

UNITED CHURCH OF GOD BIG SANDY, INC.

P.O. Box 690
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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MARCH 21, 2005

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
Tape survey update
Thailand update
Select chairperson for election committee
Website use and oversight
Proposed teen or youth speech class
Website message
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 7:40 p.m. and opened with prayer.

Review of the Minutes:

John Warren moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2005 meeting; the motion was seconded by Don Mischnick and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Don Mischnick distributed financial statements dated February 28, 2005 and reviewed the current financial status. It was noted that our E*TRADE account has grown by about 10 percent since the beginning of the year. With interest rates extremely low, and considering the success of the E*TRADE account, Bernie Monsalvo offered a motion to add another \$20,000 to that account. The motion was seconded by John Warren and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Update on tape survey: Don Walls reported that 57 survey forms have been tabulated. Twenty-six are in favor of the change from cassette tapes to MP3 CDs, 15 are opposed and 16 do not care.

Thailand update: Jessica Wilson reported on her experiences at Legacy Institute in Thailand and answered trustees' questions. She noted that it is preferable for volunteers to go to Thailand for the full nine-month school year.

New Business:

Select chairperson for election committee: Tat Tomes agreed to chair the election committee. The trustees whose terms expire on June 30 are Bernie Monsalvo, John Warren and Karl Wilson.

Website use and oversight: John Warren initiated a discussion on this topic. Trustees were in agreement that the webmaster is not responsible for creating content for the website, just technical support. The consensus was that it would be helpful if one person could be appointed to interface with the webmaster in order to provide material on a timely basis. No action was taken.

Proposed teen or youth speech class: This topic was not discussed.

Website message: In light of the Wisconsin shootings, trustees were in favor of posting a brief message of condolence on the website.

Set date for next meeting: The next regular board meeting was set for Monday, April 18, 2005.

Pastor's Report:

Dave Havar's report consisted of seven items:

1. He commented on the success of the Women's Conference.
2. He noted that time is getting short to recruit teachers for Legacy Institute in Thailand. He is making a number of contacts in hope of locating two qualified candidates.
3. He mentioned that he had received positive comments about Luke Przeslawski's sermon, and that Luke had appreciated the opportunity to get better acquainted with the congregation.
4. Regarding the spring feast days, the Tomeses are handling Passover setup. Karl Wilson will make arrangements to have the telephone hookup available for Passover services. At the dance on April 30th there will be a mix of live and recorded music.
5. Concerning the Feast of Tabernacles, it is getting too late to include Lake Tahoe this year. Trustees recommended foregoing Lake Tahoe until next year. Tat Tomes is planning to travel to California in May and she has offered to do research in preparation for the 2006 Feast.
6. Mr. Havar spoke about his trip to the Milwaukee area after the recent shootings and his attempts to assist grieving brethren.
7. He showed a video clip from Fox's "Heartland" program that aired Saturday night, March 19th. The commentator was pointing out three characteristics that can contribute to unhealthy church circumstances: exclusivism, authoritarianism that does not allow dissent, a heavy focus on cataclysmic end-time prophecies. Mr. Havar emphasized that our congregation does not have those characteristics and expressed his hope that everyone in the congregation recognizes and appreciates how we are different from other organizations.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m. by president Wynn Skelton.

Submitted By:



Don Walls, Secretary