

# **Monteagle Sunday School Assembly Minutes of the Board of Trustees**

October 15, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Monteagle Sunday School Assembly was called to order by President Barry Moody in the Pulliam Center on October 15, 2016 at 10:00 am.

Bill Cox opened the meeting with a prayer.

Members present: Ellie Billington, Bill Cox, Ann Ewing, Lisa Hammett, Judith Humphreys, Mary Ellen Lovell, Barry Moody, Lane Price, Katie Trahan, Britton Watson, Anne Worthen

Members attending electronically: Susan Acker, Bill Flatley, Hays Haney, Morgan Merrill, Bob Monfore, Steve Rixham, Anne Williams

Members absent: Greg Maloof, Laurie Peacock, David Pilcher, John Sisson, Frannie Smith, Jim Uden

General Manager: Scott Parrish was present

Parliamentarian: Oliver Jarvis was present

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the September 3, 2016 meeting were approved as emailed.

## **Reports of Officers, General Manager and Committees**

### **Officers**

#### **President's Comments**

President Moody welcomed Dr. William R. Mott to our meeting. Dr. Mott will be leading our Board orientation at the close of the regular meeting.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Steve Rixham, chair, reported that revenues are in line with expectations. (attachments #1 & 2)

#### **General Manager's Report**

##### **Partin Property:**

Final closing is expected soon, possibly as early as next week. The title search, survey and Phase I Environmental study have been completed. No significant environmental concerns, other than the proximity to the former Mt Goat railroad bed, were found. No steps were recommended to be taken unless development is started in that area.

The costs for closing currently stand at \$6678. This total includes \$2790 in legal fees, \$1985 for the title search and \$1903 for the environmental study. The survey cost, which will be split with the Partins, has not yet been determined. It is hoped our share will be somewhere between \$3000 and \$4000.

**Fund Raising for the Partin property:**

Currently just under \$400,000 has been pledged toward the \$775,000 required. The Land Acquisition Fund has a balance of \$120,000 with another \$10,000 expected by February. A \$100,000 payment will be due at closing. Diane Lloyd and Scott are still working on lead donors. Lanier Frank will soon start the Annual Fund which will benefit The Land Acquisition Fund this year.

There are plans to have a stone monument on the Assembly grounds in honor of the lead donors. The 2017 Fund Raiser is being planned to benefit the Land Acquisition Fund, as well as hopefully being a celebration of a successful campaign.

A half-acre tract of land adjacent to the property being purchased by the Assembly is being purchased by Richard Partin. He is willing for us to acquire this property. There are donors that are willing to purchase this property and donate it to the Assembly.

**Sewanee Family Weekend**

All went well with the new rules put in place for entrance into the Assembly on Friday and Saturday. Scott gave special thanks to Rhonda Atkins for her tireless work in making everything run smoothly. He also had praise for MSSA security and staff and special thanks to the Grundy County deputies who helped for the weekend. Scott followed up with all parent renters after Family Weekend with an email and he received many positive responses.

**Cottage Sales**

Garden Paths, Cottage #34, (Haley) to Ellen More

Wildwood, Cottage #100, (Edwards) to Candice Carr

Tranquil Eyster, Cottage 49, (Eyster) to Richard & Juliette Jansen

**Alcohol Motions**

Ann Ewing moved that the Schneider/Locke wedding lunch be allowed to serve alcohol in Harton Hall on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Ann Ewing moved that the Delaney/Bukawyn wedding be allowed to serve alcohol in the Auditorium, The Gym and Harton Hall on the weekend of April 21 & 22, 2017. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Committee Reports****Standing Committees**

The **Architectural Review Committee** made the following motions:

ARC moves that the MSSA Board approve the changes to Cottage #110, Tree Tops, as drawn, with the caveat that the fireplace be tapered and include a cap. The motion was approved unanimously.

ARC moves that the MSSA Board approve the changes to Cottage #16, Glencoe, as drawn in option "A" and the windows may be replaced as prescribed by the ARC guidelines under the supervision of the General Manager. The motion was approved unanimously.

ARC moves that the MSSA Board approve the changes to Cottage #61, Alabama House, to allow for demolition of a retaining wall along Forest Avenue to reposition steps from the sidewalk to the road. The motion was approved unanimously.

ARC moves that the MSSA Board approve the changes to Cottage #123, Shadowlawn, to allow the original wood panels being removed from two front porch doors and being replaced with glass. The wood panels must be retained by the leaseholder. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Property Committee**

The Property Committee moved that the Board of Trustees approve the footprint changes and proposed improvements to Tree Tops, Cottage #110. The motion passed unanimously.

Bill Cox, Property chair, reported the survey results concerning installing electronic gate openers for North Gate were varied but the majority of respondents did not want to spend money on this project at this time. It has been tabled to a later date.

The fence posts for the Mall tennis courts are in need of repair and repairs will be completed before the 2017 Season.

High praise was given to the grounds crew for their work on the stone steps at Laburnum and Boxwood.

### **Other Committee Reports**

#### **Marketing Committee**

The Marketing Committee moved that the Board of Trustees approve an update to G-16 in the Code of Regulations. The motion was approved unanimously. (attachment #4)

The Marketing Committee proposed a change to Regulation S-1 (attachment #5). This change should first go to the Legal Committee to see how or if this would affect our tax status. It was also asked that our Mission statement always be included on any correspondence.

### **MSSA Trails Committee**

The Trails Committee report announced new projects for the upcoming year. (attachment #6)

### **New Business:**

#### **Lease Assignments:**

Katie Trahan moved that the MSSA Board terminate the lease for **Cottage #100, Elizabeth Edwards**, effective **October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

Katie Trahan moved that the MSSA Board issue a 99-year lease for **Cottage #100** to **Candice Welch Carr, Trustee, Candice Welch Carr Revocable Living Trust** (100% undivided interest) **October 18, 2016**. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

Lane Price moved that the MSSA Board approve the lease assignment by which **Thomas M. Trabue, Jr.** assigns unto **Evelyn Trabue** a 25% undivided interest and unto **Julia T. Owen** a 24% undivided interest in **Cottage #40** effective **October 1, 2016**. The leasehold shall be in favor of **Thomas M. Trabue, Jr.**, 51% undivided interest, **Evelyn Trabue** 25% undivided interest and **Julia T. Owen** 24% undivided interest. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

**Announcements:**

Dr. William Mott will lead the Board's orientation using information from his book *Super Boards*. Thanks to the generosity of Barry Moody and Bill Cox Dr. Mott's honorarium was covered and each Board member will receive a copy of his book.

Next Board meeting: Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 10:00 am in the Pulliam Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Worthen  
Secretary