

Camp Mitchell Board of Trustees

June 17, 2020 Minutes

*meeting held via Zoom

Members Present: Michael Briggs, Craig Douglass, Olivia Goza, Hannah Hooker, Jenny Knight, Robert Siebert, Greg Warren, Marcia Williams

Members Absent: Linda Brown, Sam McCracken

Non-members Present: Harold Hedges

Meeting called to order at 1:05pm

Jenny opened by inviting folks to share both a growing edge and an excitement about Camp Mitchell, and Hannah offered a prayer for these fears and hopes and passions.

1. Camp Truck:

- a. The Bishop asked the board to make a decision about the truck that Harold donated to camp. It is not currently needed, and it's not wise to let it sit up there. The proposal is to sell the truck to Zack for \$2500. The income will be absorbed into
 - i. *Robert moves to sell*
 - ii. *Jenny seconds*
 - iii. *Motion passes unanimously*

2. Update from the "Save the Camp Mitchell" Facebook page

- a. Jenny read a summarizing post about the work of that group: sharing zoom meeting notes, letters to the bishop and BOT, a new website, a newsletter, and a list of skill sets present in the group to offer.
 - i. Craig asks how the board can ensure accurate information gets disseminated.
 - ii. Michael and Jenny suggest publishing BOT meeting minutes on the website. Michael will talk to James Matthews about it.
- b. Greg offered that this Facebook group is perhaps an opportunity to lead. Could board members, particularly the chair offer a "state of the board" or some sort of
- c. Hannah shared that the most common response she gets from her conversations with group members is "why can't the board/bishop/authority figures say that publicly?"
- d. Craig suggested a FAQ page on the website where we comb through the comments and flag the most common questions and fears and address them officially
- e. Robert asks if Jenny would be willing to engage with the group to organize these FAQs and she is willing
- f. Michael willing to record a "state of the union" and one of us will share it to the Facebook page.
- g. Some discussion on

3. Robert's Meeting with the Bishop

- a. The Bishop is confident that Camp Mitchell will continue to exist in the future
 - b. Once the pause begins in early July, the fundraising should start in earnest
 - c. New “working group” will be fairly large and fairly diverse
 - d. The Bishop is ok with site work that has been paid for.
 - e. Looking into getting some forestry help up there.
 - f. Craig asked us to be more strategic with the fundraising components.
 - i. Could we direct money received between now and a formal campaign towards the chapel as something concrete and iconic?
 - g. Robert shared that a 3 million dollar endowment is necessary to get Camp on good footing, and an endowment campaign is a good fundraising “plan”
4. What can people do right now?
- a. Could we replace “Save CM+” with “Protect and Prepare”
 - b. Harold is really focused on increasing volunteers during the interim
 - i. He even has some new recruits from Texas!
 - c. Michael is going to ask the Bishop if we can see Julie’s job description before it gets approved
 - d. Does Camp have to be *closed* closed? Let’s ask the Bishop if we could have “open hours”

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm

Respectfully submitted by
Hannah Hooker