

**TRUSTEES, Board of
Faith E Church - March 4, 2013**

Members present: Leonard Dailey (Chairman), Bob Conover, Don Smith, Steve Strutz (Conference Superintendent), and by conference call: Jay Forseth and Richard Weins.

Guests present: Ben Gonzales and Julie Rodda both from Beartooth Mt. Christian Ministries (BMCM) Board.

Leonard opened in prayer at 2:30 pm.

Leonard reported on the status of the transfer of property from the Conference to BMCM. He said Bill Cole, attorney for BMCM and Andrew Bilstein, attorney for the Western Conference have been getting the legal papers prepared for signing. Leonard presented two documents, "Easement, Right of First Refusal, and Mutual Covenants" and "tax-Exempt Organization Succession Agreement" that need to be finalized. These will include easement for Mattson's and Scheldt's, with Scheldt's getting two so the property can be divided into two parts. They also contain a provision that if BMCM ceases to exist, the property cannot be sold but reverts back to ownership by the Conference. There needs to be clarification if this includes buildings built after the current transfer. Leonard said another problem with the property being transferred is that the Mattson's are currently serving as missionaries in Asia and are unable to sign the documents. He said a son of the Mattson's who lives in Bozeman has been given power of attorney to do so.

Leonard said the Conference will retain the mineral rights for the property. Richard asked that the BMCM Board send to each of the Conference Trustees a copy of the BMCM tax exempt papers. Leonard was optimistic the papers would be finalized in a few weeks and that the transfer would be signed before the camping season starts in late May.

Don presented an update on the transfer of property from the Conference to Mt Carmel Christian Camp (MCCC). He said the documents of incorporation should be returned from the state by March 16. At that time, MCCC would file papers with the federal government for tax-exempt status. He said MCCC made the same provision as BMCM that if MCCC ceases to exist, the property would revert back to the Western Conference. Don said all the Conference Trustees would receive a copy of the incorporation papers as well as the tax-exempt papers when they are available.

Jay reported that those pastors who have health insurance with Associated Group Benefits Plan and Trust (EBMS) would see a 5.9% increase in premium costs in April of 2013. The Conference continues to pay the operating cost for this plan.

Jay reported that the requested funds for the Wheatland Church start-up and the Butte Plant by Harvest Church have been dispatched.

Jay reported that the Conference is current on its tithes to the Denomination including tithes on monies received through oil royalties.

WHEREAS, the Conference Trustees are to submit a proposed budget of their responsibilities for the year 2014, **BE IT RESOLVED** the proposal be:

OFFICE EXPENSE:

Supt. Administrative Assist.	\$17935
Workman's Comp	216
Financial Clerk	6391
Events Coordinator	1183
CPA	<u>3479</u>
	\$29,204

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)	\$50,598.91
<i>(monies are on loan to Harvest Church and they are current with payments)</i>	
House Fund (for loan and maintain balance of \$60,000)	71,597.00
Williston Fund (granting for church planting)	14,106.28
Knuth Fund (granting for church planting)	9,277.70
Emergency Savings Account (to pay conference bills)	77,862.60
Ministerial Training Fund	15,000.00
Pastoral Care Fund	15,000.00

*(These last two funds are funded by positive cash flow and determined at Spring boards)
Leonard reported that there are no new funding requests.*

WHEREAS, it would be easier for the Financial Clerk to make deposits to only one bank and that First Interstate Bank would give better service, **BE IT RESOLVED** the Conference transfer all checking and savings accounts from US Bank to First Interstate Bank.

Steve suggested the Trustees provide a webinar for churches to ask questions to experts on legal matters or issues. The Trustees liked the idea but wanted time to decide how to do it.

The meeting closed at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Conover, appointed secretary for the Board of Trustees for the Western Conference