

UNITED CHURCH OF GOD BIG SANDY, INC.

P.O. Box 690
BIG SANDY, TEXAS 75755

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEPTEMBER 19, 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
- Election process changes
- Update on tape-to-MP3 conversion
- Website use and oversight update
- 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 7:34 p.m. and opened with prayer.

Review of the Minutes:

Karl Wilson suggested an addition to the minutes. The addition was approved by a 3-2 vote of the trustees (yeas: Skelton, Tomes, Wilson; nays: Mischnick, Monsalvo; abstention: Walls; Warren was not present when the vote was taken).

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Don Mischnick distributed financial statements dated August 31, 2005 and reviewed the current financial status. He noted that income for the month of August was 37 percent higher than August 2004, bringing the year-to-date income to -1 percent compared to the same period last year.

Old Business:

Update on the Thailand project: There was no new information from Daniel Fehr.

Election process changes: Following up on previous discussions, Tat Tomes submitted a recommendation for a new voting procedure that will allow for casting anonymous ballots. The new procedure will necessitate minor changes in Article IV, Sections 4b and 4g of the bylaws; she recommended revised wording for those sections. The secretary was asked to prepare the necessary information for the congregation so the amendments can be adopted. The new voting procedure and bylaw amendments will be formally adopted at a future meeting.

In conjunction with the amendments necessitated by the new election process, the secretary was also asked to prepare an amendment to Article X, Section 1 of the bylaws that will allow the required annual meeting of the board to be held anytime in July (rather than on the first Monday of the month).

Update on tape-to-MP3 conversion: In his final update on this matter, Don Walls reported that the first MP3 CDs had been mailed. Some minor refinements in the process will be implemented in future mailings. Dave Havir mentioned that the lighter weight of the package will allow the postage for the mailings to be reduced from approximately 60 cents per envelope to about 20 cents.

Website use and oversight update: Karl Wilson reported that arrangements are being made to bring high-speed Internet access to the building. Bernie Monsalvo suggested that consideration be given to making it easier to locate sermon and Bible study handouts on the website.

Signage update: This item was tabled.

Liability issues/background checks: This item was tabled.

Employment issue/Assistant pastor position: This item was tabled.

Bylaw clarification, Article IV, Sec. 6—Exclusions: Trustees were in favor of defining the statement in the bylaws that stipulates that “no two members of the same family may serve concurrently on the board.” Karl Wilson will prepare a resolution for consideration at the next meeting.

New Business:

There were no new business items.

Set date for next meeting:

The next regular board meeting was set for Monday, November 21, 2005.

Pastor's Report:

In addition to commenting on some health situations, Dave Havir covered five items in his report.

1. Six Feast sermons have been recorded in advance of the Feast, primarily for a group in Edmonton, Canada, as well as for others who will not be able to attend the Feast.
2. He has trips planned to Wisconsin and Indiana.
3. Leon Sexton will be visiting our congregation in November or December.
4. Jim and Brenda Ross are scheduled to visit our congregation on October 18. Jim will give a sermon titled “Facing Eternity” and Brenda will give a seminar.
5. Katrina relief efforts are going well. Money and supplies have been donated and delivered. We are currently looking for families or individuals with specific needs that we can help fill.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m. by Karl Wilson.

Submitted By:



Don Walls, Secretary

Minutes approved November 21, 2005