

Meeting Minutes – Stevenson Unit Chapel Development Corporation

7:00PM Wednesday, March 25, 2015

St. Michael's Parish Hall Annex, Cuero, Texas

The Stevenson Unit Chapel Development Corporation met on Wednesday March 25, 2015 at the St. Michael's Parish Hall Annex

Those present included:

Paul Morkovsky  
Richard Van Wormer  
Leslie Rabke  
Billy Stehling

The meeting was called to order by Paul Morkovsky.

Les Rabke read the minutes from the previous meeting which were approved as read and signed by Chairman Paul Morkovsky.

Paul then reported on the tax exemption status of the Corporation. Federal tax exemption was granted and received in August of 2014 however, due to additional paperwork submittals required, it was not until January 5, 2015 that the Texas State tax exemption was received. As of January 5, 2015, the Corporation may conduct business and receive donations in the State of Texas as a tax exempt entity. Paul stated that the Franchise Tax Annual Report for the Corporation's first year of business is now due to the taxing entities.

Discussion was then held regarding the roadblocks that have been encountered with receiving TDCJ approval of the planned filming inside the Stevenson Unit for the making of a video presentation promoting our cause. There seemed to be a conflict between the Unit Warden and TDCJ Huntsville with regard to who actually must approve the endeavor. The Warden states that TDCJ is responsible for providing the approval. TDCJ, on the other hand, states that it's entirely up to the Warden. No further progress on this project could be reported.

With regard to the Wells Fargo Bank account that had been opened in the name of the Corporation, it was reported that due to the lack of transactions, the account had been closed by the bank. Bank notices that had been received by Morkovsky and forwarded via email to Richard Van Wormer were nowhere to be found and therefore actual status of the account was currently in question. Paul volunteered to make a visit to Wells Fargo to determine the situation with any deposited moneys and would make the necessary revisions to make sure that Van Wormer would be the contact person regarding the account. Paul also will check with John Ortmann to determine that accessibility of a \$100 donation made to the corporation using the Pay-Pal account.

Les Rabke reported that Post Office Box 972 had been obtained for the Corporation and was recently renewed for a second six-month rental through the end of August 2015.

The four members in attendance agreed that the Corporation should definitely continue and discussion was then held regarding ways to garner more interest in the Chapel endeavor. Publicity seemed to be the number one requirement, and Billy Stehling stated that he would contact Jennifer Priest of the Victoria Advocate again to discuss the possibility of a newspaper article regarding the Stevenson Unit. Richard Van Wormer stated that one possible source of publicity might be the Kairos Florida office and he will make contact with them to solicit their possible involvement.

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Paul Morkovsky state that he had researched online and found several "Donor Websites" for individuals and groups who provide needed donations to various ventures and will email a copy of the list to Van Wormer for additional research help in securing needed donations.

Billy Stehling then remarked that Mr. Larry Lancaster who had attended an earlier planning meeting of the group and who is a grant writer should be contacted again to invite his participation as well as Pastor Mark Longoria. He also declared that a "Prison Fellowship" group from Faith Family Church has made donations to the Faith-based dorm ministries, and he would contact them to see if they would be interested in participating. Stehling also stated that he has contacts with the KAVU-TV station in Victoria and would check to see what they might be able to do for us in the way of promotion.

Morkovsky stated that the Knights of Columbus from Victoria as well as the Lutheran Church in Hallettsville had contacted him with regard to making donations, however, at this time there have been no assistance received from these groups. He then suggested that contact should be made with The Cuero Area Ministerial Alliance (CAMAL) by way of Father David Berger to, in some way, get them involved. It was agreed that Pulpit Talks made by local Pastors would likely generate interest in the Chapel. Paul Morkovsky volunteered to talk to Father David about CAMAL's involvement.

A discussion then ensued regarding the status of Warden Smith and it was reported that up to this point he has been very much in favor of our endeavor and has offered his support in any way possible to help the Corporation in this effort.

Further discussions included the design of a letterhead and stationery to be used for "Thank You" letters for donors. Billy Stehling agreed to work on the letterhead. Paul stated that a 'thank-you' is currently needed for an individual who had made a \$100 donation to the Corporation.

Paul then reminded those present that the terms of the current elected officers of the Corporation will expire November 2015 (seven months), after which election of new officers is mandated by the By-Laws. In the months before that election, those present should make every effort to aid in increasing interest in the Chapel Development Corporation so that qualified officers can be put in place to carry on the venture.

A brief discussion was then held with regard to the building design and construction complexity.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21PM

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Morkovsky - Chairman