

## Camp Nauvoo Operations Group Special Meeting August 26, 2025

Those in attendance: Carolyn Baker, Deb Batey, Brad Bengé, Robert Cook, Dawn Durgin, Evelyn Dustin, Doug Howell, Lynn Poplett

Carolyn gave the opening prayer

Deb called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Deb needs statistics from Dawn and Brad for her camp operations report.

Camp Nauvoo budget needs approving, so we can send it on to the board.

Brad told us the budget meeting was a "cooperative group effort".

Brad made a couple changes in the budget, and the loan repayment for the lodge solar was added as deferred.

Lynn questioned the open slots and Brad said there is no amount put in unless there is a code. If no code, he puts nothing in. Evelyn asked about bank charges. Last year, \$200 was budgeted and not used. Brad said there are no bank charges unless there is a check that is canceled. Brad also told us that \$20,000 has been saved using the solar.

Deb will give Todd the budget so he can give it to the board.

Terminix has not come to the campgrounds since the end of June, but they keep billing us each month. Dawn and Doug talked to them, and they gave the excuse they had issues that affected our service and they claimed we did not call them. They fired someone, but Doug told them that their issues are not our problem and Dawn told them that calls to them have been made. They are in non-compliance by not honoring the contract Dawn signed. Doug and Dawn canceled Terminix and Doug is pushing for a refund.

Guardian Pest Control came to the campgrounds and gave a bid of \$550 a month for pest control during peak season and \$300 during the off season. They also said we can save money by doing our own mole control. Tracey and Joe will be in charge of mole control.

Reliable said it would be \$397.85 during peak season and \$282 during the winter. Dawn told them "We are a go".

Dawn made a motion to retain Reliable and Brad seconded it. Motion passed.

Dawn also told us that this year there have been more "tenters" than in the past.

The City of Nauvoo would like to use the lodge during their performances of The Christmas Carol and The Messiah. They would like to build up the stage/rostrum. They would put in a new stage over the old one. It will come out the sides and be closed in. Dawn described it as a shell-like stage

for bands. They want to put up lighting on the ceiling. This stage would be semi-permanent, but it would be a big challenge to take it down.

A Christmas Carol is the same weekend as Christmas Walk in Historic Nauvoo. The Christmas Walk is scheduled for Saturday, December 6, 2025 so the Christmas Carol performance is probably December 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. The Messiah performance is the Sunday after, so probably December 13.

These performances are open to the public. It was suggested we could provide refreshments and maybe add a donation box. The City of Nauvoo will possibly give us a percentage of the money they receive.

They will use our sound system and possibly Bruce Hagge would run it. Brad brought up the height of this stage they want to build and the feedback from the speakers. Lynn was concerned about them putting lighting on the ceiling. He said the ceiling has enough up on it now. He was also concerned about the cooling air return ducts. He said they have to stay open. Dawn said the group would not be closing them.

We need professional parking signs and we could get people to do the parking. If there happens to be a big snow ahead of the performances, maybe the city of Nauvoo could do snow removal.

Brad made a motion to accept City of Nauvoo to build a stage. Evelyn seconded. Lynn abstained from voting until he talks more to the group tomorrow.

This will be good outreach for Nauvoo campgrounds and could possibly lead to the City of Nauvoo using the lodge for Spring performances.

We looked at three mission statements for the campgrounds. There was discussion on rewording. One of them uses the Enduring Principles which we should leave in. Deb and Dawn will work on just one mission statement.

Susan Strandberg called Evelyn and told her Janet Stotlander, who passed away in 2019, left \$7000 in her will to Camp Nauvoo. Apparently, this money has gone to Great Iowa Treasure Hunt and we need to claim it. Deb and Evelyn both tried and could not get into the site. We do not understand why this money did not go straight to Camp Nauvoo. Evelyn will continue to work on this issue.

This money could also be used for ground cover under the lodge solar panels.

Todd said the wooden tables, out by the tiny houses, are falling apart and ready for the burn pile. He wants to pour an 8x8 piece of cement and put more permanent tables on it. In the winter, the table and chairs would be covered. He said those using the tiny houses need a place to sit and talk.

Brad made a motion to adjourn and Lynn seconded it.

Next meeting is with Donald Welch on Tuesday September 2, 2025 at 7:30 via zoom.

Our next regular meeting is September 9,2025 7:00 pm via zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolyn Baker, Secretary