

CUCHARA CHAPEL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
August 9, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Marnee Camp, Karen Long, Johnye Voiles, Lois Vostral, John Millerman, Sandra Duncan, Robert Karper, Don Goodwin, Norma Davis, Don Pike.

PRESIDING: Chairperson Marnee Camp called the meeting to order at 2:00 p. m. Don Goodwin offered the opening prayer.

The minutes of the July 5, 2016, were circulated and reviewed. Don Pike moved that the minutes be accepted, and Don Goodwin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report from Gary Bridges was distributed and reviewed.

Current Bank balance as of 8/2/2016 \$14,739.65
Marnee Camp will find out if CS & WD is charging for water use.

John Millerman moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, and Norma Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Marnee Camp discussed the vacancy in the Class of 2018 which was held by Kay Thomas. John Millerman will vacate his position in the Class of 2016 and assume the vacant position in the Class of 2018.

Marnee Camp presented the report of Dean White regarding the estimate of replacement cost on the chapel and the insurance options on the chapel. Currently, the insurance cost is \$2797.00 annually with a \$1000.00 deductible.

Local contractor Paul Neldner estimated that the replacement cost would be \$350,800. This includes rough hewn logs, stone, windows, etc. It would require a new foundation as well if destroyed by fire.

Fred Ettleman of State Farm Insurance, our current insurer, reported the following options for insurance:

BUILDING COVERAGE AT 350,800 WITH DELETION OF COUNSELING
PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY, 100 AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WITH \$1,000:
\$2528.00

BUILDING COVERAGE AT 350,800 WITH DELETION OF COUNSELING PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY, 100 AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WITH \$5,000: \$2107.00

BUILDING COVERAGE AT 350,800 WITH DELETION OF COUNSELING PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY, 100 AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE WITH \$10,000: \$1930.00

Dean recommends that the Board:

- Delete the current computer rider and the counseling liability for pastors.
- Increase our coverage to the estimated replacement value of \$350,800.
- Increase our liability to \$5000.00.

This would save approximately \$700 per year. The current policy runs from June to June each year. Therefore, the policy has already been paid for June 2016 to June 2017. After discussion, the Board requested that Dean find out the amount of rebate for amending the policy as opposed to canceling the policy and creating a new one.

The Congregational Meeting will be held on August 14 prior to the 11:00 service.

The Congregational Picnic will be held after the 11:00 service.

The Cuchara Association has been paid \$75.00 to cover the cleaning charges and will cover the potential of use of the Rec Center in case of rain.

NEW BUSINESS: Music chair Janette Tull has requested that the Board increase the fee paid for the keyboard player/organist from \$110 to \$125 per Sunday. After discussion, Don Goodwin moved that the fee be increased to the \$125 per Sunday as requested. Robert Karper seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Janette Tull also proposed that the Board create a new position of paid soloist.

The soloist would be paid \$50 each Sunday up to \$300. She proposes that the position be filled by Elda Royer. She reports that finding special music is difficult, and this would ensure quality special music throughout the summer season.

Discussion centered around the thought that those who perform special music do so because they are sharing their musical gift from God, not for payment. Also, the payment of the soloist would be awkward since others are not paid. The Board discussed that a difference exists between paying pastors and the keyboard/organ player since they are essential and special music which is an enhancement to the service.

John Millerman moved that the Chapel hire a soloist for \$50 per Sunday at a maximum of \$300 per season. No second occurred and the motion died.

The Nominating Committee for members of the Class of 2020 included Karen Long, Don Pike and John Millerman. Karen Long presented the slate of Officers and Board Members/Trustees.

Returning officers include Chairman, Marnee Camp (Year 2); Chairperson Elect, Dennis Schurter (Year 2); Secretary, Shelley Bloomer (Year 2).

New Officer: Sherri Jones (Year 1). Gary Bridges resigned from this position.

Directors, Class of 2020: Dave Barclay, Shawn Bridges, Ron DeVoe, Judy Moore

Trustee: Mark Worgan

Sandra Duncan moved that the Slate of nominees be approved. Norma Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The new members will be presented at the Congregational meeting on August 14.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Altar Committee: Marnee Camp discussed that the Altar Committee needs to be modified. Finding flowers consistently has become a problem and finding a member who wants to be responsible for this duty every Sunday all summer has also become a problem. Marnee proposed that the Board secure the services of a florist for Sunday flowers. Petals in La Veta has been consulted. The fee would be \$20-25 each week. The Chapel would provide vases.

Discussion included giving members the opportunity to donate the flowers each Sunday in honor/memory of a designated member. The Board decided to appoint new Altar Committee members to create the sign up sheet and be responsible for picking up the flowers at the florist by 2:00 on Saturdays.

Friendship Committee: Norma Davis reported that plans for the Congregational Picnic are moving forward. She will notify all who have signed up to bring food as a reminder.

Grounds and Building Committee: Robert Karper reported that the mail boxes on Highway 12 are not on Chapel property and therefore, the Chapel has no authority to move or improve them. He has also examined the building and grounds and had not found any issues that need to be addressed.

Lois Vostral suggested that the Board consider adding additional lighting on the verse above the altar to increase visibility. The Board also considered darker staining the letters or the background. Diane Broce will be consulted about solutions.

House and Chapel Committee: The Board considered the issues involved with weddings in the Memorial Park including costs and liability. The Board agreed that the fee for weddings in the Chapel or in the Memorial Park would be the same. The Board will also create a separate

contract for Memorial Park weddings outlining provisions. The fee will include the option of the wedding party to use the Chapel in case of rain or other weather issues.

Memorial Committee: Johnye Voiles addressed the issue of donations without response addresses. She suggested that the weekly announcements include the reminder to include a response address with donations.

Music Committee: no report

Publicity Committee: no report

Scholarship Committee: Don Pike reported that all current members of the Scholarship Committee have agreed to continue.

Food Committee: John Millerman reported that the Bear Barrel has been placed in the General Store. The second barrel will not be used this year. Discussion included ways to advertise the project to community members who may not attend the Chapel services. Suggestions included contacting Tom Waller about the possibility of advertising in Tidbits.

Historian Committee: no report

Additionally, Don Goodwin proposed that a riser be provided for shorter speakers for greater visibility. He will contact Cleon Flanagan about building the riser. Don Goodwin also proposed that the Board purchase a hand-held mic for speakers. He will investigate the possibility with Tom Munch.

Marnee Camp adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Long, substituting for Shelley Bloomer, Secretary