by the way he was treated by some of the people at the microphone. Kate Polzin asked how can we love people that have a negative feeling of the board's decision on Woodland Alters? Gary Crim was not happy with the comment from Roger Crusier on being honest with the board and the district people. Larry Tyner also noted that we must be above board on everything we do and say. HOW DO WE ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US IN THIS SITUATION?? How do we hold volunteers accountable?? Where is the fiscal responsibility for all this??

The board has legal matters that must be taken care of, such as: property, parts, Robins clients, the mobile homes at the camp circle. Will we winterize the property, hire guards to protect the camp?

Dave Shetler made the comment that there are enough serious concerns at the camp that we could be looking at serious law suits if anything would happen at Woodland Altars.

7:30 meeting open to the public: Woodland Altars, next steps:
Legal matters, insurance, Robin's clients. How are we to keep the camp grounds open?

Legal Matters: Gary Crim, work on a quick claim from Robin and other legal matters. Terminate the lease with Robin. Question was asked about the modular homes, (campers), When will this discussion with Robin take place?? Will be done in a couple of weeks. Steve asked about the real estate and any liens against the property.

Properties: Tom and Karen Dillon are working on property insurance. When is Robin's insurance finished? Question was asked if the taxes have been kept up to

date. Gary Crim will check out the tax question.

Robins clients, do we continue with the campers that Robin has a contract with? We, as a district, are not liable for the contracts that Robin has made with his clients.

It was recommended that we work with Robin (or whoever) to keep the camp open. As long as the camp is open, can any of the Church of the Brethren run the camp??
WE DO NOT HAVE THE PEOPLE TO RUN THE CAMP.

There are many maintenance problems at the camp, is the board ready to take on all these problems??

Gerald (Jerry) Harley, member of the Cincinnati Congregation and a certified architect will be presenting the board with the cost of the maintenance of the property. It is going to cost a lot to keep the camp open with all the maintenance problems. It was recommended that we get security for the camp as soon as possible. In order to keep the camp going, we have to have professional people to bring the camp up to CODE.

Karen Garret made the appeal about how we need the support of the whole district of Southern Ohio. Nan Erbaugh made a statement on how the support has gone down in numbers and dollars for the camp in the last several years. It was also noted that the District of Southern Ohio has also gone down in numbers and dollars.

Robert MacLennan stated there has been no priority to train people to run a camp like Woodland Alters. No capital or fundraising campaign for the camp. It is going to take the Holy Spirit and lots of prayer to get the camp going to be self-sufficient. He is asking the board to promote the camp in any way they can.

Ken Oren: our problem is a spiritual problem, not a money problem. He has a plan for a fall festival to raise money for the camp. They have names of 328 people who are willing to get Ken Oren's alternate proposal going.

Sam Duey: wants to promote the facilities of the camp. We need to look forward to the camp and what it will bring in the future.

Larry Tyner: we have a communication problem, items are falling through the cracks. Churches are not getting the messages out to the people. The information is on the web site, messages are sent to each pastor in the district and sometimes even fliers are sent to the churches, but for some strange reason, people say they never hear about what is going on at the camp.

Larry Tyner opened the floor up for any open statements:

Jim Oren, we have been resting on our laurels (butts) ever since Robin took over the camp 10 years ago and expected him to make the camp prosper.

Jim Chronister: we have a lot of fracture in our district. He wants the board to turn the property over to the "Transitional Team" now, so they can start to work on the camp.

Larry Tyner: we all need to work together and pray together as a district and to keep the district informed of what is going on.

Sandra Jenkins said there have been many ways the information has been given to the people of Southern Ohio to make them aware of the problems at Woodland Alters. Do they just throw away this information or do they pass it on without doing anything themselves. A person from the youth area said there are many youth who are willing to go to Woodland Alters to work.

At 9'o clock the board went into executive session.

Two issues were raised: 1. We need a vibrant program at Woodland Alters, not just a piece of land. 2. Money is the giant issue to get the camp up to code.

If the camp closes, it will fall upon the district board to deal with the property.

Some other issues that came up were: an abandoned gas tank is still buried in the ground, exposed wires that could either shock a person or start a fire, no crash bars on doors and doors with crash bars are wired shut. If an emergency would come up the people would have to exit these buildings, it would be impossible for them to open some doors. This is a giant violation. How do we find an insurance company to insure the camp with all these problems??

Two proposals were brought to the district board:

1. Accept the Gerald Harley proposal for Woodland Alters to bring the camp up to the standards and code. This proposal is not to exceed \$6800.00. (Passed by consensus)
2. Appoint a transitional team to help carry out the work of the camp and all that has to be done. (Affirmed) People to be asked to be on the transitional team are: Larry Tyner, Steve Coklin, Mindy Tipton, Charlene Foster Clark, Stan Dohner, Ben Kraus, Nan Erbaugh, and anyone from the original neutral committee. (Affirmed) These people will be asked and it will be reported back to the board.

A motion was made to: Have Gary Crim get a lawyer from Adams County to do a quick claim on Woodland Altars to give the camp back to the district of Southern Ohio. Expenses not to exceed \$1500.00

Steve Coklin seconded. Motion passed.

Money for the quick claim and the Harley proposal will be coming out of the Timber Fund.

The Ministry Commission brought before the board two proposals:

1. To ordain Tracy Primozich. Affirmed
2. To do dual ordination for Tony Price at Cedar Grove. Affirmed