

Camp Nauvoo Operations Committee Meeting May 13, 2025

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

Guest: Donald Welch

Deb called the meeting to order with a prayer.

Robert is our interim Mission Center Financial Officer. He gave a report on the Mission funds and campgrounds. It was a good report, so please listen to it again from the recording.

Financial Report:

Checking Account \$36,566.86

Savings Account \$53,289.96

Deferred since (Jan 1st) \$31,009.38

Total deferred reservations from Jan.1st 155 reservations

Expenses for May:

Utilities (NOT including NICOR Gas and Telephone and trash pick-up)
\$6,652.94

RV Projects to this point

Wagler \$5525.79

Mennards \$3427.00

Eicher Farm \$3181.00

RV Tool \$200.00

Total \$12,333.79

Plus anything not processed yet

In Kind Food Expenses for RV group and staff \$750.16 divided by 30=25.01
divided by 5 meals = \$5.01 per plate

Projects done by the RV Group of 26 people: (and Tracey, Joe and Lynn)
20 sets of new bunkbeds. No more metal bunk beds. New bunks went into the cabins.

Roofing on three cabins

Fencing done around the solar panels by the ball field - gate is still on order

Noah's Ark deck fixed

Rooms in the basement were mudded, taped and painted

Carpeting in the living rooms in the Tiny Houses

Door on Ourth Hall fixed

New curtains in all the cabins and they match the ones in the Tiny Houses

Ourth Hall cleared out

Ladies painted inside the cabin

Cabins cleaned out

Mini split filters cleaned out
Outlet in shed replaced
New sewer pump
New faucets in shower house

Summer plans include Reunion, Jr. Camp, two big family reunions, and five big groups (one has 150 people). One group has canceled because they did not get funding approved.

Brad and his crew will be cooking July 8th-13th for the group from Omaha. They have sent their menus.

There was discussion of a brochure of Camp Nauvoo as a wedding venue. We could also put these in the courthouse in Carthage and other places. Carthage is one of the biggest courthouses in Illinois for marriage licenses. It would be a win-win for us. We could rent the rooms and there is a kitchen for a venue.

But first, we would have to do more clean-up in the upper lodge. There are books and chairs we would have to find a place for. And, the carpet is in bad shape. There is \$10,000 in the carpet fund. To remove the old carpet and put in new would cost around \$20,000, including sound booth and stairs to basement.

Credits on the solar \$3600. Monthly electric bills have not exceeded \$50. The biggest expense is the house. We were spending about \$27,000 a year on electric bills.

We will be meeting with Don Welch July 11th at 1:30, for lunch, at the campgrounds. He will be doing his viability study.

There was discussion on getting a 501c3. Don Welch shared some information concerning legal work and benefits (on recording). It was mentioned it does not make sense for this group to file a 501c3.

We have talked about the need to have a religious experience, such as devotions or a campfire every day at the campgrounds during the summer. One person does not have to do it all, but we do need someone to do the scheduling. Robert is going to talk to Robin about what we need to do from the World Church perspective. We need to do these devotions for spiritual growth not just to keep the World Church happy.

Dawn shared pictures of the work done by the RV group.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm with a motion from Brad and a second from Dawn.

The next meeting is June 10th at 7 pm via zoom.

Respectfully Submitted, Carolyn Baker, Secretary