

VALLEY 4TH DAY BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2010 Minutes

Present: Bonnie Cherrington, Charles Cherrington, Ken Wilson, Margaret Ellison, Heather Adair, Laurie Micheletti, Dave Wisely, Sue Merett, Jim Coffman.

Excused absences: Joe Perez, Jay Humphries, Charlie Baskin

Bonnie opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m. The minutes were read and approved as read. All present signed the 2010 Letter of Agreement for Community Participation from Upper Room.

Sue reported that there have been no changes in the Treasury since the last meeting. Since there was no December gathering, no money was taken in and no money was spent in December. That means the community has \$6,786.12 in its general fund. Sue also announced she will be attending the Emmaus Conference Board meeting in San Antonio on Saturday January 16th.

An update about the upcoming Men's Walk was provided by Charles C. The first team meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16th. He still is looking for a Music team. Kyle Stephens and other team leaders/ALD's must attend the Leadership Training Meeting which will be March 13th at WUMC in Harlingen at 8:00 a.m. Also, the women leaders for the Fall Women's Walk should attend in order to avoid having to leave the Valley for the training later.

Sponsors should be getting their Pilgrims' paper work in. Bonnie said that the cooking situation will be different at Cone Oasis. She said a date had not been selected yet for the visit to the camp by interested parties, but that Cheryl Brockman wants to go on the tour. Jim Coffman stated that he had talked to Rick Hall, the Director of Cone Oasis, about possibly storing our community belongings there. He wanted to have a list of what that includes.

An election of the new board members will be held at the April gathering on April 17th at the Mission UMC. That means that a committee needs to be selected to put forth names. It should include 5 non-board members. Names suggested to be asked were Elaine Wisely, Wilson Heathcock, Benay Morris, Bill Adair, Paul Hemphill, Joanne Cummings, and Dina Wilson. Laurie made a motion and Dave Wisely seconded it. All approved; Bonnie will contact them and set up a time to meet.

Jeff Church has resigned from his position as our Webmaster. Heather Adair graciously volunteered to take over the job.

The technical equipment needed at our walks has been investigated by Jay Humphries. He got on-line and found one 2700 Lumen multi-media projector for \$650.00. The question was asked if Cone Oasis has any of the equipment we need. However, it was agreed that we are better off owning our own things. Ken Wilson said that we need a DVD player, the projector, and two speakers for the conference room. The total expense should be around \$1500.00. Bonnie asked Ken if he would go ahead and make the purchase. He agreed, so Margaret made a motion to allot the funds and have Ken buy the items. Sue seconded the motion, and all approved.

Future gatherings that are on the calendar will be Jan. 23rd at Wesley UMC, Feb. 20th at Los Fresnos UMC, March Men's Walk Candlelight at Cone Oasis, April 17th at Mission UMC, and May 22 at Christ's Harbor Church in Laguna Vista.

There is a need to go forward in selecting team members for the Fall Women's Walk to be held on October 14th -17th. Margaret volunteered to lead the Team Selection Committee. It will include herself, Bonnie, Heather (as Board Rep.), Joe Perez (as the Spiritual Director), Benay Morris (the Lay Director), and 3 non-board members.

Bonnie announced that the sale of Camp Thicket is supposed to be finalized in March, and it could be available for use by the community, depending on improvements. The Camp Thicket Endowment Committee upon the sale of the camp will approve approximately \$10,000 for the Valley Fourth Day group. Each year the Fourth Day group will receive funds from the interest drawn from the sale funds of the camp.

Margaret Ellison closed the meeting in prayer at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted in His Love,
Margaret Ellison
Board Secretary