

## **CNOG MEETING**

**JAN. 14, 2025**

**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER WITH A PRAYER BY DAWN DURGIN**

**FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS WAS ELECTION OF OFFICERS. DAWN NOMINATED DEB BATEY AS CHAIR OF THE GROUP. DOUG MADE A MOTION TO RETAIN THE CURRENT PEOPLE IN THE PRESENT OFFICES. DAWN STATED THAT SHE WANTED TO NOMINATE CAROLYN BAKER TO BE SECRETARY. DEB SAID THAT BEFORE WE COULD GO ON, DOUG WOULD NEED TO RESCIND HIS MOTION, DOUG RESCINDED THE MOTION. DOUG MADE A MOTION TO CEASE NOMINATIONS. DAWN SECONDED. VOTE TAKEN, PASSED. EVELYN CALLED FOR THE VOTE TO KEEP DEB AS CHAIR. VOTE TAKEN-PASSED. DEB CALLED THE VOTE FOR CAROLYN AS SECRETARY. VOTE TAKEN-PASSED. DEB CALLED THE VOTE FOR BRAD AS TREASURER- PASSED.**

**DEB ASKED FOR APPROVAL FOR SUBMITTED MINUTES. DAWN STATED SHE HAD DONE THE ONES SHE HAD, ROBERT SAID HE HAS MORE IF NEEDED. DAWN ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY CONCERNS ON THE MINUTES SENT OUT. DOUG MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL AS WRITTEN, EVELYN SECONDED. VOTE TAKEN-PASSED.**

**DEB MOVED ON TO THE BUDGET. ROBERT EXPLAINED THE REASON FOR THE NEW FORMAT FOR THE BUDGET, BEING TRYING TO GET READY FOR THE FINANCIAL CONFERENCE. HE AND BRAD WORKED TOGETHER TO MAKE IT READY, DENISE WAS NOT HAPPY WITH IT. ROBERT THEN TOLD HER HE COULD DO ANOTHER IN A DIFFERENT VERSION, ONE THAT WORKS AS WELL AS POSSIBLE FOR REX TO ACCEPT IT. ALL EXPENSES WERE RECORDED EXCEPT FOR THE SOLAR EXPENSES. INCOME HAD TO BE SEPARATED ACCORDING TO IF IT WAS FOR CURRENT OR FUTURE STAYS. CATEGORIES FOR LISTING ITEMS IS THE DIFFICULT THINGS.**

**DEB EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO GO TO THE CAMP BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANYTIME THAT WE PLAN TO DO ANYTHING THAT COSTS MORE THAN \$5,000. WE HAD A FEW EXPENSES THIS YEAR THAT EXCEEDED THAT, AND WE NEED TO INFORM THEM. LYNN ASKED IF WE NEED TO DO THAT WHEN IT COMES TO REPLACING MINI- SPLITS THAT NEED TO BE REPLACED. THE ANSWER IS YES, ALL EXPENDITURES NEED TO GO TO THE BOARD IF OVER \$5,000. DOUG QUESTIONED WHY WE HAD TO GO TO THE BOARD IF WE HAVE TO SPEND THAT MUCH MONEY TO REPLACE SOMETHING WE ALREADY HAVE. EVELYN STATED THAT IF WE BUDGET FOR REPLACING SOMETHING, WE DON'T HAVE TO GO TO THEM. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, DEB ASKED IF WE WERE READY TO VOTE ON THE BUDGET.**

**DAWN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED BY ROBERT, BRAD SECONDED. VOTE TAKEN, 7 YESES, 1 APOSED. MOTION PASSED.**

**DEB REPORTED THAT DAWN HAD SENT AN ESTIMATE FOR REMOVAL OF A TREE. DAWN EXPLAINED WHICH TREE IF WAS, STATING THAT THE ESTIMATE INCLUDED HAULING AWAY WHAT IS CUT DOWN AND GRINDING OUT THE STUMP. SHE SAID THAT THE CHARGE FOR CLEARING IT UP WAS JUST FOR THE ESTIMATE, AND THAT WE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THAT IF THEY DROP THE TREE AND GRIND THE STUMP,**

DUE TO HOW CLOSE IT IS TO CABIN ONE AND THE NEED FOR IT TO BE USED FOR PARKING. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST IS \$2,166.00 WITH \$750 BEING FOR CLEARING. TOTAL COST WITHOUT CLEARING IS \$1,416. DOUG ASKED IF WE HAD THAT IN OUR BUDGET. BRAD STATED WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL CLOSER TO SPRING WHEN WE HAVE INCOME READY TO COME IN. DEB ASKED IF WE COULD WAIT THAT LONG, OR IF WE NEEDED MORE ESTIMATES. DAWN POINTED OUT THAT THE LAST TREES THAT CAME DOWN WERE DONE BY THE SAME COMPANY, AND WE DON'T HAVE JERRY AND FRED TO FALL BACK ON DUE TO THE LACK OF EQUIPMENT. LYNN AND TODD HAD BEEN THE ONES TO SAY IT NEEDED TO COME DOWN BECAUSE OF IT BEING DEAD INSIDE. LYNN'S FEAR IS IT FALLING ON SOMEONE, A CAR OR THE CABIN. DEB SAID WE CAN TABLE THAT UNTIL SPRING.

DEB BROUGHT UP THE NEED TO CLEAR OUT OURTH HALL TO GET IT READY FOR YOUTH TO USE IT FOR GAME/RECREATION ROOM. WE NEED TO GET THE THINGS OUT THAT GO TO CVG AND THEN DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH EVERYTHING ELSE. DEB SAID SHE HAS A COUPLE OF PEOPLE INTERESTED IN THE BOOK CASES. WE NEED TO GET IT READY FOR USE BY SPRING.

DEB ASKED ABOUT NEW BUSINESS. DAWN SAID THERE ARE GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES THAT SHE HAD HEARD ABOUT. IT WAS STATED THAT MOST OF THEM ARE NOT FOR NON-PROFIT OPERATIONS. ROBERT STATED THAT WE ARE NOT A BUSINESS, AND THEY ARE A LOT OF WORK TO WRITE A GRANT PROPOSAL. TODD SAID WE MAY LOSE OUR NON-PROFIT STATUS. EVELYN SAID WE WOULD HAVE TO REGISTER TO SEE IF WE WOULD QUALIFY.

DEB ASKED ABOUT THE SCHEDULE FOR MEETINGS FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. ALL WERE OK WITH IT.

DAWN REPORTED THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED A CALL THAT DAY ASKING IF WE RENT FOR WEDDINGS. SHE GAVE HER THE INFORMATION, INCLUDING THE COSTS. SHE WAS EXCITED TO HEAR THE RATES, AND SAID THEY WANT TO DO AN OUTSIDE WEDDING. THE LADY WAS SUPER EXCITED FOR THE INFORMATION, AND SAID SHE WOULD COME BACK DOWN TO TAKE A LOOK AT EVERYTHING.

DEB ASKED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN. DAWN MADE THE MOTION, CAROLN BAKER SECONDED. VOTE TAKEN, MEETING ADJOURNED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DAWN DURGIN

## 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

## CAMP OPERATIONS SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 2, 2025

Deb called a special meeting to order on March 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. via zoom. Deb offered prayer.

Donald Welch will be coming this spring to evaluate the two campgrounds. Deb sent out questions from Donald.

We need to be prepared to answer his questions. He told us we didn't have to have all the answers, but we do need to be ready with some answers.

The three areas he will be talking about are Missional Liability, Operational Liability and Financial Liability. Our budget will show our Financial Liability.

If you have any answers to Donald's questions, let Deb know. And be thinking about these questions.

He was asked to come evaluate CVG, but was also asked to evaluate Nauvoo Campgrounds. Hopefully, this evaluation will help us focus on the Mission. Brad mentioned we need to take a look at our five-year plan before we meet with Donald Welch. We also need to add a spiritual component to our plan. We have briefly discussed this issue, but need to look into it in more depth.

Dawn said the internet at the lodge has been reset several times, but it is still spotty. It was suggested we have US Cellular for the lodge. This works well in the Burlington church. Our internet with Mediacom is \$146 a month. It has gone up in the last three months.

Groups visiting the lodge have had trouble connecting. We can possibly get US Cellular in by Mission Conference. Dawn will go talk to them. Joe asked about putting in repeating units and Brad said US Cellular will be able to tell us what we need.

The RV's and lodge now pull off of wi-fi from Dawn's home. The lodge is our main concern now.

Evelyn made a motion to proceed with US Cellular. Brad seconded it. Whatever we get will amplify our service.

Lynn suggested going to a corporate store and not a satellite store. Dawn will go to the Burlington store. She will also find measurements for the lodge.

Doug suggested we look at getting rid of Mediacom. Their prices keep going up. We will explore this issue and see what happens.

The vote passed for Dawn to go ahead and investigate getting US Cellular.

We will discuss this more at the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The mole situation was discussed. Orkin acted like they were not interested. Terminix was very helpful and they will do a monthly service for moles March-October. They will start with every other week and then go to monthly care. Terminix is \$5299 one-time fee for them to get started. Then it will be \$199 a month. This monthly fee will be locked-in.

We have to pay \$344.50 for one more month to Reliable.

Lynn made the motion to terminate the contract with Reliable and start a new contract with Terminix.

The question was asked do we have to get approved by the camp board because the one-time cost is over \$5000. The mole issue falls under health and safety,so Deb said we will go ahead and get started with Terminix. She said there should be no problem.

Doug mentioned we should now put the \$199 monthly fee into the budget for next year.

Brad told us our bills at the campgrounds are approximately \$5000 a month. That amount will go up soon due to the insurance bill.

Evelyn asked about an amendment and seconded the original motion. Doug amended the motion to start Terminix and pay Reliable for March. Brad seconded the amendment.

We do have to give Reliable a 30-day notice of termination of services. Dawn will send a written notice and an email to Reliable.

Dawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Carolyn seconded it.

Our next meeting is March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. via zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Baker, Secretary

## Camp Operations Meeting March 12, 2025

Deb opened the meeting, at 7:00 pm with prayer.

We have \$56,670 in our operating account. \$35,000 is deferred. Monthly bills average around \$5000 a month. We have approximately \$1000 in credit card fees and registration services. We have Card Connect, Camp Spot and Square.

Card Connect is for online reservation credit card fees, Camp Spot is for online payments and Square is when someone pays by credit card at the campgrounds.

Estimates for mowers is now Johnny 1025R mower is \$1,689.89. The mower is \$1,901.11. The repairs we decided not to do were done and now we owe for those repairs. Payment is on hold. We do not have to go to a John Deere dealer. Possibly look around for someone else to work on the mowers. Tracey and Joe can work on the mowers.

For moles, there were 90 baits put out on the grounds and mole treatment was done. We have one more Reliable bill. It will be great to see how the mole work helps.

Lynn asked if we still paying electric bills with the solar and we are. We are paying within \$40 range for all, except Dawn's house. We do have a substantial credit \$2078.00 since November.

Solar fencing – normally people put up a 6 ft. chain link fence. That will be pricey so we could temporarily put up snow fencing.

Season opening and RV'ers coming May 3-10. They are going to make bunk beds to replace metal ones, put metal roofing on cabins, re-stain Dawn's deck, and weatherproof the lodge deck. The deck needs to be power washed before stain is put on. We need the rooms downstairs need taping and molding and some lodge rooms needs repainted. The Cedar House needs something on the walls because all you see on the inside is the outside walls and studs.

Budget is really tight. We do have an AIP account. The account that came from Nauvoo District has a few thousand. The more reservations that come in, the more taken out for fees. The savings is earmarked money, for carpet, gazebo, and concrete in front of canteen. The concrete in front of canteen is from Janet Burford's memorial.

Fundraiser for Dana Nuckols in May in Hannibal. April 5<sup>th</sup> will possibly be a work day.

There are problems with the projector at the campgrounds. It is getting power, so it is possibly the bulb. Joe will get on the ladder and check the bulb.

We do not have an extra bulb. We need to go ahead and order one.

Not as many big groups are coming this summer, but there are three family reunions scheduled. Not a lot of reservations after July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Evelyn had a bid of \$1669.00 for metal roofing for two cabins.

Brad made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dog seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Baker, Secretary

April 8,2025

The meeting was called to order by Deb. Those in attendance: Carolyn Baker, Deb Batey, Brad Bengel, Tracey Chamness, Dawn Durgin, Evelyn Dustin, Lee Ourth, and Lynn Poppett. Guests: Don Welch and Myra Elliot.

Don Welch introduced himself. He is Mission Center Financial in the Northwest and is on three camp boards and he will be doing the viability study. He has a list he assigned people to that he can contact.

Vison and Mission statement – Deb

Invoices – Who uses the campground – Dawn

Camp Directors – Julie and Brad/Carolyn and Joe (Reunion Directors)

Maintenance – Lynn, Tracey and Joe

Meeting minutes for the last year – Dawn

Contracts – Dawn

Financial records – Brad

Major donors – Brad

Strategic plan (five-year plan) – Brad

Goals and milestones – Deb

Description of the relationship between campground and Community of Christ - Deb

Dawn suggested Don come to the campground for his viability study between July 8-12.

Don said the viability study is designed to be critical but not negative.

Deb mentioned adding the spiritual part as we discussed in previous meetings.

Evelyn mentioned Barbara Waldren has DVD's that tell our story. Because of large LDS groups and RV's, it was suggested when people register, we give them a flyer telling where they could watch these DVD's. Brad said there are two DVDs from the historic sites at the Nauvoo Church. We possibly could show these videos a couple days a week.

We could also watch them as a committee.

Deb offered the prayer.

Dawn made a motion to approve the minutes and Brad seconded. The minutes were approved.

Kevin and Colleen Tripp asked if they could remove the fallen trees on the campgrounds. Evelyn said they did not have enough insurance to rebuild. Todd said those fallen trees are not structurally sound and they also have these tiny bugs in them. Brad mentioned Kevin's health and the possibility

he could not do a lot of building. He said they do have insurance to rebuild, but Colleen wants a big five-bedroom log cabin. Deb said we really need a site plan before we allow someone to take out these trees. It could be dangerous to go in and start using a chain saw. Evelyn will tell them no; it will not work.

Financial report:

We have \$50,000 in deferred income. This means reservations have been made and paid for or at least ½ has been paid. We cannot use this money until people show up.

We have a cash flow of \$30,000 to cover the next two months utilities. It costs \$7,00-\$8,000 a month for utilities.

We had previously discussed and passed a motion to take money out of the money market.

We need to buy metal for the roofs of three cabins and fencing and ground cover for around the solar panels.

The Heather Tiny House is sinking. It needed to be moved or braced up and leveled. Dawn said when she was inside the tiny house, she felt it tipping.

The Cedar House needs leveling.

Evelyn talked about hiring someone to come move the Heather House to another spot. Dawn stated it is approximately \$350 for someone to come to the campground and then it is \$50 an hour. She will get bids from the Amish to move the Heather House and level the Cedar House.

Dawn can get fencing from Menard's for around \$2000. This does not include posts and cement.

We had decided previously in a proposal it costs are under \$5000; we can purchase the materials.

Dawn will get completed bids for materials for the roofs and fencing.

Reliable asked if we still wanted termite control done for \$300 a year.

Terminix has a termite treatment that lasts 10 years. Dawn will check into the total cost.

We need a new projector in the lodge. Evelyn made a motion to buy a new projector and Dawn seconded it. Evelyn will talk to Kent because he has a brand new one.

Dawn made a motion to adjourn and Evelyn seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting – April 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Carolyn Baker, Secretary

## Camp Nauvoo Operations Committee Meeting May 13, 2025

Those in attendance: Carolyn Baker, Deb Batey, Brad Benge, 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 1<sup>st</sup>) \$31,009.38

Total deferred reservations from Jan.1<sup>st</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm via zoom.

Respectfully Submitted, Carolyn Baker, Secretary

Camo Nauvoo Operations Board July 15,2025

Those in attendance: Carolyn Baker, Deb Batey, Brad Benge, Tracey Chamness, Robert Cook, Dawn Durgin, Evelyn Dustin, Doug Howell, Lee Ourth, Lynn Poplett. Guests: Myra Elliot and Gaelene Rosinski

Opening prayer was given by Dawn Durgin

Gaelene said camps at CVG went well. She talked about Don Welch's visit. She said there is a church from Solon and a Girl Scout troop that want to use CVG. She has invited these groups to CVG's open house.

Donald Welch has completed his visits to both campgrounds.

Treasurer's report:

As of today, we have \$47,554.68 in operating fund. \$47, 554 in savings. Brad said we need to look at long term finances to get us through the winter. \$106,000 in the stock market.

We have an anonymous donor to give us a new golf cart. Brad said it would be wise to get a new one vs a used one. With a new one, there is warranties. We do need to report the donation to World Church as an in-kind. Dawn will get three bids, one from Roger, one from Scott, and a place in Keokuk.

We have three mission statements that Deb will send out to all of us. We can vote on one the next meeting.

Brad talked about signage for the campgrounds. These would have emergency phone numbers, emergency exits, storm shelters, etc. Hopefully by the end of the month, these will be posted on back of cabin doors, shower house, Tiny Houses, etc.

August 15, at 9:30, we will have an in-person budget meeting at Nauvoo campgrounds. We will have to look at our five-year plan and our priorities. We need an idea of what to spend money on next year. We cannot just be reactionary as stuff breaks down.

Deb and Todd are taking their camper to Nauvoo. They want to leave it on the campgrounds permanently if no one has objections. They might possibly have it used to rent out. If you have any questions or concerns, call Robert. They want to be able to have a place to stay when they come down.

The man who did the sewer system is interested in buying the campground fifth wheel. Dawn was told sell it, sell it!!! She is asking \$3000, but she would take \$2000 cash.

Dawn called about having the road done, again. It needs another coat, so she will get estimates.

The mole issue is worse instead of getting better. Terminix has been contacted several times. Why are we buying bug spray when Terminix is supposed to be taking care of moles and bugs. Tracey mentioned the smoke bombs he uses on his property. They are not poisonous or neither do they hurt the ground. We are under contract to pay a monthly premium, and they should be doing their job. There is an ant problem, especially in the kitchen area. Dawn will tell Dave from Terminix.

Tracey and Joe will go after each group to make sure things are working before the next group comes in.

Dawn does a great job of taking care of the campgrounds, but Tracey mentioned staying two or three days at a time through the summer. He asked about a Tiny House, but Dawn said no to that. She will figure out a place for them to stay. Tracey said they could bring their motor home.

Lynn made a motion and Doug seconded it to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Next meeting is August 12 at 7:00 pm via zoom

Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Baker, Secretary

## Camp Operations Group August 12, 2025

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

Deb opened the meeting with prayer.

Gaelene gave an update on CVG. The quote on a new furnace and air conditioner is \$10,000, minus \$1500 donation.  
There is a CVG workday Saturday August 16 and the open house is August 23<sup>rd</sup>. They also bought new chairs.

Financial meeting will be Friday August 15<sup>th</sup> at the lodge in the conference room. We have \$53,000 operating fund; \$54,000 in savings, of which \$24,000 can be transferred. Evelyn will let us know on Friday what we have in the stock market. Brad said we need to be careful with spending because we have bills to pay through the winter.

Deb and Todd will be taking care of the campgrounds while Dawn is gone this weekend.

Insurance rates have gone up and we need to think about how much to budget for insurance. We will discuss this issue at the budget meeting.

Terminix has not been doing a good job of pest control. They have not been to the campground since the end of June. Dawn told us Reliable wants back our business. She said they can do mole control treatment. Dawn sent us an email with quotes from Reliable. It will cost us \$397 a month for Reliable, almost \$200 more a month than we pay for Terminix. Dawn will bring the contract from Terminix to the meeting on Friday. Brad and Julie will check with Cullen.

The campground phone needs replacing. It does not always work. Also, it needs to be taken out of Robert's name.  
A motion was made by Doug to replace the campground phone and seconded by Brad. Motion passed.

The campground also has a new Square Reader.

Deb will send out the mission statements so that we can vote on one.

There are power cords and cables between the tiny houses that needs to be buried. A couple electrical boxes need replacing. Joe and Tracey offered to bury the power cords.

We need to put in the budget when and how much to repay Robert for the solar panels.

There was discussion about the rebates from the solar panels. There will be no federal rebate. The presiding bishopric and the legal department do not want us filing the paperwork. There is a yearly state rebate. Robert will send us more information.

Dawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brad seconded it.

The next meeting is September 9, 2025 via zoom. Budget meeting August 16<sup>th</sup> at the lodge.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolyn Baker, Secretary

## 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

## Camp Nauvoo Operations Board Meeting September 9, 2025

Those in attendance: Carolyn Baker, Deb Batey, Brad Bengel, Tracey Chamness, Dawn Durgin, Evelyn Dustin, Lee Ourth, Lynn Poppett  
Guests: Myra Elliot

Deb opened the meeting with prayer.

Brad made a motion for Dawn to have voting rights. Brad explained this is an all-encompassing vote for any caretaker at Camp Nauvoo to have a voice on the Camp Nauvoo Operating Committee.

Tracey seconded it. The motion passed.

Dawn made a motion and Brad seconded it to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

### Financial Report:

Operating fund is approximately \$44,000. This account pays the bills.

Savings \$55,000. The HOW payment is all that has been paid for September.

Because of the solar panels, the electric bill is less than \$100, not including the house, which is approximately \$300.

There are two outstanding bills for Peters, which total \$7000.

\$25,000 of the savings will need to soon be transferred to the operating fund.

We are okay through December, but we will have to take a good look at the budget in January.

Lynn suggested we hold back on spending to stretch out our money. It will be tight.

Lynn explained Camp Spot.

Dawn has raised the fees for the tiny houses and RV spots.

We need to look at charging a credit card fee.

Our insurance has gone up 18% and we need to find a way to offset the cost. Dawn is going to contact Camp Spot and see how to add a fee for use.

There was discussion for ground cover under the solar panels. Doug recommended 4" gravel.

Lynn made a motion and Evelyn seconded it to buy five loads of 2" gravel, which will be around \$1000. Motion passed.

Myra received an email telling her that the RV group we usually have in the Spring will not be here next year, because we are not on the list. Dawn is going to try and get us on the list for April 27-May 1, 2025.

There is a water spigot that leaks and needs to be fixed. Dawn said it would be around \$500-\$600 to fix.

A motion was made by Lynn and seconded by Evelyn to rent a machine for working around the tiny houses. Tracey and Joe will be burying cables and putting in new electrical boxes.

Doug wants us to get a weed sprayer he found for \$250. Tabled for now.

Brad was told it was okay to "tweak" the budget because of some things Robert wanted on it.

Dawn made a motion to adjourn and Brad seconded it.

Next meeting October 14, 2025 via zoom

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolyn Baker, Secretary

Camp Nauvoo Operations Board meeting October 14, 2025 5:00pm

Those in attendance: Carolyn Baker, Deb Batey, Brad Benge, Tracey Chamness, Dawn Durgin, Evelyn Dustin, Doug Howell, Lynn Poppett, Denise White

Dawn gave the opening prayer.

Deb called the meeting to order. Reminder - Mission Conference is this weekend October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Treasurers Report:

From electronic (Square and manual deposits) \$152,896

Cash Flow \$42,681

Savings \$55,703 of which \$29,000 will go to operating fund

We have to be aware that we need money to operate on until next Spring.

We have \$110,000 in the stock market

Workday is November 1, 2025 in Nauvoo. Cabins, big shower house and tiny houses need to be closed down. There are trees that still need trimming. Doug mentioned that trimming the trees lets in more sunlight for the grass to grow.

It was suggested we wait until Spring to rent a lift to trim the trees. Dawn said it would be wise to trim them now because ice storms lay heavy on the tree limbs.

The bill to fix the shower house for RV's was over \$1200, two separate bills for over \$500 each.

The Nauvoo Operations Group decided that purchases over \$500 need our vote. If it is an emergency, we can vote by email.

Deb wrote a letter to Stehpanie and Ambrosia, the two young ladies who have been living in the lodge, to be out by November 1<sup>st</sup>. It was suggested if they do not leave, the sheriff should be called.

Denise White sent each of us an email with suggestions on paying back Robert for the solar project. We received a rebate check for \$13,389.

A motion was made by Dawn to give this money to Robert and Brad seconded it.

Brad will deposit the money and then he will write a check to Robert for that amount. This gives us a paper trail.

There should soon be another rebate check, which will go to Robert.

We still need to decide on a formal way to pay him back.

Deb will talk more about this to Robert and Denise this weekend at mission conference.

We are saving a lot of money because of the solar, but we are spending it elsewhere.

Deb will write a resolution for the Mission Conference asking for \$5000 forgiveness on our loan for 2025 and \$5000 for 2026.

We pay a lot of interest on our loan. CVG is being given a loan of \$36,000, without interest, and Nauvoo has not asked the mission center for any money in a long time.

Dawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brad seconded it.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm

The next meeting is November 11,2025 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolyn Baker, Secretary

Nauvoo Operations Group meeting December 9, 2025

Those in attendance: Carolyn Baker, Deb Batey, Brad Bengé, Dawn Durgin, Evelyn Dustin, and Doug Howell

Guests: Myra Elliot and Denise White

Brad offered prayer.

Dawn made a motion and Brad seconded it to approve the minutes. There were no additions or corrections.

We will do election of officers in January because of lack of quorum.

Dawn said the play, A Christmas Carol, went well. She said it was amazing the number of people there. For the two different times the play was presented, approximately 325-350 people attended.

This community group will be doing another play in the spring and again in the fall.

We got 20% of their earnings which was about \$595.

Evelyn said the stage will stay up and it is not much bigger than the one that was originally there. Dawn said we have to figure out what to do with a piano and two podiums. Myra mentioned putting a railing for getting onto the stage, maybe one that can go up and down.

Brad mentioned we need a podium on the stage and one down on the floor for those who cannot get on the stage.

Dawn talked about credit card surcharge. She talked to Camp Spot and set up a 3% surcharge. Every time a credit card is used, we charge 3% of the total charge.

Dawn tried to do this with Square, but she could not get access into it because there are another name and phone number associated with the account. Square needs to be under the campgrounds name and number so Dawn can access it. She is going to work with Lynn on getting this done.

The Chamber of Commerce has a lady who has a system to put ads on the radio. They are 30 second "blurbs" that will be aired about eight times a day. The cost is \$60 a month to advertise the Nauvoo Campgrounds.

Denise mentioned we need a tracking system to see who hears these ads. One idea is to put on the registration forms a line that asks how they heard about us.

There will be a lot of basketball games and people will hear about Camp Nauvoo.

We do not have an advertising budget, so we would need a new line item on the budget.

Camp Nauvoo is not on the map for tourism. Dawn is going to check how we can get put on the map.

Evelyn made a motion to pay \$60 a month for advertising and Dawn seconded it. The motion passed.

Dawn will give her ideas of what we would like in the "blurbs." Sometimes, people ignore the advertisements, so Brad suggested using a child to talk about Camp Nauvoo. People listen to kids. It is also important people know we are a pet friendly campground

Reservations for next year are starting to come in. The LDS women wanted to have a women's retreat in the lodge, but they said the \$400 a day rental was not in their budget.

The shower house still needs winterizing. The air compressor did not work so Lynn could not get it winterized. Dawn will borrow an air compressor from someone for this job, but we will need one before next spring.

Doug asked is there will still be camps at CVG. This depends on who buys the campgrounds there and if they will let us have camps in July. The water has been tested and is okay. They still need to check out the lagoon. Evelyn said it would be better if they sell it as is and take less money. That way, they do not have to spend money on a lot of repairs.

Brad said we need a plan of action if CVG cannot use their campgrounds. Julie and Carolyn have discussed this and have also talked about a multi-tiered camp.

Evelyn said it is difficult to get camps on the calendar. We need to make money.

Brad emphasized the need for a blueprint and action.

Julie and Carolyn will head up this and will get help as needed.

Doug made a motion to adjourn and Dawn seconded it.

The next meeting is January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm via zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carolyn Baker, Secretary