

Monteagle Sunday School Assembly
Minutes of the Board of Trustees

August 31, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Monteagle Sunday School Assembly was called to order by presiding President Bill Cox in the Pulliam Center on August 31, 2019 at 10:00 a. m. CDT.

A prayer was offered by Bill Cox.

ATTENDANCE: Paula Walker called the roll:

Members Present: Bill Cox, Bill Davis Linda Elder, Jim Humphreys, Susie Lipscomb, Morgan Merrill, Tom Montgomery, Amanda Moody, Ed Provost, Frannie Smith, Jimmy Stansell, Overton Thompson, Paula Walker, Betty Webster, Anne Worthen, Oliver Jervis, Parliamentarian.

Members present by phone: Susan Acker, Steve Rixham, Jay Cleveland, Lanier Frank, Laurie Peacock, Jim Uden.

A quorum of the Board was present.

Members Absent: Ron Buffington, Lanier Frank

Others Present: General Manager, Scott Parrish and Ruth Cobb, Platform Superintendent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the 7-27-19 meeting were read and approved.

REPORTS OF THE PRESIDENT, GENERAL MANAGER & COMMITTEES

President's Report by Bill Cox:

Bill Cox provided a general outline of good financial standing with 3 cottage sales pending. He noted that the Assembly operates a Level 1 water/sewer system and reported that he was forming a task force to look at options related to continued ownership/operation of the system. A brief discussion followed outlining the history of the Assembly's relationship with the Town of Monteagle relative to the provision of water and sewer services.

Treasurer's Report by Jim Humphries:

Jim Humphries reported that to date all numbers are in line with budget and expectations and he sees no red flags.

General Manager's Report: by Scott Parrish

Mr. Parrish took care of a few housekeeping items related to meeting attendance (prayer volunteers and proper telephone etiquette during meetings).

Mr. Parrish reported that the season went well with an increase in the number of gate tickets sold and increased revenue (driven by both increased ticket price and increased ticket sales). Mr. Parrish also reported that the new website was under construction and expected to be operational by the end of October. This includes a new housing reservation system that will replace our current system which is going out of business.

PLATFORM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Ruth Cobb provided a Platform report. She clarified that she did not use Platform evaluation forms this year because the evaluation would have been on someone else's work. She noted that the Youth Adventure Week leader is not available for the 2020 season so she is looking for a new provider as well as a new Youth Pastor. Frannie Smith asked about speaker recommendations. Ms. Patterson reported that she looks at recommendations in the context of themes for a particular week or the season and sees if a recommended speaker fits. If not, the speaker may be considered for another season. There is no deadline for submitting a recommendation (per se) other than the printing of the platform in February. She noted that as Platform Superintendent she makes the final decisions.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY: Amanda Moody presented the following unanimous motions from the property committee for funds from CCF to be allocated as follows:

East Tennis Courts: The property committee moves that \$ 17,125.00 be allocated to repair, paint and re-coat roof of East Court gazebo and resurface east courts.

Amanda Moody indicated that the Tennis Committee wants to revitalize the tennis program in keeping with the spirit of the Cheek gift and hopes to have a good tennis teacher for the summer. The motion passes.

Organic Compost Area: The property committee moves that \$ 4500.00 be allocated to clean up the organic compost area. Scott Parrish described the area to be cleaned up. The motion passes.

Bell Tower: The property committee moves that \$6500.00 be allocated to replace the roof of Bell Tower with cedar shake and copper ridge caps and repair and paint any rotten wood as needed. The motion passes.

Mall Gazebo: The property committee moves that \$2000.00 be allocated to repair and paint the mall gazebo. The motion passes.

Harton Hall: The property committee moves that \$3500.00 be allocated to purchase a tankless water heater for Harton Hall. The motion passes.

Pool Bathrooms: The property committee moves that \$ 1,100.00 be allocated to purchase instant hot water heater be installed at pool bathrooms. The motion passes.

Office: The property committee moves that \$7,000.00 be allocated to paint and repair the exterior of office. The motion passes.

Warren Point: The property committee moves that \$ 15,310.00 be allocated for the Warren Point project. This project includes formalizing a walking/golf cart path to new picnic area (Rose Construction). David Hamby will build a stone fire ring, install 5 benches, install stone steps to drive, install 3 stone picnic tables and install border along new stone path. The motion passes.

DEVELOPMENT: The Development Committee moves that the Board approve the following requests from the MAEFC for the 2019-2020 fiscal year:

- An Annual Fund Drive to benefit the Program Enhancement Fund of the Endowment Fund, a fund established to support programming during the MSSA Summer Season.
- The 2020 annual Fundraising Event during the 2020 season shall be designed to raise awareness and funds for the Endowment Fund overall. This year's event would not be a ticketed event, but would be open to all to come learn more about the Endowment Fund and the many ways members and nonmembers alike can support the future of the MSSA. As in past years, the event would continue to have a festive, party atmosphere, but the event would seek donations to the Endowment Fund rather than ticket sales as revenue.

The motion passes.

MEMBERSHIP: The Membership Committee presented the first reading for Kylee Swiggart and James Swiggart.

Kylee Swiggart, a Methodist, is a member of Heart of Steamboat Methodist Church, Steamboat Springs, Colorado. She is interested in serving on the MSSA Archives, Education, Platform, Reforestation, and Tennis Committees. Her activities include: University of Denver LEAD Mentorship Program and Foodbank of the Rockies. She will be assigned a 50% undivided interest in leasehold #57. Her sponsors are: Ellie Billington and Ed. Provost.

James Swiggart, a Methodist, is a member of Heart of Steamboat Methodist Church, Steamboat Springs, Colorado. He is interested in serving MSSA Youth, Education, Reforestation, and Tennis Committees. His activities include: volunteering at the Foodbank of the Rockies and he enjoys tennis. He will be assigned a 50% undivided interest in leasehold #57. His sponsors are Ellie Billington and Ed Provost.

No action is necessary on the first reading.

The Membership Committee presented the second reading for Elizabeth Byrn Fox. Fox, a Methodist, is a member of West End Methodist Church, Nashville, Tennessee. She is interested in serving on the MSSA Long Range Planning, Outreach, and Chapel Committees. She is involved in the following activities: Board Member of Cumberland Heights, semi-annual mission trips to Our Little Roses Orphanage in Honduras. Elizabeth enjoys bridge, needlepoint, and trips with her grandchildren. She is a member of Belle Meade Country Club and the Centennial Club. Ms. Fox will be the Trustee of the Elizabeth Byrn Trust owning a 100% undivided interest in leasehold #56. Her sponsors are Barry Moody and Jim Reed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lease Transfers:

Cottage #56

Termination:

Overton Thompson moved that the MSSA board terminate the lease for cottage #56, **Rita Stonebraker Howard, Waldemar Landry Prichard, Jr, and the Estate of Marguerite Cooper McCain by her heirs**, effective **September 6, 2019**.

Jim Humphries seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Issuance:

Overton Thompson moved that the MSSA board issue a 99-year lease for **Cottage #56** to **Elizabeth Byrn Fox, Trustee of the Elizabeth Byrn Fox Trust**, a 100% undivided interest effective **September 6, 2019**.

Amanda Moody seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Cottage #98

Termination:

Overton Thompson moved that the MSSA board terminate the lease for cottage #98, **Timothy N. Trahan and Catherine S. Trahan as trustees of the Trahan Family Trust**,

established by Declaration of Trust dated May 26, 2015, effective September 30, 2019.

Jim Humphries seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Issuance:

Overton Thompson moved that the MSSA board issue a 99-year lease for **Cottage #98** to **Candice Welch Carr, Trustee Candice Welsh Carr Revocable Living Trust**, a 100% undivided interest effective **September 30, 2019**.

Amanda Moody seconded the motion. The motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jimmy Stansell moved to adjourn the meeting until the next meeting scheduled for November 9, 2019 at 10:00 am CST.

Motion Seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:05 a.m. CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Walker, Secretary