

1 **Monteagle Sunday School Assembly**
2 **Minutes of the Board of Trustees**

3
4 July 12, 2014

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6 The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Monteagle Sunday School Assembly was called to order
7 by President Kent Ballow in Harton Hall at 9:00 A.M.

8 Ellie Billington opened the meeting with the Serenity prayer.

9 Secretary Dede Clements called the roll.

10 Members present: K. Ballow, E. Billington, M. Buffington, D. Clements, B. Flatley, L. Frank, L.
11 Hammett, C. Hornaday, C. Hudgins, J. Humphreys, N. Kunkel, M. Lovell, B.
12 Monfore, B. Moody, D. Pilcher, A. Short, S. Smith, A. Spickard, K. Trahan, B.
13 Watson, P. Wildman, A. Worthen

14 Member Ann Ewing attended electronically.

15 Members absent: M. Buffington and H. Haney

16 General Manager Scott Parrish was away at his son's wedding. MSSA members attending were B. Cox,
17 Property Chair, Delk Kennedy, Dawn Logan, Paula Kunkel, Pam Maloof, and Lane
18 Price.

19 The minutes of the June 14, 2014, meeting were approved with two corrections.
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21 **Presidents Comments:** K. Ballow commended Ann Byrn Floyd and Meghan Hudgins for a wonderfully
22 successful fundraiser benefitting the auditorium. General Manager Parrish was commended for his
23 superior overall oversight of the Assembly. Board members also wished special comments to be placed
24 in the minutes thanking Scott for his community involvement and excellence in setting and achieving
25 goals.
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27 Treasurer's Report and Budget:

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29 Bob Monfore noted that two pending cottage sales are a credit to Scott Parrish's work with sellers and
30 buyers. CCF has a healthy balance of \$268,000. Parrish was commended for new breakouts of gate
31 ticket sales by category, member vs. guest. The proceeds divide almost evenly at 50-50. \$149,389 has
32 been collected at the gate as of this date, less than the previous year. Monfore reported 2014 as the year
33 in which Grundy County has reassessed property taxes. The average increase in overall assessment for
34 MSSA is 38%. The Finance Committee submitted an Unrestricted Budget including \$152,000 in
35 increased revenue from assessment increases. 35% of this revenue was budgeted to reduce gate ticket
36 prices, with a plan to form a committee to review price structure. Discussion and historical review ensued
37 with explanations of the flat \$650 cottage assessment, the practice of increasing assessments at the same
38 level/same time as the county reassesses and the By-Law requirement for membership as a whole to
39 approve cottage assessment increases. Strenuous objection was voiced to the concept of reducing gate
40 ticket prices for renters, burdening cottages not participating in the rental program. Another objection to
41 increased assessment absent budgetary necessity was the potential to impede cottage sales.
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43 **MOTION:** The Finance Committee's motion to approve the Unrestricted Budget was **defeated** with
44 one vote in favor, all others against, no abstentions.
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46 **MOTION:** The Finance Committee's motion to approve the Restricted Budget was **approved**
47 unanimously.

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2 An informal gathering of the Board was called for Saturday, July 19, at 9:00 A.M. President Ballow asked
3 the Finance Committee to revise the Unrestricted budget, addressing the concerns of the Board expressed
4 today and present it then.

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6 **MEMBERSHIP:**

7 **MOTION:** Perian Strang was unanimously approved for membership after a Second Reading.

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9 First Readings in accordance with new guidelines for membership were presented for James (Jay)
10 Cleveland and Melville M. Barnes, Jr.

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12 **LEASEHOLD TRANSFERS:**

13 **MOTION:** Cyndy Hudgins moved board approval effective July 12, 2014, for Fred Cassety's
14 assignment of a 20% undivided interest unto Perian Strang. Fred Cassetty will retain an 80% undivided
15 interest.

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17 **BY-LAWS COMMITTEE:** Judith Humphreys reported that her report is nearing completion.

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19 **LONG RANGE PLANNING:** B. Watson presented a Mission Statement for Board ratification. It was
20 noted that this is not intended to replace MSSA's statement of Purpose. Also presented were a set of
21 Goals and Strategies developed by Long Range Planning to support the Mission,

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23 **MOTION:** The committee's motion to approve both the Mission Statement and Goals and Strategies for
24 support thereof was unanimously approved.

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26 **PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** Bill Cox announced plans to complete road resurfacing and planting at
27 the Cheek garden in the fall. Evergreen screening along Central Ave. is also planned, with a consultant to
28 be engaged. Stonework assessment and repair across the grounds is planned. Cox updated the Board on
29 contiguous properties for sale at Sunset Rock.

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31 **MOTION:** Lisa Hammett moved that the President and General Manager be authorized to purchase the
32 Shannonhouse Property at the North boundary of the Assembly for a price not to exceed \$210,000. The
33 motion was unanimously approved.

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35 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Pat Wildman, Chair, announced the Nominating Committee's 2014-2015
36 Proposed Slate of Officers:

- 37 Kent Ballow, President
38 Ann Worthen, First Vice President
39 Barry Moody, Second Vice President
40 Bob Monfore, Treasurer
41 Ellie Billington, Secretary

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43 At-Large Nominees for the Board of Directors are Bob Monfore, Morgan Merrill and Bill Cox
44 MAEFC Nominees are Keith Barton and Evan Price

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46 **ADJOURNMENT:** President Ballow adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM, there being no other new
47 business.

48 Respectfully submitted, Jeannine (Dede) Clements