

## Alumni and Friends Board Meeting

2/9/08

Phil Berry

- Opening Prayer – Hal Hill
- Roll Call – Jackson Norton
  - No quorum at meeting. (10 present, 2 on phone)
  - Will send out minutes to obtain a quorum to move forward with minutes.
- Minutes were emailed from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings plus general members meeting.
  - No updates
  - Motion to approve and approved
- Secretary Report – Adam Underwood
  - Nothing to report
  - Please pray for his unborn Son and health.
- Vice Chairman Report – Matt Brown
  - No report
- Chairman's Report – Jackson Norton
  - Financial Report (refer to report submitted by Jackson Norton)
    - Will be paying accountant to help with Journal entries
    - Don't see on report:
      - what we spent for the chapel
      - our investments
    - We believe that this was a record breaking year because we had something tangible to give to...our goal was within reach. People got caught up in the moment.
    - \$13,000 we have earmarked for Chapel (\$ that has come in since July) – to give to camp to cover camp's investments.
    - Hal – anything camps gets we are appreciative of, but we will be ok moving forward without it.
      - Jim – there is no legal obligation or pledge.
    - Jackson – Alumni and Friends gave roughly \$400,000 to LifeWay for the Chapel.
    - We currently have roughly \$28,000 in the bank.
    - Ernie – how are we doing with Scholarship money?
      - Jackson – we gave \$6,910 last year (3-4 kids). In total camp gave \$82,000 in scholarships with the help of Alumni. (For both camps) (That does not include Exchange workers)
      - \$925 this year to date for scholarship (Alumni only)
- Secretary – no report
- Director's Report – Jackson Norton
  - Echo is out.
- Committee Reports
  - Special Events – Frank Johnson
    - None to report, but will get to 80<sup>th</sup> later in meeting.

- Webmaster – Paul, web developer at Belmont, who will design and update Alumni Website. We will include a 3 minute video about the Chapel. This will be helpful for the 80<sup>th</sup>.

Membership Committee – will we form this committee? (Frank Johnson)

- Ideas:
  - How will we get more parents involved? Corbetts at front gate on Opening Day. Crestridge has made a brochure and we want to watch and see how well it works. But we do want something that we can give them:
    - Membership card or consistent form to be filled out.
    - Using the name Alumni Association Parents, Alumni and Friends
    - Token when they sign up.
    - Poster
    - Sticker
    - Chapel Print for Summer 2008
    - Parent T-Shirt
      - Beth thinks this is a good idea.
- Hal Hill
  - From LifeWay – Thanks for all you have done for the Camps. You are having a tremendous impact. Obviously the Chapel shows your involvement.
  - I bring greetings from Glorietta friends (PK, Robert Suggs). They send greetings and wish they could be in the mountains.
  - Update: Glorietta Summer Camps – planning is going well. But camper registration is not going as well. They have low numbers for this summer. Call to help us...encourage kids to come to Glorietta...esp. if they cannot get into Ridgecrest Summer Camps. Help us support Jim Strickland as he gets ready for summer. Also asking for Alumni who can come give a week or 2 weeks to help get Glorietta going. Help us draw on the traditions that exist at Ridgecrest. Rick Johnson will come out and help us get started. Anyone who can come help would be greatly appreciated. Since we have been doing so well, LifeWay is taking notice in a good way. We are getting outstanding support.
  - Adam – How?
    - My boss has always been involved, but now has more excitement and affection towards the camps. Becoming more involved. Even changed his business card to include the words “camps.” He now considers us a primary part of his job. The VP that inherited us is Jerry Rine (CFO- Presidents right hand man). He loves the CC and has taken specific notice of what we are doing from a business standpoint and a ministry standpoint. He is one of primary holders of purse strings. He is interested in helping us grow and expand in our ministry to our campers. “I know we are full, so what are we going to do he expand in NC?” So we are now taking about what we want to do that would be beneficial to Camp and not take away form the traditions. B/c we are doing so well, everyone wants the

camps to succeed, excel and expand. There are still many capers in the area who want to be a part of camp but there is no room. We will take next calendar year to do a good bit of study and in 2010 we hope to be able to “break ground” on some of these expansion plans. We hope to hire a firm to study the best way for us to do this financially and physically. We want these camps to continue to thrive and expand where we can.

- What is time frame at Glorietta?
  - This summer a starter camp (first week of June), 2 regular sessions and then another starter camp. Cost is slightly less than Ridgecrest Summer Camps because of the transportation aspect.
- Ron – Camp Ridgecrest
  - 15,042
    - Boys increase of 91 campers...777 total campers
    - Enrolment very strong
      - CC full
      - CR way ahead of last year. We expect to be very close to full by March of so.
  - Phil Berry – was hired and trained by Chris Maslin
  - Johnny Bebeau as intern. He has been here since October.
  - Sharon Aylestock – full time Asst. Dir. at Crestridge.
  - It is great having a complete staff – 5 full time staff. Great brainstorming and discussions.
  - We are completing Chapel basement: Crafts and Basement.
  - New weight lifting equipment
  - Present weight room to be turned into a welcome center.
  - Spiral staircase.
  - Decided not to put a fireplace in the chapel at this point. Not sure how much it would be used. Not sure about the need.
  - We may build a fireplace at the pavilion. (similar to CC)
  - Adding Climbing wall at CC.
  - Adding SALT program at CC
  - Camp is going strong and we appreciate all your help.
- Old Business
  - Approval of 2008 budget.
    - Jackson is not prepared to talk about this. Something will be sent out in the near future. He apologizes. We will be cautious about spending until this is approved.
  - We need to nominate for Board Service. The person who nominates the potential board member is responsible for contacting and following up with them about their willingness to serve.
    - Rotating off:
      - Jim Berry
      - MJ Berry
      - Steve Cothran –

- Mike Guisty
- Ernie Roberts
- ~~Ben Falbert~~
- ~~Fodd Young~~
- ~~Dan Haughton~~
- You must stay off for one year before retuning if this is your 2<sup>nd</sup> term.
- Nominating:
  - Mariam Zimmerman
  - Hewlett Sullivan –
  - Holly Harris Culson
  - Alan Sanders
  - Chris Maslin
  - ~~Paul Genewith~~
  - Steve NeSmith
  - Dan and Lydia Pierce
  - George Shriver
  - ~~Brad Bushnell~~
- New Business
  - Set next meeting date. July 24-26 is 80<sup>th</sup>. So, next meeting will be the morning of Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of July. Ernie Moves and MJ seconds.
  - 80<sup>th</sup> Summer Reunion – Frank Johnson
    - Started with 75 Agenda and modified. Has been in contact with Phil Berry from Camp to mesh well with Camp's schedule.
    - Major potential modifications to 75<sup>th</sup> Agenda: Rick Johnson Golf Tournament, Alumni Iron Man, Socials at Conference Center, Chapel Dedication Service/Worship (promoting spiritual impact of Camp), Banquet (more Memory Lane feel), Whole Hog BBQ, Ron's Frisbee Golf Outing, Better Security, Post Campfire Reception at Pavilion,
    - Celebration Fund? Money for Scholarships, small projects, chapel debt, etc...?
    - Registration Fee Amount?
      - 75<sup>th</sup> – \$30/person
      - We don't want to pay for camper age kids. But we might want to have them pay a Banquet Price (reduced).
        - Registration Fee 2008 = \$45
          - Motion Jim Berry, Dick ~~Berets~~ <sup>Burts</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>, voted yes.
        - Child Banquet Fee = cost...TBD
    - Location of Banquet to work with Carnival at Boys Camp...Conference Center?...Spilman....
    - Was there an endowment for the Chapel Structure? (Dick Burts)
      - No, we didn't raise the money. Camp has taken on this expense. (Jackson Norton)

- What does Camp need? (\$67,000)
    - Scholarships (\$8000)
    - Road, Drainage, (\$12,000)
    - Bell tower (\$1000)
    - Sound system, (\$10,000)
    - Fireplace at pavilion (\$25,000)
    - Portable risers etc... 16'x8' ish (\$2000)
    - Build a Table for chapel (\$1000)
    - Gate and Welcome House (deck) (\$5000)
  - Voted and passed... on these
  - Do we want to have any of this completed by this summer? (MJ)
    - Maybe yes (everyone)
  - Safety of Campers
    - Arm Bands for all guests.
    - Hire someone on Staff to Coordinate...
      - Camp might or might no need this.
    - Renting a uniformed security guard at gate for the weekend.
      - Camp agrees that this would be helpful.
- No elections
  - No discussions
  - Dick Burts Moved to close meeting. Jim Berry 2nds.
  - Dick Burts prays to close. (3:45pm)