

UNITED CHURCH OF GOD BIG SANDY, INC.

P.O. Box 690
BIG SANDY, TEXAS 75755

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JULY 6, 2004

Members Present:

Don Mischnick, Bernie Monsalvo, Wynn Skelton, Tat Tomes, Don Walls, John Warren, Karl Wilson
A quorum was present, per Article IV, Section 8 of the bylaws.

Members Absent:

None

Pastor:

Present

Agenda:

- Review of the minutes
- Treasurer's report
- Election committee update
- Update on the Thailand sponsorship
- Media and evangelism
- Election of officers
- Proposed amendment to bylaws
- Request for special activity at Kids' Camp
- U.S. Flag Project (Rotary Club fundraiser)
- Cleaning crews
- Set date for next meeting
- Pastor's report

Call to Order:

The meeting, held at 1106 West Broadway, Big Sandy, Texas, was called to order by president Karl Wilson at 7:44 p.m. and opened with prayer.

Review of the Minutes:

John Warren moved to accept the minutes of the June 7, 2004 meeting; the motion was seconded by Don Mischnick and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Don Mischnick distributed financial statements dated June 30, 2004 and briefly reviewed the current financial picture, noting that income for the first half of the year was approximately 4 percent above that of the same period last year. He also informed the board that the E*TRADE account is now established and active. After the first week of activity the account had gained slightly more than 4 percent.

Old Business:

Election committee update: Chairman Bernie Monsalvo gave a final update on the election process. He reported that 71 ballots were submitted by the congregation. Don Mischnick and Wynn Skelton were reelected to three-year terms.

Although the nominations and ballots are handled with strict confidentiality, in accordance with a resolution passed in August 2002 the final vote tally for the election is included in these minutes as a matter of public record.

The number of votes received by each candidate was as follows: Don Mischnick–58; Wynn Skelton–42; Ron Avey–23; Ron Feaker–8. The complete documentation of the election process was delivered to the secretary in accordance with the bylaws. The envelope will be stored in the pastor's office.

Update on the Thailand sponsorship: Dave Havir mentioned that Mandi Steele has written one report from Thailand and is anxious to write more. He also suggested that work begin right away on purchasing airline tickets for Jessica Wilson.

Media and evangelism: Dave Havir reported that he is gathering information and ideas for possible evangelistic efforts. He stressed the importance of setting realistic goals and properly analyzing our audience. Discussion of this topic will continue as more information is gathered.

New Business:

Election of officers: Being the first meeting after the annual election of trustees, officers were selected for the following 12-month period. Nominations were made and votes were taken relative to each office. The election of officers was as follows:

- President: Wynn Skelton, 6-0 with 1 abstention (Wynn Skelton)
- Vice President: Karl Wilson, 6-0 with 1 abstention (Karl Wilson)
- Treasurer: Don Mischnick, 6-0 with 1 abstention (Don Mischnick)
- Secretary: Don Walls, 6-0 with 1 abstention (Don Walls)

Proposed amendment to bylaws: Don Walls initiated a discussion of an amendment to Article X, Section 4 of the bylaws. The main objective of the amendment is to shorten the required lead time when a special meeting is called by written notice. If written notice is used, it very likely would be an emergency or critical situation. The trustees agreed on the following rewording of the section in question:

SPECIAL MEETINGS BY WRITTEN NOTICE: Special meetings of the Board may be called by written notice from the Secretary or by written notice from a majority of the Trustees. Such written notice shall be sent postage prepaid and shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the person at his address as it appears on the records of the Corporation. Proof of mailing shall be required and shall be kept with the records of the Corporation. Such written notice shall be sent at least five (5) days prior to a special meeting and shall include the date, time and location of the meeting, as well as a specific agenda.

The proposed amendment will be made available to the congregation on July 10, 2004, along with an invitation for interested individuals to offer comments and suggestions to the board. The amendment will be discussed further at the August meeting and adopted or rejected at the following regular meeting.

Request for special activity at Kids' Camp: Angela Dunnam requested approval from the board to rent a Slip-and-Slide for the party at the conclusion of Kids' Camp. Of particular concern were potential liability issues in case of injury to a camper. Trustees felt that as long as adequate supervision was provided for this activity, the general release from liability that is required for all campers would be adequate.

U.S. Flag Project (Rotary Club fundraiser): Karl Wilson introduced a discussion about possible participation in a fundraising activity sponsored by the Big Sandy Rotary Club. For an annual donation the Rotary Club will display American flags on the donor's property six times per year (Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans' Day). Trustees felt that participation in this program would help project a positive image in the community and elected to make

a donation for the placement of 10 flags. The annual donation for this number of flags would be \$180. However, since the donation for 2004 will be made at midyear, it will be prorated.

Cleaning crews: Wynn Skelton introduced a discussion of the ongoing need for volunteers for our cleaning crews. Various ideas and opinions were expressed relative to the need for a larger portion of the congregation to volunteer for this and other responsibilities.

Set date for next meeting: The next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 2, 2004.


Pastor's Report:

Since a wide variety of topics had already been discussed, Dave Havir limited his report to some comments relative to his recent trip to the Christian Renewal Conference in Terre Haute, Indiana, and a subsequent visit to Lexington, Kentucky.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 p.m. by vice president Karl Wilson.

Submitted By:



Don Walls, *Secretary*

Minutes approved August 2, 2004