

Minutes of the Outdoor Ministries Committee, April 3, 2021

OMC met on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at Camp Bethel with the following members present: Naomi Powers, Sam Foster, Peggy Sink, Amanda Leddy, Jr King, Stephanie Naff, Charles Huffman (Zoom), Trish Haskins (Zoom), Kathie Robinson, Laura Harrington, Randall Eakin, Terry Johnson, Scott Yingling.

Barry opened with prayer.

Naomi opened - CAMP IS OPEN FOR SUMMER CAMP! Really relied on donations last year and that will continue.

As of yesterday, camp staff has been vaccinated except for one part time maintenance person. Issue of whether we can require summer staff - question sent to Harry Rhodes and DKS. Trish brought up the question of whether this was needed with the possible side effects long term. VDH just put out summer camp guideline. For right now, to run summer camp in VA, all kids 5 and over will wear masks.

Barry - still in survival mode. Retaining staff is #1 on his list. NO furloughs. Brethren Woods cut back to half time in October.

For 2020, the penultimate bottom line is we netted \$73,238.08. Had more than that at the end of the year, but made some escrow changes. We were carrying negative vehicle escrows that were zeroed out. As of end of February, we were -28,614.01. But we do have a positive general reserve and March is looking much better.

Guest group cancellations/changes - numbers are definitely down. WBHS is planning band camp here this year.

Partnership with Virginia Disaster Response Ministries - using camp as training ground. Good short-term options available. Working with Eric Anspaugh, chair on that. Upcoming dates: April 10, May 15, May 22. Possible Breakfast at 8 am. Lunch too - but you must sign up.

SOTM - virtual again.

Mother's Day desserts - taking the place of the Sow the Seed banquet.

SUMMER CAMP PLANS: keep changing. Right now, positive direction. Information and guidance from VA is improving. Detailed guidelines from VDH. One snag right now is - to admit campers, either/or molecular covid test or 14 day health check. Don't want to do testing onsite. Barry is hoping this changes. Also another reason for adding multiple layers of safety for campers.

Box Fan Air Filters - built 17 of these this morning. Improve ventilation in sleeping areas.
Minimum 1 per cabin - ideally 2. Sits on floor.

Summer Staff Adoption plans - different from last year - will be individual instead of groups.
Trish asked if we'd get info on our person and Barry said yes.

RV Village - on hold currently. Has name of 2 companies that have been recommended. Will
send info. SS&S escrow - \$216,816.47. RV Village is priority 1 for this money.

Camp schedule is updated. Booklet will come out soon (postcard already completed and sent) -
last minute changes just last week. No Camp Too Sweet, so added additional options here.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 22 at 5:30. Will continue to have Zoom option.

Naomi closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Stephanie L. Naff