

UNITED CHURCH OF GOD BIG SANDY, INC.

P.O. Box 690
BIG SANDY, TEXAS 75755

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AUGUST 15, 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
- Update on Thailand project
- Update on tape-to-MP3 conversion
- Website use and oversight update
- Election committee update/Election process changes
- Signage update
- Liability issues/background checks
- Employment issue/Assistant pastor position
- Bylaw clarification, Article IV, Sec. 6—Exclusions
- 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 7:36 p.m. and opened with prayer.

Review of the Minutes:

Tat Tomes moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2005 meeting; the motion was seconded by Wynn Skelton and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Don Mischnick distributed financial statements dated July 31, 2005 and reviewed the current financial status. He noted that the year-to-date income now stands at -3 percent compared to the same period last year. He also reported that offerings on the first three holy days of the year were about 10 percent above the corresponding period of last year.

Old Business:

Update on the Thailand project: Karl Wilson and Dave Havir commented on Daniel Fehr's involvement at Legacy Institute. A recent report from Leon Sexton indicates that Daniel has been well received and is making a positive contribution.

Update on tape-to-MP3 conversion: Don Walls reported that preparation for a September transition from cassettes to MP3 CDs is progressing well. A number of technical details have been resolved so the change is expected to occur on schedule.

Website use and oversight update: Karl Wilson reported that apparently the cable company has indicated that high-speed Internet access can be made available at the building. Arrangements are being made for the installation.

Election committee update/Election process changes: Following up on a previous discussion, Tat Tomes submitted four proposals regarding the desire to change from a signed ballot to an anonymous ballot in the election process. It was decided that a procedure based on numbered ballots should be developed. Mrs. Tomes was asked to write up a comprehensive procedure that the board could adopt as the formal election procedure. After a formal procedure is adopted the bylaws can be amended accordingly.

Signage update: This item was tabled.

Liability issues/background checks: Wynn Skelton presented draft documents aimed at establishing procedures and policies related to the prevention of child and minor abuse in our youth activities. He asked to read and consider the documents in preparation for further discussion.

Employment issue/Assistant pastor position: John Warren introduced a continuation of the discussion about hiring an assistant pastor. Discussions included the benefits of having additional help to share the increasing work load and expanded travel schedule. Dave Havar asked trustees to give him feedback on any needs that are not being adequately covered. No decision was made.

New Business:

Bylaw clarification, Article IV, Sec. 6—Exclusions: Seeking to clarify and define the stipulation that “no two members of the same family may serve concurrently on the board,” Karl Wilson presented information showing commonly-accepted degrees of familiar relationships by consanguinity and affinity. He asked trustees to read and consider the material in preparation for further discussion. His proposal is that the board adopt a policy that can be followed by the election committee in determining eligibility of future nominees to the board.

Set date for next meeting:

The next regular board meeting was set for Monday, September 19, 2005.

Pastor’s Report:

Dave Havar commented on health situations being faced by a number of individuals. He also commented on the success of several recent activities held in the building and their value in being a light in the community. One recent activity that helped build good will with members of another Church of God congregation was a wedding rehearsal dinner held in the building. He concluded his report commenting on and asking for feedback about guest speakers that have visited our congregation.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m. by Karl Wilson.

Submitted By:



Don Walls, *Secretary*

Minutes approved September 19, 2005