

Monteagle Sunday School Assembly  
Minutes of the Board of Trustees

May 30, 2020

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Monteagle Sunday School Assembly was called to order by presiding President Bill Cox on May 30, 2020 at 9:00 a. m. CDT.

A prayer was offered by Bill Cox.

**ATTENDANCE:** Paula Walker 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 held electronically with all attending board members present via webcam.

Members present by phone: Susan Acker, Ron Buffington, Bill Cox, Bill Davis, Linda Elder, Lanier Frank, Meghan Hudgins, Jim Humphreys Susie Lipscomb, Morgan Merrill, Tom Montgomery, Amanda Moody, Ed Provost, Jim Reed, Steve Rixham, Frannie Smith, Jimmy Stansell, Jim Uden, Paula Walker, Betty Webster.

A quorum of the Board was present.

**Others Present:** General Manager, Scott Parrish.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from the May 16, 2020 meeting were opened for comments and approved.

**PROPOSAL FOR OPERATING POOL DURING THE PERIOD JUNE 10 THROUGH LABOR DAY:**

Scott Parrish outlined the proposed plan which had been previously circulated to the Board Members. After some general discussion Amanda Moody moved that the Board approve operation of the pool according to the General Manager's proposal (which includes the weeks up to and including Labor Day) and allowing for adjustments to pool operations as needed based on the circumstances. Ed Provost seconded the motion.

Discussion was by roll call and included the following topics:

- Concern that operating the pool is at odds with the reasoning behind cancelling the season;
- Suggestion to maintain a log of all who enter pool area if needed for contact tracing;
- Support for having pool open;
- Concern that parental supervision be required for children under a certain age, per guidance by state;

- Allowing attendees to extend reservations where space is available and walk up reservations where space allows;
- Mountain Voices will not be published each week so communication will be handled by posting and member emails where necessary.

The motion was reread and the vote occurred by roll call vote and the motion passed with 16 votes to approve the motion; 2 against and one abstention.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The General Manager noted that the next meeting is June 13 in the Pulliam Center where we will accept nominations for Nominating Committee.

Jimmy Stansell then asked for a Special Called meeting to address: (1) revisiting the summer rental program and (2) operation the Snack Shop during the summer. Amanda Moody then requested to add the topic of individuals hiring tennis/pickleball instructors. Ron Buffington requested to add the topic of on-line programming during the summer. Any discussion of fireworks is to be addressed at the June 13 meeting. The motion was seconded by Amanda Moody and proceeded to a roll call vote. The vote was by roll call and passed with a vote of 11 in favor and 8 against with one abstention.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Walker, Secretary

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RENTAL PROGRAM:

Jimmy Stansell started discussion leading up to a motion to allow the rental program to operate as normal during the summer weeks, lifting the “no new rental” limit adopted at the May 16, 2020 meeting. Discussion included revisiting the following points:

- No new rentals supports the CDC general guidance to avoid unnecessary travel and limiting concentration of people;
- Concern that the limit is a penalty;
- We struggled with a compromise that protects our community;
- Reference to Highland NC as having an increase in positive cases as the summer has started;
- Concerns about families hiring youth to supervise kids in activities and how it will be perceived by renters;

Jimmy reiterated his motion. There was no second for the motion and the motion died.

SNACK SHOP:

Jimmy Stansell made a motion to operate the Snack Shop on a carryout basis. Bill Davis seconded the motion. Discussion proceeded by roll call with two main comments: (1) a view that reasonable rules can be set; and (2) concerns about social distancing. The vote proceeded by roll call and the motion failed with 11 no votes and 8 yes votes, one abstention.

PRIVATE TENNIS/PICKLEBALL INSTRUCTION:

Amanda Moody then asked the Board to address whether members could arrange for private pickleball/tennis instruction in small groups using Assembly facilities without running afoul of the Regulation prohibiting commercial activity. Initial discussion included the following topics:

- No approval needed to hire individuals for private cottage activities (e.g. bartenders, lawn services);
- Proposal is to use people already identified and on the now unused season program;
- Distinction in commercial activity (goods) v. personal services;
- Precedent during an official season of not allowing private tennis instruction, but there was a tennis pro on staff at the time.

Ron Buffington then made a motion to allow private tennis/pickleball instruction on the assembly grounds during the summer of 2020. Susan Acker seconded the motion.

After initial discussion on the scope of the motion, Bill Davis proposed an amendment, accepted by Ron Buffington and the motion was restated: Motion to allow privately contracted personal services during the 2020 summer with the contractor rule remaining as currently in place. Susan Acker again seconded the motion.

Discussion proceeded by roll call and included the following topics:

- Whether private lessons will be required to follow CDC guidelines;

Morgan Merrill then moved to amend Ron's motion to require Board approval for privately organized events using Assembly facilities. Jim Uden seconded the motion.

Discussion proceeded by roll call and included the following topics:

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Recommendation that Board address each type of personal service as it comes up;

- Need to clarify what qualifies under the amendment;
- No need for case by case review as not needed now for certain activities;
- Clarification that the amendment addresses Assembly property.
- Concern that the amendment is confusing.

The vote proceeded by roll call and the amendment failed with 10 against and 8 in favor with one absention.

Voting on Ron's original motion proceeded by roll call and passed with a vote of 17 in favor and 2 abstentions.

#### ONLINE PROGRAMMING:

Ron Buffington then moved to have online Sunday Services, twilight prayer and select lectures, where feasible. The motion was ,

Discussion proceeded by roll call. Topics of discussion included concern that ministers and speakers were already released and the difficulty of trying to scramble now to rebook; this wasn't considered at the time we made the season decision; ability to look for minister members who could offer devotionals to be posted online.

Vote proceeded by roll call with the motion failing by a vote of 18 against, one in favor and 1 abstention.

Jimmy Stansell moved to adjourn the special meeting and Steve Rixham seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Walker , Secretary