

RBRCCB Minutes  
July 27, 2019  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Federation Center

Welcome:

The meeting was called to order by Frank Coppel at 10:00 a.m. Debra Canty opened the meeting in prayer.

Members Present:

Frank Coppel (chair), Ed Bible (vice chair), Shannon Cook (secretary), Valerie Warrington (treasurer), David Houck, Jennifer Bazer, Debra Canty, and Lenora Robertson.

Members not present were Thomas Bowen, and Donald Capps.

Others present were Dondra Bible, Shelley Coppel, Steve Cook, Julie Bible, Herbert Boykin, Thom Spittle, Fred Key, David Bundy, Pat Wolthoff, and Dale Wolthoff

Reading and approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the April 6 meeting were read, moved for passage, and approved by the board.

Senior Camp:

Shelley Coppel and Shannon Cook are co-directing camp this year. Lenora Robertson, Ellen Taylor, and the rest of the usual staff provided the meals once again. Shelley rented a golf cart to help with transporting campers back and forth from the Conference Center to their rooms. The seniors went to Chattooga Bell Farms for the field trip on Tuesday. There was a mix-up with the bistro regarding the arrangements for lunch. They got senior camp mixed up with another group, resulting in the RBRCCB group being given a predetermined menu. In addition, it was not explained that the number of servings of each item was not limited. Many people left without getting full. Some of the campers took a tour of the distillery on the grounds of the farm also. The fall session will not be in September; since, the national senior week will take place from September 15-21, 2019. At present, there are 10-12 applicants with a maximum of 16 that can attend. The deadline is August 1 for applications. The golf cart has been rented, Chattooga Bell Farms has been booked, and trainings have been planned. During the national convention, there was a reunion of the campers from last fall's session.

Children's Camp:

Jennifer Bazer reports having had 28 campers for camp June 9-16. They went to The Scoop Ice Cream Shop in six Mile. They did not do the mountain hike due to the ongoing construction. It was deemed unsafe this year. The campers walked along the mountain trail instead. Kaitlyn Hodges from TBS came for story time and crafts. Kayaking for Kids hosted the campers for an outing at Table Rock. The food expenses went down from \$2000 to \$800 thanks to the kindness of volunteers and donations. Next year's camp week will be from June 6 – 13, 2020.

Treasurer's Report:

Valerie Warrington read the financial report since our last meeting. The following balances are in the respective accounts.

General:	\$5473.42, if McGregor's bill of \$4823. 28 is paid in full.
Children's Camp:	\$408.82
Endowment:	\$6078.
Total:	\$12,461.10

The report was moved for passage by Jennifer Bazer, seconded, and passed by the board.

#### Finances:

Though we have some funds in the account, there are not many rentals over the next few months. Linda Bible has not been paid since May, but she has other income sources and is doing well, despite not having that coming in. Shannon Cook brought up a bill David Bundy got from the hospital from his ER visit after falling off of the roof of Osterneck. Frank, Ed, Valerie, and Jennifer have formed a committee to review the financial situation of the camp. Frank stated that without seeking out and receiving grant funding, the camp operations would cease. Dondra Bible has been attending grant writing at the State Library. She will soon be writing grant proposals to help find funding for RBRCCB.

The Chair further discussed the bill for David Bundy. He appreciates and values the relationship the camp has with Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church, of which, David Bundy, the Bibles, and Jennifer Bazer are all members. They have donated countless hours, supplies, and money to help improve the camp. The board voted to have RBRCCB cover the cost of his ER visit, which was approximately \$600. Ed Bible stated that the Federation Center would reimburse RBRCCB for the \$600 cost of the bill, as to not put further financial stress on Rocky Bottom. Mr. Coppel thanked the FCB for a \$5000 grant that was just recently given to the camp.

Shannon Cook informed the board that due to increasing funding constraints in the Older Blind Program at the Commission for the Blind, the amount of funds for the food cost for senior camp has to be reduced to \$1500. Each year, more is asked of the OB department, without more money being given to allow for those financial demands. David Houck asked if there is anything that can be done to help SCCB with drawing more money from the state legislature for the OB Program. Mrs. Cook said that everyone can contact their legislative representative to encourage them to support the program with more funding. Mr. Coppel said that with a new Commissioner coming on board soon, the NFB of SC can meet with him or her to stress the importance and need for this program to expand.

#### Operations Report:

Ed Bible reported that the air conditioner is working extremely well in the dining hall. The floor in the Conference Center kitchen under the refrigerator/freezer has been repaired and tile has been put down. The Salem Lions has replaced the roof on the chapel to a metal roof. The ceiling has been fixed. The heat pump is also been replaced. The railings have been repaired too.

Ellenberg Lodge by Room 1 and 2 has a water leak where moisture is seeping through the walls. The power has been cut to those two rooms. Septic tanks have been pumped. The Salem Lions replaced the air filters and the lights. Conference center bedrooms air units have been repaired. The apartment refrigerator and air have gone out

Volunteers have helped immensely with yard upkeep, outside repairs. The person who replaced the chapel roof, gave a quote of \$7300 to replace Osterneck's roof with a metal roof. The roof there is decaying in several spots. Osterneck's front wall has termite and water damage. The wood needs to be replaced. The dehumidifiers have helped with keeping the moisture down inside. One of the refrigerators shorted out. The wiring and outlets were replaced in the kitchen. The Bibles took a refrigerator to replace the one with all of the issues.

Shelley Coppel asked if Rooms 1 and 2 in the lodge would be ready for use at the senior retreat. Mr. Bible will see what the engineer determines is the best recourse to correct the problem. Dondra will look for another refrigerator to replace the one in the Conference Center apartment. Thom Spittle will look up the information for the company who replaced the roof on his house with a metal roof back in 2016 to see if they had a better bid. Mr. Coppel called for a vote on using the \$5000 from the FCB to replace the AC and heat pump unit for the front of the Conference Center. The motion was passed by the board.

Linda Bible:

Linda had a stroke around July 11, 2019. She has been in the hospital and is now in the rehab center. She will be released on Wednesday, July 31, 2019. When she returns, her daughter will be at the camp to help with routine services for a couple of weeks. Gwen Ellenberg came in to help run the camp with the immediate need happening so fast. Her help was appreciated. It may be necessary to have part-time help with cleaning the buildings and lawncare. The situation will be reviewed at Fun Day.

Rental Issue:

Isaiah Nelson made a reservation in January for RBRCCB. The reservation shows that the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend was reserved. It was supposed to be for this weekend, July 26-28, 2019. The Easley Lions are also showing as being booked during the same weekend of July 26-28. Neither group was willing to give up their reservation. The Lions threatened to get a lawyer. The chair offered to pay for the hotel for the Easley Lions Club. The resolution was that the Lions used a church for their family event, and booked hotel rooms in Easley for their out-of-town guests, which RBRCCB picked up. It was an honest mistake. A motion was made that from now on, a confirmation letter will go out and a reminder call closer to the date will help ensure that the party will still be attending. The motion was seconded and passed by the board.

Diamond Jubilee:

Jennifer Bazer thanked the planning committee for its hard work. The Diamond Jubilee will be held on August 9<sup>th</sup> at the state convention. There will be a silent auction. The proceeds will go to RBRCCB. The band is secured. It is Sight Unseen. They will have their own equipment. Two of our members, Jim Jackson and Janice Crosby are two of the nine members in the band. The silent auction items are footballs, bath sets, hunting trip in Argentina, golf packages, etc. The

committee is trying to promote the reception to increase the pool of people who are there to bid on the auction items. There will be a cash bar.

#### Fun Day Festival:

August 31, 2019 was proposed to be the date of Fun Day and the \$500 drawing. People can stay Friday through Sunday. After then, no food will be provided, but they are welcome to make a reservation. The food costs will be \$30 for adults for the weekend; \$15 for children 12 and younger; and \$10 for the Saturday meal if someone only comes for the day. Last year, \$3200 was raised during the Fun Day weekend. Jennifer Bazer moved that Fun Day take place on August 31, 2019. The motion was seconded and passed by the board. Fun Day Drawing tickets will be \$5. The grand prize is \$500; \$50 to the seller; \$300 to the chapter who sells the most tickets. Mr. Coppel encouraged everyone to promote selling tickets, gathering auction items, and anything that will help raise funds for the camp.

#### RBRCCB Website:

Frank stated his desire to work on the RBRCCB site when he became state president and RBRCCB chair. He acknowledged the mistakes he has made. He stated that he would like to move forward to improve the website. Frank thanked Dondra Bible for her work on trying to build a new site, but there are issues that need to be resolved before it is ready to launch. Frank asked for those who have had problems all clean the slate and work together to work as a team and get the website running and performing optimally. Shannon Cook and Jennifer Bazer offered to help with grammatical and wording issues. Thom Spittle offered to help go through the site with Dondra to advise her on accessibility issues. More discussion took place about social media, posting to different platforms, gathering content, and more.

The next RBRCCB Board meeting will be held during the Christmas Board Retreat in December.

#### Adjournment:

The meeting was closed in prayer, at noon by Ed Bible.

Submitted by,  
Shannon Cook  
RBRCCB Secretary

12/7/2019 Correction: The heat pump on the chapel was not replaced. It was repaired.