

UNITED CHURCH OF GOD BIG SANDY, INC.

P.O. Box 690
BIG SANDY, TEXAS 75755

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOVEMBER 1, 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
Update on Thailand sponsorship
The basics of Robert's Rules of Order
Discussion about producing audio CDs
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 Wynn Skelton at 7:35 p.m. and opened with prayer.

Review of the Minutes:

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

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Don Mischnick distributed financial statements dated October 31, 2004 and reviewed the current financial status. He reported that fall holy day offerings were substantially higher than last year. The year-to-date income is showing an 11 percent increase over 2003. As of the end of October our income had already exceeded the projected annual income that was the basis for the 2004 budget.

Old Business:

Update on the Thailand sponsorship: Karl Wilson reported that Jessica Wilson arrived safely in Chiang Mai and has assumed a wide range of teaching responsibilities. Both she and Mandi Steele are enjoying the experience and staying extremely busy. Mandi and Jessica will continue sending periodic written reports from Thailand.

The basics of Robert's Rules of Order: John Warren reviewed some of the information from his previous presentation. He also emphasized that even though all of our meetings are open and public, it is important that trustees maintain a proper level of confidentiality regarding matters discussed in board meetings.

New Business:

Discussion about producing audio CDs: Don Mischnick introduced a discussion about the possibility of producing audio CDs as a supplement to our monthly tape program. In recent months we have been

receiving requests for sermons on CDs rather than on cassette tapes. In light of the evolution of technology, trustees felt that it would be advisable to form a congregational committee to consider the feasibility of offering sermons on CD to tape subscribers who would prefer that medium. Don Walls was asked to chair the committee. Karl Wilson, Bernie Monsalvo and Dave Havir volunteered to be on the committee; Gladie Bjoraker, John Bearse, Jonathan Stahl, Daron Walls and Carol Walls will be invited to participate as well.

Set date for next meeting: The next regular board meeting was set for Monday, December 6, 2004.

Pastor's Report:

Dave Havir covered seven items in his report:

1. His recent visits to Milwaukee and Minneapolis. The trip to Milwaukee was scheduled to coincide with their annual barn dance. The visit to Minneapolis was unscheduled; it was in response to a request by Tim Lindholm for Mr. Havir to perform the funeral for his father.
2. He is always looking for candidates for the Thailand sponsorship and has contacted some promising young people. He reported that the Thailand sponsorship is viewed very positively in the Church of God community.
3. He reviewed the Feast of Tabernacles site by site and led a general discussion and evaluation of the Feast.
4. The Winter Family Tournament in Lexington, Kentucky. He is scheduled to present seminars and plans are being made for a group of teens and adults from our congregation to travel to Lexington.
5. Our Family Fellowship Weekend will be held on New Year's weekend this year in order to facilitate participation in the Lexington tournament.
6. He is making plans to invite guest speakers to Big Sandy on a regular basis in order to make it possible for him to continue visiting other congregations. Wayne and Doris Cole are planning to move out of the area next spring, so Mr. Cole will no longer be available to help carry the speaking load.
7. Due to the fact that Mr. Havir and several board members have received requests to change the time of Sabbath services back to 1:00 p.m., he expressed his desire to make the change. In light of the recent change to standard time, a major consideration is to have services early enough so widows and elderly will not have to drive home after dark. Trustees were in favor of the change, which will go into effect the first Sabbath of December. A suggestion was made to have services at 1:00 p.m. when we are on standard time and at 2:00 p.m. when we are on daylight savings time. The suggestion was viewed favorably, but no decision was made on this point.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m. by president Wynn Skelton.

Submitted By:



Don Walls, Secretary

Minutes approved December 6, 2004