

Meeting Minutes – Stevenson Unit Chapel Development Corporation
7:15PM Wednesday, July 31, 2014
St. Michael's AA/Meeting Room, Cuero, Texas

The Stevenson Unit Chapel Development Corporation met on Thursday July 31, 2014 at the St. Michael's AA/Meeting Room. Those present included:

Paul Morkovsky
Richard Van Wormer
Leslie Rabke
Billy Stehling

The meeting was called to order by Paul Morkovsky.

Paul stated that at long last the necessary TDCJ approval and final "go-ahead" of the press releases had been received and briefly discussed the reasons why this step was so drawn out.

Richard Van Wormer announced that, due to the very recent retirement of Mr. Sam Longoria at the Regional Chaplaincy office, Chaplain Casey Celum from the Stevenson Unit will be filing paperwork to apply for that office. Van Wormer will be filing application paperwork to fill the vacated spot as Chaplain of the Stevenson Unit if/when Chaplain Celum receives approval as Regional Director of Chaplaincy. It was noted that Chaplain Celum will fill an even more important role for our cause if/when he obtains the regional office.

Paul Morkovsky reported that with the necessary signatures on our recently updated bylaws (October 29, 2013), and with his personal donation of \$850.00, all necessary paperwork to receive our tax-free status will be mailed to the IRS on Friday, August 1, 2014. He further stated that the company, *Legal Filings*, which has been advising him on our tax-exempt status, has stated that the Corporation may now begin receiving donations and that they will be considered tax exempt with the August 1st filing.

Les Rabke was assigned the task of acquiring a post office box for the Corporation.

Currently, Richard Van Wormer is acting as Treasurer. Some discussion of choosing a permanent Treasurer was heard, and Billy Stehling stated that his wife might be interested in holding this position.

Paul stated that the press releases as corrected by TDCJ should be added to the website. Regarding those releases, discussion was held of the official date of release and it was decided that August 11, 2014 shall be that date. Stehling stated that he would contact Jennifer Priest of the Victoria Advocate regarding a press release and possible interview and photo session. Paul Morkovsky will be in charge of contacting the Diocese of Victoria's Catholic Lighthouse newspaper as well as the newspaper in Shiner (August 14th). Van Wormer stated that Mr. Glenn Rae of the Cuero Record should be contacted regarding a release in that newspaper, which is issued weekly on Wednesday (August 13th).

Paul then led discussion regarding the bank account at Wells Fargo Bank. The IRS required predicted income and predicted expenses for the next three years and he, Morkovsky, had determined those amounts to the best of his estimation.

Mr. Billy Stehling then provided a presentation of G3 Ministries and Kairos in the form of YouTube videos regarding the need for bringing the word of Jesus Christ into the Criminal Justice System and the

affect that ministry has both on the individual offenders and on the taxpayer. Discussion regarding ideas for a similar video presentation regarding our Corporation's plans to minister to the Stevenson Unit and the necessity for a Chapel Building on the campus was held. It was noted that our group has received verbal approval from the Warden to perform filming on the Unit when the time comes for the creation of this video presentation. It was stated that the video should be no longer than about ten (10) minutes and that it needs to be produced and available as soon as possible for presentation to groups and church organizations to begin seeking new board members and donations.

Paul then discussed the creation of a list of individuals in the surrounding area that should be contacted regarding personal donations to the fund. He also brought up the need, due to our dwindling numbers, for the Corporation to seek and utilize organizations in the communities for acquiring new enthusiastic individuals to add to the board of directors. It was noted that the Cuero Area Ministerial Alliance (CAMAL) might be an organization to use for an initial attempt at finding new members.

Paul reminded the board to be thinking about searching out agencies that might provide grants for the funding of the Chapel, as well as organizations that might be willing to hear our presentation when it becomes available.

It was decided among those present that with the recent progress regarding our tax-exempt status, monthly meetings should once again be held and the Fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00PM at the Faith Hall (Methodist Church, Cuero) would be the time and location for those meetings.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM

Approved: _____
Paul Morkovsky - Chairman