

MSSA Board of Trustees
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May 23, 2015
9:00 AM

Prayer Hays Haney

Attending:

Ellie Billington, Stephanie Smith, Lane Price, Frannie Smith, Anne Williams, Bob Monfore, Morgan Merrill, Bill Cox, Anne Roberts Worthen, Kent Ballow, John Sisson, David Pilcher, Barry Moody, Andy Spickard, Cyndy Hudgins, Judith Humphreys, Mary Ellen Lovell, Neil Kunkel, Hays Haney

By phone: Ann Ewing

Absent: Britton Watson, Lanier Frank, Lisa Hammett, Catherine Trahan

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Presidents Comments: Kent Ballow

Kent acknowledged Trails and Trilliums successful weekend.
Thanked ARC and Property for hard work over the winter.

General Manager's Report: Scott Parrish

Summer staff hired with the addition of Adam Hobbs as the new Adventure Director.

Online preseason ticket sales up over last year.

New gate software working well

Financial position strong

Rhonda Pilkington new housing director

Platform has a great lineup for the season.

Facilities:

Evelyn Reppard Jones gift to refurbish The Well

Marty Buffington planting day completed Folk Garden.

Auditorium seats refurbished, floors refinished and projection booth covered in bead board.

Parrish requested approval for alcohol in Harton Hall on August 14, 2015 for Ann and Joe Lester event.

Moody Moved to accept

Seconded

Passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report Bob Monfore (see attached)

Thanked the office for timely reports

CCF up

No delinquencies

Committee Reports:

Membership: Hays Haney (see attached)

June Miller Edmunds: Second reading

Passed Unanimously

Lynne Miller Haas: Second Reading

Passed Unanimously

Michael Jason Symms: Second Reading

Passed Unanimously

Lease Assignments Scott Parrish

Cottage #22

I move that the MSSA Board approve the lease assignment by which Michael J. Symms,, Executor of the Estate of Barbara Crais Symms. assigns unto Micahel J. Symms a 25% undivided interest in cottage #22 effective May 23, 2015. The leasehold shall be in favor of Micahel J. Symms, a 25% undivided interest and Elizabeth R. Crais, 75% undivided interest.

Motion: Bill Cox

Seconded: David Pilcher

Approved unanimously

Cottage #142

I move that the MSSA board issue a 99 year lease extension for Cottage #142 to Christine E. Rolon, 25% undivided interest, Kent E. Ballow, 25% undivided interest, Andrew Ewing III, 25% undivided interest, and Ann M. Ewing 25% undivided interest effective October 30, 2004.

Motion: John Sisson

Seconded: Andy Spickard

Approved unanimously

Cottage # 98

I move that the MSSA board terminate the lease for cottage #98, Lynwood Marbury, effective may 26, 2015.

Motion: Ann Roberts Worthen

Seconded: Cyndy Hudgins

Approved unanimously

Cottage 98

I move that the MSSSA board issue a 99 year lease for Cottage #98 to Catherine Ferris Trahan (100% undivided interest) effective May 26, 2015.

Motion: Ann Roberts Worthen

Seconded: Bob Monfore

Approved unanimously

Cottage # 112

I move that the MSSA board approve the lease assignment by which Dawn M. Logan, Executor of the Estate of Clay R. Miller assigns unto Dawn M. Logan a 1/12 undivided interest, unto June Miller Edmunds a 1/12 undivided interest, and unto Lynne Miller Haas a 1/12 undivided interest in cottage #112 effective May 23, 2015. Said leasehold shall be in favor of Helen L. Miller, 50% undivided interest, Dawn M. Logan, 1/3 undivided interest, June Miller Edmunds, 1/12 undivided interest, and Lynne Miller Haas, 1/12 undivided interest.

Motion: Mary Ellen Lovell

Second: John Sisson

Approved unanimously

Property: Bill Cox

Voted not to change to motorcycle rule.

Reviewed security and the possible use of security cameras. Right now cost too high and does not see need for a camera at the present time.

Conference room: Parrish stated that after the October board gave direction to Property to look at basement space for a possible first class conference room, he brought in architect, Patton Watkins, for an assessment. Watkins suggested looking elsewhere within the grounds since he felt the basement would not meet the needs. Parrish put forth the case for the MSSA Conference Room and Museum which would be located near the front MSSA office. (See attached)

Motion: Bill Cox

The Property Committee moves the board approve a conference facility which will be of first class construction and will provide up to date technology and communications equipment. The estimated construction cost including furniture and fixtures is \$200,000.00 of which \$50,000.00 will be funded by a gift in memory of Walter Pulliam by his family and \$150,000.00 will be funded by the MSSA Consolidated Capital Fund. A \$10,000.00 endowment for the maintenance of the technology and display features will be created by Walter Pulliam's family.

Passed unanimously

Motion to accept Doffermyre gift:

I move that we accept the \$60,000.00 gift from Mary and Everette Doffermyre to name the Conference room The "Pulliam Conference Center and Museum" to honor the memory of Walter T. Pulliam and recognize his love for the Assembly and history. \$50,000.00 of the gift will be used for construction costs and \$10,000.00 will be used to establish an endowment fund to maintain the technology and exhibit space.

Motion: Stephanie Smith

Second: Morgan Merrill

Approved unanimously

ARC John Sisson (see attached)

Motion:

Item 1: The ARC recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the motion for a dormer addition to the Wildman cottage # 118.

An amendment was accepted to rephrase the motion to add:
“With the condition that any vents be constructed on the backside of the roof.”

Motion: ARC

Approved unanimously

Item 2: The ARC recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the attached changes to the Design Standards. These changes involve changes to the way the MSSA and its committees would review window replacement and new window installation as well as changes to making chimney and fireplaces distinguishing characteristics of our buildings. There is also a change involving the non-use of synthetic materials for porches.

There was discussion concerning interior approval and window replacement questions.

David Pilcher moved that the vote on the ARC motion be postponed and that the committee break this motion into three different motions.

Seconded: Bob Monfore

Postponement Motion passed with one not in favor by John Sisson.

Sisson passed around a copy of “Our Historic Heritage”, an architectural guide which ARC has put together and will be given to Assembly members.

Change in Alcohol Policy: Frannie Smith

I move that the MSSA Code of Regulations G-9 paragraph 1 be amended to read as follows: the possession or use of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances on public grounds, in public places, or at public functions on the Assembly grounds is prohibited and subjects the offender to disciplinary action by the Board of Trustees except as follows: During the season, alcoholic beverages may be allowed and may be consumed only at a location (and temporarily attached tents) approved by the Board of Trustees on not more than 4 occasions per season and only during special events approved in advance by the Board of Trustees.

Motion: Frannie Smith

Seconded: Barry Moody

Passed Unanimously

Gate Ticket Task Force: Barry Moody

Moody stated that this task force was asked to study a season visitor pass possibility by President Ballow.

Motion:

This pass allows the purchaser and anyone accompanying him/her in the same vehicle to enter the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Grounds from 9:30 AM until 10:30 PM for the following purposes:

Attend Lectures/Dine at Harton Hall/ Attend Sunday Church Services/Attend Twilight Prayers/Attend Movies.

This pass would not be valid for Workshops, use of the Tennis Courts or Swimming Pool, participation in Youth Programs, or for overnight stays; all of which require the purchase of a Gate ticket.

Motion: Barry Moody

Seconded: Bill Cox
Passed Unanimously

New Business:

Election of Nomination Committee:

Ann Roberts Worthen nominated Lisa Hammett

Ellie Billington nominated Ann Ewing

Andy Spickard nominated Frannie Smith

Bob Monfore nominated Ann Monfore

Judith Humphreys nominated Jim Humphreys

Stephanie Smith moved the nominations be closed.

Seconded

Cyndy Hudgins moved we accept the nominations by acclamation.

Seconded

Passed Unanimously

Motion by Stephanie Smith:

I move that the purpose of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly as stated in the Charter and Bylaws be identified as the purpose and be published or quoted in every place that is appeared in the past and, if desired, to be followed by the new mission statement to clarify intended actions and goals. *The advancement of science, literary attainment, Sunday School interests, and the promotion of the broadest popular culture in the interest of Christianity without regard to sect or denomination.*

Seconded: Cyndy Hudgins

Passed Unanimously

Announcements

None

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellie Billington

MSSA Board of Trustees Meeting Dates:

June 20, 2015

July 11, 2015

July 24, 2015

July 25, 2015

