



Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting Association Board of Managers was held on June 15, 2010 in the United Methodist Church, Mt. Gretna, PA. Mr. Gettle began the meeting at 7:00 PM, and opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

Members present were:

Mr. Mike Allwein
Mrs. Stephanie Bost
Mr. Bruce Gettle
Mr. Mervin Lentz
Ms. Julie Lynch
Mrs. Sally Marisic
Mr. Ted Mefferd
Mr. George Resh
Mrs. Nancy Rogers

Members excused were:

Mrs. Mary Blackburn

Welcome and Community Comments

Bob Rice and Jim Campbell were guests at the evening's meeting.

A note was received from Tom Meredith thanking the Campmeeting for their memorial gift to the Bible Festival on behalf of his deceased wife, Marie.

Mrs. Marisic thanked Mr. Lentz for the beautification of upper 2nd Street.

Mr. Resh made a motion to approve the May minutes. Mr. Lentz seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee – Sally Marisic

All receipts and expenses are in-line with budget. The delinquent account was contacted by phone; the Campmeeting was assured they will pay as soon as possible.

Mrs. Marisic will be setting a meeting for insurance policy review with a representative from Hess & Hess. The audit is set to be complete for next month's meeting.

Mr. Resh made a motion to approve the fraud policy for the year as distributed at last month's meeting.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Allwein and unanimously passed. Mr. Gettle signed the policy to be copied and sent to the auditor.

President's Report – Bruce Gettle

In response to concerns raised by the community in the last several meetings, Mr. Gettle gave the following updates/proposals.

Mr. Gettle proposed a schedule for the approval of minutes. He suggested that the minutes be drafted within ten days of the meeting. Two weeks after that the minutes' edits would be complete and a final draft sent to all the Board members, and the final draft would be voted on at the following month's meeting. The approved minutes would be mailed/e-mailed within 1 day of the meeting. Mr. Gettle also suggested that we develop a policy whereby for an annual fee of \$15 the Campmeeting would mail the monthly minutes to homeowners at their request. Mrs. Marisic made a motion to approve Mr. Gettle's proposal on the table by Mr. Gettle for the timeframe for minutes approval, and that the minutes be made available to homeowners in print form for an annual fee of \$15 to begin with the minutes of the July meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bost and passed unanimously.

Mr. Gettle thanked Mrs. Bost for her hard work to make a very successful Children's Carnival the previous week.

Mr. Gettle thanked those who were involved with improving the shuffleboard area. To play shuffleboard one would need to either come at the set time to play, or contact Mr. Lentz for the key to get the Campmeeting equipment.

With regard to delinquent properties, Mr. Gettle went to the court house and was told the same thing that



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Ms. Lynch had been told last year, that unless the property is a health hazard there is nothing the County can do about it. Mrs. Rogers let the Board know of a potentially dangerous situation with regard to the cottage. Mr. Gettle had not been aware of the situation and will follow up.

A complaint was received about Memorial Park being used as a dog run. Reminded members that dog owners can be fined up to \$600 under West Cornwall Township ordinances for not picking up after their dogs. The problem extends beyond the parks to all unpaved area of the Campmeeting. Board discussed some ways to get the news out to dog-owners and homeowners about the ordinance and what can be done.

Mr. Gettle would like a workshop with the total Board to plan the rest of the year. Mr. Gettle would also like to schedule a meeting with Mr. Harlan to discuss encroachment issues. Will e-mail potential dates to Board members.

Mr. Gettle proposed a review of the Rules & Regulations. As part of the review, he would also like to review the fence policy.

Unfinished Business

1. Mr. Fortna has not supplied a copy of his survey to the Board as Mr. Gettle had requested. There were several phone calls placed, but Mr. Fortna had been very busy and was not able to respond. Our lawyer stated that if there is a structure on our property without our permission that we can get a court order to remove it. If the owner does not remove their structure it is in the judge's hand. Summary: we asked for the survey and did not get it, if we want to take any action on the fence we need the survey. The price for surveying our property around the Fortna house will be around \$2,000-\$2,500. Mr. Resh made a motion that the complete Campmeeting be surveyed as money is made available over a period of years, and that we start with the Fortna property. Seconded by Mrs. Rogers. After some discussion, Mr. Resh withdrew his motion and so did Mrs. Rogers. Mr. Resh made a motion to survey the Campmeeting property around Fortna's land as defined in last month's meeting for a maximum cost of \$3,000 to be paid for from a new professional fee line. Mr. Allwein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

A. Community Activities – Mike Allwein

Mrs. Pat Allwein developed a program for the Heritage Festival. It was distributed for the Board to look at.

B. Tabernacle Association –Mary Blackburn

This weekend starts the programs of the Bible Festival.

C. Communications – Stephanie Bost

A summer newsletter will be mailed along with annual meeting materials.

Web-site development is in process. We need to discuss who will maintain it.

D. Property Ownership & Permits – Merv Lentz

Nelson & Ellen Lawrence purchased 702 5th street (1/2 house at 5th & Mills) on 5/17/2010 from the Edwin Dunlap estate as a summer residence

John & Theresa Marks bought 409 7th on 5/27/2010 from Ceylon & Karen Leitzel as a summer residence.

E. Buildings and Grounds –Merv Lentz

Received three bids to replace the Tabernacle roof for \$32,200, \$36,000, and \$43,000. May try to complete the work this year to avoid price increases. A cost analysis will need to be done to determine where the greatest savings lies, in paying off the loan early or in doing the roof this year.

The top of the tree at 6th & Otterbein will be removed and the rest of the tree will remain. This will save around \$1,500.

F. Recreation - Mr. Resh

Shuffleboard has 27 people on the active list of participants. People are using the courts beyond regular 'team' meeting times. The group is looking for a different date/time that will suit more people. Mr. Reisinger is keeping the courts cleaned. Mr. Lentz is recycling a bench moved from gazebo grounds and relocating it near the courts.

The next activity will be the building of birdhouses on the community picnic day. This will be followed by



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the making of lanterns for Grand Illuminations.

G. Playground – Mrs. Bost

The Children's Carnival was very successful. The community offered a lot of help. Children and their parents appeared to enjoy it immensely. Will give a report next meeting on the amount of money raised.

The first set of plantings were put in a week ago, with another planting planned for the following week. The gate is in, the fence is in along hedge line, and the old fencing has been removed.

Springbrook is helping with plantings and landscaping.

H. Nominations – Ms. Lynch

Merv Lentz and Nancy Rogers are self-nominated. There are four positions open due to Jim Dwyer's resignation. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

New Business

Jim Dwyer is going off the Personnel Committee and George Resh will go on to the committee. The work of this committee needs to be finished by October to have recommendations for the November meeting.

Mrs. Rogers asked the Board to consider a no-smoking policy for the Campmeeting similar to the Chautauqua's policy.

Mr. Lentz reiterated that he did not give Mr. Fortna permission to put the fence up as Mr. Fortna stated in last month's meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm on a motion from Resh.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, July 20th at 7:00 pm.