

DISCIPLES CONFERENCE CENTER, INC. (DCCI)
Minutes of a Meeting of the DCCI Board
November 17, 2018

Attending:

Tom Ballard	Rev. Christal Fisher	Bob Simons
Rae Bostwick	Nathan Higginbotham	Janene Suggs
Rick Brockway	Jim Kessler	Rev. Hector Velazquez
Andy Cloyd	Susan Kessler	
Rev. Dr. Judy Dalton	Rev. Scott Miller (Staff)	

1. Board president Andy Cloyd called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. He offered an opening prayer.
2. Nathan Higginbotham recognized Andy Cloyd for having been named the Coastal Plains Men's Layman of the Year.
3. Minutes

A motion was made (Susan Kessler), seconded (Rev. Christal Fisher) and passed to approve the minutes of the September 14 - 15 meeting as emailed in advance.

4. Financial Report – *Rev. Scott Miller*
 - Royalty was down this quarter.
 - GVEC Power Up Grant Project was received. \$12,615.00
 - Will use to replace several AC units in the lodge. Still need about \$4,200 beyond the grant to complete work.

A motion was made (Bob Simons), seconded (Nathan Higginbotham), and passed to approve the financial report as presented.

5. Camp Director's Report – *Rev. Scott Miller*
 - Second week of December booking cancelled. Cash will be extremely tight going into the new year.
 - Total insurance increased to \$18,480 for the year. Now includes the Welcome Center and the newly added truck.
 - Online registration and website are going well.
 - Newly acquired Chevy Truck has an oil leak, and failing U-joints needing \$750.00 in repair.
 - Wireless access points for the Lodge are in and will soon be installed.
 - TxDOT said nothing can be closer to the road than the existing fence line.
 - Great reviews by facility users. Food is particularly appreciated even by teenagers.

- Rev. Dr. Judy Dalton reported on a Mission South virtual meeting. It went very well. Will be doing “mini-camp activities” at retreats to help the younger children become excited about summer camps.
- Andy Cloyd reported that there will be significant scholarship funds available for summer camps.
- Scott’s Healthy Boundaries has been updated for another 5-years.
- Clergy Retreat is slated for after Mother’s Day.
- Day Use Weekend Bookings will only be booked 6-weeks out. Names will be held and guest will be notified if their bookings is accepted or not.
- There will be no more hard copies of docket for meetings.
- Scott’s vacation will happen as scheduled.

6. Officers Election

- From Mary Deaver via email: “I am proposing that we keep the Executive Committee the same for one additional year with the following nominations:

President: Andy Cloyd

Vice President: Susan Kessler

Secretary: Rick Brockway

Treasurer: Tom Ballard

I feel it is important to maintain the Board Officers for longer than the 1-year term. I feel the forward movement of the camp is delayed while new Board Officers get up and running.”

A motion was made by Janene Suggs, seconded by Bob Simons and approved that Andy Cloyd will serve as President, Susan Kessler Vice President, Rick Brockway Secretary, and Tom Ballard Treasure for the next term.

7. 2019 Budget Approval

- Church giving has dropped over the past few years. Several ideas were discussed to increase church awareness. There is a person willing to match donations of \$5,000 donations.

A motion was made (Janene Suggs), seconded (Jim Kessler), and passed to approve the 2019 Budget as presented.

Lunch

8. Communications Update – Church Calls with End-of-Year Message

9. Video Update, Website, and Google Maps is it Fixed?

- Video will be ready in January to show to churches.

- Need to continue to send Google more messages about our address.

10. Activity Center Painting Quotes

- Received quote from LRM Jesus F. Leos J.R. of \$25,500.00
- Will be asking for more quotes.

11. Entrance Sign Update

- TxDot says sign must be behind the fence line.
- Scott described where we could place signs.
- It was decided that we need three locations for signs. We have approval for one in field back from the entrance on way from Gonzales. There is currently one at camp entrance, that needs to be replaced. Scott will investigate possibility of placing one on the opposite side of the road between entrance and Cuero.
- Scott, Nathan, Rae, Rick will investigate possible sign designs.
- Company we are presently using is in Victoria.

12. Cedar Posts for Welcome Center

- Scott has a lead on posts.

13. Wireless in the Lodge

- Will be installed soon

14. Amphitheatre Seat Boards Need to be Replaced

15. Ropes Course Update

- Facilitator training for fall did not make. Rescheduled for April.
- Woodpecker houses will be installed as we lost one element due to woodpecker damage.

16. Reminder, Open House is on February 16th (Chapel and Welcome Center Memorial Plaques)

- Will send a “save the date” memo out.
- Janene Suggs offered to organize the refreshments with help from the west (BBA).

17. Grants – GVEC was a Big Success! Maybe GVTC

18. Next Meeting Saturday, January 26, 2019

19. President Cloyd adjourned the meeting with prayer by Janene Suggs at 2:10 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Rick Brockway

DCCI Board Secretary