

CAMP OPERATIONS BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 12,2025

Dawn gave the opening prayer.

Deb called the meeting order at 7:00 p.m. via zoom

Those in attendance: Carolyn Baker, Deb Batey, Brad Bengé, Tracey Chamness, Robert Cook, Dawn Durgin, Evelyn Dustin, Doug Howell, Lee Ourth and Lynn Poplett.

Brad made a motion to approve the previous minutes and Evelyn seconded it. The minutes were approved as read.

Our meetings will be the second Tuesday of the month for the rest of the year.

Deb mentioned the Planning for Spiritual Component. We need to have daily spiritual moments with the campers not associated with Community of Christ. We talked about having them do a short worship each morning. Possibly, they could sign up to lead a worship when they register.

Evelyn suggested that we do the first few devotions to help make people comfortable with doing this each day. She said a short, no more than ten minutes, devotion. Maybe do a short reading and a prayer.

Discussion centered on having devotions in the parking lot, at the swings and campfire site. Having a campfire a couple times a week will be discussed at a later date.

Julie and Brad, Carolyn, Dawn, Evelyn, Deb volunteered to do the devotions. Deb thought we should have t-shirts to show that we are Camp Nauvoo staff or we are Community of Christ. Dawn will check into getting t-shirts printed. Brad and Julie and Carolyn and Joe, Dawn and Evelyn and Deb will work on the design.

Robert told us we need to talk about protecting ourselves from the campgrounds being shut down. He said we need to have a very clear mission statement. He also states that, "On 6/8/22 we were informed that this the Worlds Church policy via legal staff: RV and Tiny House rentals to individuals. Any campground that rents RV space to the general public outside of Community of Christ activities is doing so in violation of church policy." The mission center leaders at that time informed Denise that we do not intend to change our procedures and that we understand and accept any risk involved. But this still remains as a real threat to our operations.

Robert shared a mission statement: "Our mission is to provide a safe and comfortable place for religious meeting and for travelers who are exploring the Nauvoo religious heritage site.

To further this mission, we sponsor morning devotions and evening campfire gatherings for travelers."

Deb will send this out to everyone to make any additions or "tweak" it.

It was suggested we put the mission statement at the lodge, at the entrance of the campgrounds and in front of Dawn's home. Brad suggested we get a flag with the mission statement on it and fly it under the American Flag at flag raising each day.

Treasurer's report:

Operating account as of 2/12/25 is \$57,071

\$17,000 is deferred payment

There are still utility bills and Mission Center interest loan to pay – approximately \$15,000

This leaves approximately \$25,000 for flexibility

The insurance bill will come in at the end of February and that is over \$2,600

HOW loan raised the interest rate to 6.75

There will be two retreats and Mission Conference in March. Usually food is covered, but not the utilities.

Deb told us we are paying our Mission Center interest.

Dawn said the tractors and mowers are in the shop for regular maintenance. No issues at this time.

Tracey and Joe offered to help service the mowers and keep the blades sharp.

The elevator has been inspected and the bill has been paid.

Robert mentioned the campgrounds needs a monitoring system for water.

The lodge had a water leak that made the bill over \$1200 for a month.

These monitors would be "in-line" and have remotes for shutting off the water if a leak is detected.

Tracey offered to get bids from two other companies.

Robert suggested the temperatures in the rooms could be lowered now that we have the room temperatures being monitored.

There was some concern about the water monitors being in the budget. Deb said it is not an in-line item, but this is considered an emergency item.

Brad said the monitors are pre-cautionary so we do not have that problem again.

Lynn is going to check the washing machines to make sure the lines are not rubber. They should be stainless steel braided lines.

Dawn said that it is not an option to repair the faucet outside of Noah's Ark. It has to be fixed very soon.

Our new apostle should be assigned before Mission Conference.

Brad said we will have to have a meeting with our operations board and camp boards. We need to define our responsibilities and other's responsibilities. Both campgrounds need to be held to the same standards.

There is an absolute need for mole control. This is the worst the moles have been. Someone could easily step in a mole hole and twist an ankle. Two thousand dollars was spent on mole pellets and there was not enough to cover the entire campgrounds. Doug said we need professional services. This could easily cost between \$5000\$ and \$10,000. There is a concern about the chemicals used in mole control because children play on the grounds. Doug is going to contact professionals and get more details.

Three cabins need new roofing. This is in the five-year plan. Repairing these roofs is a possibility for the RV groups than comes in and helps with camp projects.

Evelyn mentioned the viability study for CVG and Nauvoo campgrounds. No dates have been given. If there are fees from this viability study the money will come from World Church or the Mission Center.

Lynn said we need new lights in the shower house. We need seven lights replaced. These are 4 ft. LED lights. They are commercial grade and made for dampness. The cost will be approximately \$600. Dawn made a motion to replace the lights and Carolyn seconded it. The vote passed.

To do list:

Tracey will get bids for plumbing

Doug will get more information about mole control

Dawn will let us know when the RV group is coming

Dawn will check about t-shirts

Lynn will put lights in the shower house

The meeting was adjourned with a motion from Brad and a second from Lynn.

The next meeting is March 11, 2025 7:00 p.m. via zoom

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Baker, Secretary