

TRUSTEES, Board of

Via Conference Call - March 5, 2012

Members present: Leonard Dailey (Chairman), Bob Conover, Jay Forseth, Don Smith, Paul Anderson, Richard Weins and Steve Strutz (Conference Superintendent)

Leonard opened in Prayer.

WHEREAS, the Western Conference is paying the yearly premium for a Life Insurance policy on Rolly Strutz which will be payable to Beartooth Mt. Christian Ranch (BMCR) and **WHEREAS**, BMCR has agreed to reimburse the Conference for their payments made when the payout comes, **BE IT RESOLVED** a paper trail is maintained to keep an account of said amount to be reimbursed. This paper trail is on file at the Conference office.

WHEREAS, the Conference has been paying the operating cost for Associated Group Benefit Plan and Trust which is a group Health Insurance plan for some of the pastors in Montana near Billings and **WHEREAS**, this cost has increased by 1%, **BE IT RESOLVED** the Conference includes this increase amount.

WHEREAS, the Conference Trustees are responsible for liability and personal property including the Conference Fun Trailer, **BE IT RESOLVED** Leonard Daily check and make sure these insurance needs are being met.

WHEREAS, there is need for legal advice from time to time for the churches in the Conference and **WHEREAS**, there had been no one to do so for the states of North Dakota and Wyoming, **BE IT RESOLVED** Stan Wolfe from Gillette, WY and Cameron Sillers from Langdon, ND have agreed to do so.

WHEREAS, the transfer of property from the Conference to BMCR needed to be completed, **BE IT RESOLVED** Steve Strutz reported he had signed the papers to do so.

WHEREAS, the transfer of property from the Conference to Mt. Carmel Camp needs to be done, **BE IT RESOLVED** the Trustees encourage the Conference Council of Administration proceed with the transfer at Spring Boards 2012 to have a goal to be completed by the end of the year.. Don Smith reported that the Camp has filed for a 501-c3 status through a lawyer and hopes to have it completed by July 2012.

WHEREAS, there is a cost for legal fees to transfer the property to Mt. Carmel Camp, **BE IT RESOLVED** the funds in the Trustee budget of \$2500 for this purpose be made available to Mt. Carmel Camp.

WHEREAS, there was question concerning the North Dakota Mineral Lease Payment and future royalty payments, **BE IT RESOLVED** the Conference office is keeping the matter current. Don Smith said he had given some legal property papers he had found to Karen at the Conference Office.

WHEREAS, the Trustees are to submit a proposed budget for the year 2013, **BE IT RESOLVED** the budget be:

Office Expense:	Supt. Administrative Assist.	\$17,583
	Workman's Comp	212
	Financial Clerk	6,266
	Events Coordinator	1,160
	CPA	3,411

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has responsibility to oversee certain Conference funds invested in WIF, **BE IT RESOLVED** the balance and status of said funds as of January 31, 2012 is:

Revolving Loan Fund (for loaning)	\$38,218
<i>(this fund has a loan to Harvest Church of \$33,375 which is current and an expected transfer of income of \$11,236)</i>	
House Fund (for loan) (maintain \$60,000 balance)	70,715
Williston Fund (granting for church planting)	3,234
Knuth Fund (granting for church planting)	142,501
<i>(this fund must maintain balance of \$50,000) (all but \$50,000 has already been requested & granted by Brd of Ch Planting)</i>	
Emergency Savings Account	76,903
<i>(this fund is an emergency fund to pay the Conference bills for a period of 3 months if needed)</i>	
Ministerial Training Fund	7,725
Pastoral Care Fund	3,268

These last two funds are funding by the positive cash flow that is determined at Spring Boards.

WHEREAS, a request was made from the floor of the 2011 Annual Conference to remove the balance requirement for the Knuth Fund and **WHEREAS**, Jay Forseth said he would try and locate any heirs to Rev. Knuth to determine if this could be done and **WHEREAS** no heirs could be found and **WHEREAS** no document from Rev. Knuth could be found which required the balance and **WHEREAS**, the only action requiring the balance came from Conference action, **BE IT RESOLVED** the Conference Trustees by a vote of approval on a motion recommend that the \$50,000 balance requirement be lifted and all the funds be made available for church planting. Rev. Knuth had a vision for church planting and the Trustees determined this action was in the spirit of his wishes.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Conover, appointed Secretary for the Board of Trustees for the Western Conference