

Meeting Minutes – Stevenson Unit Chapel Development Corporation
6:00PM Monday, September 19, 2016
Trust Texas Bank – Community Room, Cuero, Texas

The Stevenson Unit Chapel Development Corporation met on Monday, September 19, 2016 in the Community Room at Trust Texas Bank in Cuero.

Those present included:

Gary Flessner
Wayne Gonzales
Larry Krupala
Paul Morkovsky
John Ortmann
Les Rabke
Hermes Silva
Billy Stehling
Travis Wagner

Not present:

Richard Van Wormer
Mary Ann Flessner

In the absence of Vice President Richard Van Wormer, the meeting was called to order by Les Rabke at 6:15PM.

The roll call was completed with nine of eleven members present.

An opening prayer was recited in unison as published in the agenda.

Minutes of the July 13, 2016 meeting were read and with no additions or corrections, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Paul Morkovsky, seconded by Billy Stehling, and approved as read by acclamation.

As part of the document packet, members reviewed the Trust Texas Bank statement ending August 31, 2016 which showed the current balance as \$2,378.90 – no deposits or debits since the July meeting. Paul Morkovsky motioned to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Billy Stehling, and approved by acclamation.

Old Business

Les Rabke reported that the DeWitt County Relay for Life Association had booked the Trust Texas Bank Community Room on the fourth Monday of each month. A brief discussion regarding changing the regular meeting day from the fourth Monday of odd numbered months to the Third Monday ensued. Paul Morkovsky made a motion to change the meeting to the Third Monday. The motion was seconded by Larry Krupala and the change was approved by acclamation.

Hermes Silva reported that through the generosity of the Diocese of Victoria, 500 color brochures for the Corporation had been printed. The only cost for the effort was that of paper, which Hermes donated himself. A number of the brochures had been distributed to a number of parishes in the Diocese through the efforts of members of the Kolbe Prison Ministries.

John Ortmann reported on the address list that had been acquired for the bulk mailing of the brochures. The list held the names of a number of individuals who would likely not be credible donors, and it was decided to circulate the list again by email and have all members review it and report back to Ortmann regarding changes that would strike the names of those individuals. Ortmann reported that the cover letter had been written and the envelopes and mailing prices from the UPS store had been received – once the list is finalized, he was ready to proceed with the bulk mailing.

Ortmann then reported on a client of his who does fundraising for the Sportsman’s Church and Son Valley Ranch in Victoria who explained that in the current society it is easier to attain funds for a cause rather than to acquire donors for a “brick-and-mortar” building. A brief discussion on our fundraising approach was held and of how the presence of a chapel building will allow us to accomplish certain outcomes from ministering to the offenders at the Stevenson Unit.

As part of the member packets was a copy of the revised Bylaws. Revisions basically included the change from the word “association” to “corporation”, and the addition of the regular meeting day as previously approved in these minutes. Members present agreed to accept the revisions as presented by acclamation.

Les Rabke then reported briefly on a meeting that was held at the Stevenson Unit on Tuesday afternoon September 13th between five members of the Corporation and new Senior Warden Glenn Beard where the Warden expressed his positive backing of the endeavor to build a chapel on the Stevenson Unit.

New Business

The nomination of officers was held and results for the November 21st election at the annual meeting are recorded as follows:

Travis Wagner nominated Les Rabke for the position of President.

Billy Stehling nominated Wanda Ulrey for the position of Recorder.

Paul Morkovsky nominated Richard Van Wormer for the position of Vice President.

Les Rabke nominated Larry Krupala for the position of Treasurer.

A request for the addition of an agenda item was made by Billy Stehling regarding the printing of posters that could be used to promote the Corporation’s goal. This item will be added to the November agenda and Billy agreed to present his ideas at that time.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Larry Krupala, seconded by Travis Wagner and approved by acclamation.

The meeting adjourned at 6:54PM.

Approved: _____
Richard Van Wormer – Vice President

Note: Following the business meeting, an informational presentation for interested visitors was held. Visitors in attendance at this portion of the evening included:

*Senior Warden Glenn Beard
Assistant Warden Fredrick Merida
Chaplain III Region IV Casey Celum
Wanda Ulrey
Wesley Dukes
Judi Kubena
Catherine Rabke
Laura Dolezal*