

Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Minutes of the Board of Trustees

June 27, 2020

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Monteagle Sunday School Assembly was called to order by presiding President Bill Cox on June 27, 2020 at 9:00 a. m. CDT.

A prayer was offered by Jimmy Stansell

ATTENDANCE: Amanda Moody called the roll:

Members Present: Due to COVID 19 and TN Executive Order and in an effort to allow for full participation by all Board members with better sound quality, the meeting was with 12 members present and the remaining members attending electronically.

Present: Jay Cleveland, Bill Cox, Bill Davis, Jim Humphries, Susie Lipscomb, Morgan Merrill, Amanda Moody, Ed Provost, Jim Reed, Frannie Smith, Jimmy Stansell.

Members present by phone: Susan Acker, Ron Buffington, Linda Elder, Lanier Frank, Meghan Hudgins, Tom Montgomery, Laurie Peacock, Steve Rixham, Overton Thompson Jim Uden, Betty Webster

A quorum of the Board was present.

Others Present: General Manager, Scott Parrish.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the June 13, 2020 meeting were opened for comments and approved.

President's Report- Bill Cox

President Cox read the purpose of the assembly and shared that we are in very uncertain times due to the Co-vid 19 crisis.

He shared that there are reports that this is the unhappiest the country has been in 50 years.

General Manager's Report:

Scott re iterated that these are very unusual times. People are acting out of fear, there is increased racial tension and the economy is uncertain. People need the assembly.

S. Parrish reported that the Covid 19 cases in Grundy County are growing.

Financial Report: Year to date the auto/gate tickets sales are at \$32,000 compared to 101,000 last year. Housing is at a 51% cancellation rate.

S. Parrish reminded everyone that children should wear bike helmets and not ride bikes on bridges. Bikes should move in the travel pattern of cars.

Golf Carts should be re registered each year. Satellite car passes are available free of charge and help to track who is here on the grounds.

Swimming Pool update:

The pool received a perfect score from the recent inspection. Reservations are still required at the pool but lifeguards have not had to turn anyone away.

Aggressive dogs:

There have been reports of dogs attacking other dogs. Please report to security or Scott Parrish as soon as possible if you see any such behavior.

There will be no assembly sponsored 4th of July activities. A reminder that fireworks are not allowed on assembly grounds.

Sparklers may be used with care only at the Northgate field under adult supervision.

July 24th- Caucus meetings will be held as usual as well as the membership meeting the following day.

Frannie Smith asked for an update on the woolly adelgid effecting hemlock trees. S. Parrish reported that the assembly will re treat the trees using a root drench. Nate Wilson from Sewanee will help with this treatment.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Property: Amanda Moody presented the following motions from property:

*The property committee unanimously moves that the MSSA president, Bill Cox and the general manager, Scott Parrish be allowed to negotiate the purchase of the VFW property up to \$140,000.

This is one of the properties identified that would be desirable for the assembly to acquire.

Brief discussion followed. Jimmy Stansell called the question.

The vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

*The property committee unanimously moves that \$5000 be allocated from CCF to install 1 speed hump on Linden Avenue and 2 speed humps on Laburnum Avenue.

Concern over speeding cars and golf carts was discussed.

Ron Buffington called the question. The vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Marketing and Communications Committee- Ann Ewing

Ann Ewing presented the following motion:

The marketing/communications committee moves that we adopt the following social media policy:

The creation of all social media platforms related to any aspect of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly must be approved by the general manager and the marketing/communications committee.

Furthermore, all approved social media platforms will only exist under the official MSSA pages(sites etc). Any existing pages/sites will be closed, and followers will be asked to migrate to the (new) official sites.

The purpose of this motion is to assure that the assembly is delivering a consistent message and following our mission etc.

The vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Leasehold Assignments:

Scott Parrish presented the new leasehold assignment for Betsy Crais Cottage #22.

I move that the MSSA board approve the lease assignment by which Elizabeth R. Crais assigns unto Elizabeth R. Crais, Trustee of the Elizabeth Ruth Crais Revocable Trust dated June 16, 2020 a 3/4 undivided interest in Cottage #22 effective June, 16, 2020.

The leasehold shall be in favor of Elizabeth R. Crais, Trustee of the Elizabeth Ruth Crais Revocable Trust dated June 16, 2020, a 3/4 undivided trust interest, Henry R. Crais, a 1/8 undivided interest, and Nancy S. Crais a 1/8 undivided interest.

The motion carried unanimously.

Town Hall Recommendations: Bill Cox

President Bill Cox presented the following recommendations raised at the town hall meeting:

- 1) Wi fi and chairs(spaced 6 feet apart) be provided on Winfield porch. This has been passed onto the Women's Association board for consideration.
- 2) Music and chapel on the mall. As a result of this recommendation there are plans to provide a church service each Sunday with music that will be broadcast on the Assembly facebook page and on the loudspeakers on the mall.

Jim Reed asked that the chapel doors be left open so the those attending could see the minister and the inside of the chapel. Amanda Moody concurred.

Scott Parrish reported that there will be a candlelight service the evening of July 4th at 7 pm to recognize the death of assembly family members, the recognize marriages and births. Details to follow.

Frannie Smith moved that the assembly provide church and music on the mall and virtually. The motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3) Bill Cox read parts of a letter shared by Lucy Keeble at the town hall meeting stating her concerns over the youth activities at the assembly. Bill Cox reached out to Hays Haney regarding what safety steps were being taken in regards to the youth activities.

Temperatures are being taken daily, numbers are kept to state guidelines for day camps, frequent hand washing and hand sanitizers are provided and masks are worn on indoor activities.

Discussion followed. Morgan Merrill and Frannie Smith shared their concerns over the youth gatherings, social distancing etc. Curfew etc.

* Scott Parrish says that he will continue to remind the security to watch for curfew violations but that tends to be the over 18 youth and young adults that are the curfew offenders.

Dr. Jay Cleveland re iterated that proper steps and precautions were being taken to continue to encourage safe activities etc. Bike helmets and waivers are required for each child to participate etc.

Jimmy Stansell stated that he feels that everyone must be responsible for themselves and he is not concerned with others social distancing and that the activities of others are not his business and that the youth activities do not bother him.

Susan Acker shared that as a school teacher she is very concerned about the mental health of children who have been looking at computer screens for the last 3 months de to the Covid -19. She stated that allowing children to participate in outdoor activities was healthy and a positive.

Bill Cox asked that we all be respectful of each other and the corona virus.

Hearing no other new business Jimmy Stansell moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jay Cleveland seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Moody

(Substitute secretary for Paula Walker)

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