

UNITED CHURCH OF GOD BIG SANDY, INC.

P.O. Box 690
BIG SANDY, TEXAS 75755

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES JUNE 16, 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 program update
Website use and oversight update
Election committee update
Signage update
Liability issues/background checks
Employment issue
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:

Bernie Monsalvo moved to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2005 meeting; the motion was seconded by Karl Wilson and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Don Mischnick distributed financial statements dated May 31, 2005 and reviewed the current financial status. He noted that the year-to-date income is continuing to improve, and now stands at -9 percent compared to the same period last year. Expenditures during the first five months of the year were 65.3 percent of the budgeted amount.

Old Business:

Tape program update: Don Walls reported that the CD duplicator and printer have been ordered and should arrive within a few days.

Website use and oversight update: Karl Wilson reported that available Feast information has now been posted on the site; speaking schedules will be added as soon as they are finalized.

Election committee update: In response to some comments from members of the congregation who object to the requirement to put their names on the nomination forms and election ballots, Tat Tomes suggested a procedure that would eliminate names from ballots and at the same time satisfy the requirements of the

bylaws. No action was taken. Trustees were asked to consider the suggestion in preparation for further discussion.

Signage update: Wynn Skelton presented three potential configurations of a lighted sign or marquee to be placed at the front of the property. The options ranged from \$3,000 to \$10,250. Trustees were not opposed to having an additional sign, but expressed concern about the cost. No action was taken.

New Business:

Liability issues/background checks: Prompted by a memo from Wes White, Wynn Skelton initiated a discussion about the advisability of having anyone in the congregation who works with children (under 18 years old) receive instruction regarding proper demeanor and sign a statement acknowledging that instruction and expressing willingness to comply with the relevant legal and ethical standards. The trustees and pastor were in favor of the proposal. Mr. Skelton will gather more information for further discussion.

Employment issue: John Warren presented a proposal that our congregation hire an assistant pastor. The purpose of a second employee would be to share the growing workload with Mr. Havar. Mr. Havar stated that he was neither for nor against the idea at this point, but wanted to consider the matter further. No action was taken.

Set date for next meeting:

The next regular board meeting was set for Monday, July 18, 2005.

Pastor's Report:

Dave Havar covered four topics in his report:

1. Kids' Camp — preparations for the camp are progressing well. He noted that the organizers are expecting more children this year than at any of the previous camps.
2. Election of trustees — he predicted that the vote would be very close, and expressed his hope that a large number of members of the congregation would participate in the election.
3. Fourth of July — two musical groups from our congregation are scheduled to participate in the Big Sandy Independence Day celebration. The groups are Mountain Thunder and Highway 80.
4. Thailand sponsorship — he updated trustees on the sponsorship of Daniel Fehr and recommended that our congregation cover the cost of airfare and visa fee. Airfare is \$1,425.65 and the visa fee is \$120, for a total of \$1,545.65. Trustees approved the funding.

Adjournment:

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

Submitted By:



Don Walls, *Secretary*

Minutes approved July 18, 2005