

CAMP OPERATIONS GROUP MEETING MAY 12, 2026 7:00 pm via zoom

Those in attendance: Carolyn Baker, Deb Batey, Brad Bengel, Dawn Durgin, Evelyn Dustin, Doug Howell, Lynn Poplett, Denise White

Deb gave the prayer.

Denise showed us the Camp Nauvoo Budget Financial Statement and how it looks on Quick Books. It is easier to read and understand. Denise sent this out to those on the Operations Group and there will be up-to-date information soon.

Brad mentioned we did not get any money from the last retreat. He is concerned about how we indicate retreats on the budget since they are usually at a financial loss.

Brad said we need to transfer money from savings to checking. In April, we took in \$12,497.84 and spent \$25,405.70.

Checking: \$22,421.89

Savings: \$92,877.08

Outstanding checks: \$5686.09

Available funds: \$16,735.80

Money Market: \$16,750

Insurance will be taken out at the end of the month. Brad said this is the lowest the checking account has ever been.

Brad asked to transfer \$20,000 from savings to checking. Our savings are our back-up.

There is a rebate check from Carbon Solutions Group out of Chicago for \$2149.67 for the solar panels. Dawn suggested we put it back into the money market. Brad said we are getting money out of savings to put in the checking account, so he suggests the money go into the operation fund.

Doug said he does not understand the need to take \$20,000 out of savings when we could be getting interest on this money. Brad said we do not gain that much interest, Doug also asked which checks were outstanding.

Brad asked us how low do we want our checking account to go?

He said we spent almost \$5000 on mower and tractor repairs.

Brad also indicated he has no control over the electronic money taken out, so we need to make sure the money is there.

Lynn made a motion to transfer \$10,000 now to checking with the stipulation that if Brad needs the other \$10,000, he can transfer it without a special meeting to vote on it.

Lynn stated when he was the treasurer, he wanted to keep \$20,000 to \$30,000 in the checking account at all times. He told us the \$16,000 there now will go quickly.

Evelyn seconded the motion.

Doug is still concerned with taking money out of savings to go into checking when we should soon have income from groups.

When a group leaves, it takes ten days to two weeks for the checks to come back.

If any projects or emergencies come up, we will need the money.

The motion passed with seven in favor and one person opposed.

The septic system in the lodge is long over-due to be pumped out. This needs to be done very soon. If it plugs up while a group is here, it will shut down everything. Lynn said 1500 gallons of water/sludge needs to be pumped out. The septic system has not been done since before covid. One of the holes needs dug down about 12 inches and the other about 18 inches. We have a window between June 13th-17th to get it done. Possible cost between \$2000 and \$3000.

Dawn will check with the company. Tracey and Joe could possibly do the digging.

Deb gave a thank you to the cooks who fixed supper every night for the RV group - Brad, Julie, Nathan, Skyler and Joe and Carolyn.

Maybe next year, Dawn can get a couple of the RV guys to come to the campgrounds and do a walk through with what needs fixing and what materials are needed. Dawn said a big priority is the ceiling in the dining room and some of the cabins need repairs.

Joe and Tracey will clean the mini splits.

List of projects that the RV group finished:

- Five cabins have solar motion lights on the outside

- The bunk bed with the mold problem was cleaned and Kilz was put on

- Three water spigots were repaired

- The insulation and walls in the Cedar House

- The shower house was painted and new sinks and cabinets installed

- A new roof on cabin 11

- Daryl's room has a new floor

- Cabin 18 has an air conditioner from Ourth Hall

The steps from the sanctuary to the dining hall and the basement steps have anti-skid paint on them
Anti-skid paint on the floor of the dish room and anti-fatigue mats on the floor
New ceiling in the classroom in the basement
The dining hall ceiling was temporarily taped up
Power washing on the lodge

Thank-you to the work day crew. The neighbor cleaning up the pines helped on work day. He is using the lumber to build a log house in his backyard.

Beth asked Dawn what projects the Jr. Camp can do. Dawn said they could pick up sticks or clean out the pines or oak grove. Carolyn mentioned Beth suggested putting benches back in at the oasis and putting the drinking fountain back in.

The Illinois State Revenue Department still has Lee Ourth listed as the contact person. He continues to receive notices. Brad said the state of Illinois is not very cooperative. He tried calling with no luck. Denise suggested starting over with a new account, but Brad said we really need an attorney. It was suggested maybe Lori Klockau, who is an attorney and church member in Iowa City, could look at this situation and give us some advice.

The bathtub in the room Joe and Carolyn stay in has been sprayed for mold.

Tracey and Joe should not have to go in through the wall and spray.

Lynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Denise seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Next meeting is June 9, 2026 7:00 pm via zoom.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn Baker, Secretary