

Meeting Minutes – Stevenson Unit Chapel Development Corporation
6:00PM Wednesday, July 13, 2016
Trust Texas Bank – Community Room, Cuero, Texas

The Stevenson Unit Chapel Development Corporation met on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 in the Community Room at Trust Texas Bank in Cuero.

Those present included:

Gary Flessner
Wayne Gonzales
Larry Krupala
Paul Morkovsky
Les Rabke
Hermes Silva
Billy Stehling
Richard Van Wormer
Travis Wagner

Not present:

John Ortmann
Mary Ann Flessner

As allowed in the by-laws, this special meeting was called by two officers: Vice President Richard Van Wormer and Recorder, Les Rabke. Each member received a packet of documents prior to the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Les Rabke at 6:02PM. After President Paul Morkovsky declined to preside, and at the request of Vice President Richard Van Wormer, Les Rabke carried out official duties over the business at hand.

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 January 21, 2016 annual meeting were read and with no additions or corrections, were approved as read by acclamation.

As part of the document packet, Larry Krupala presented the Treasurer's Report which showed the current balance as \$2,378.70 – Trust Texas Bank through July 13, 2016. There was one check in question that would need to be researched after the meeting to verify its validity. *(Note! The 2/18/2016 debit for \$18.70 was found to be the fee charged by Trust Texas Bank for the checks and checkbook.)*

Les Rabke then discussed the Member Commitment Statement forms found in the document packet. The forms were filled out and signed by each member present and were then picked up by Rabke to be retained as part of the Corporate Records. In addition to member name, signature, and email address, each form provided a box to check to depict their commitment and whether they were willing or not willing to serve as an officer of the corporation.

Discussion was then held regarding the setting of a regular meeting time and after the various options and suggestions were weighed by the group, it was decided that meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of all odd numbered months. As a result of this decision, the next regular meeting was set for 6:00PM, Monday, September 26, 2016 in the Community Room of Trust Texas Bank in Cuero. Les Rabke volunteered to verify the room reservation with the bank.

President Paul Morkovsky then addressed the group stating that with his current commitment schedule, he had found it impossible to continue as President of the Corporation. (*Note: The bylaws, Section VI - TERMS OF OFFICE, part 2 state that, "Any resignation of office tendered will be considered approved" and as a result no motion or vote was required.*) Paul encouraged the reelection of a replacement for the office of President. A discussion resulted and it was agreed by those present that the Corporation should continue with the vacancy at the President's position until the annual meeting which will occur on November 28, 2016. It was further agreed that nominations for a new slate of officers should be made at the next meeting (September), and the names of those nominees shall be placed on a ballot and voted upon at the November meeting. A motion to that effect was made by Billy Stehling, seconded by Hermes Silva and approved by acclamation. Les Rabke noted that the commitment forms signed at an earlier point in the meeting indicate that there were four individuals willing to serve as officer of the group.

A general discussion then ensued with regard to the current status of the Corporation including several key topics as follows:

1. Richard Van Wormer reported that Chaplain Celum had reported a prison unit within his oversight had recently received the go-ahead from TDCJ to begin construction of a chapel building. The organization that headed the fundraising efforts spent five years to secure adequate donations, the bulk of which was awarded by a familiar jeweler, James Avery. Van Wormer stated that our group needs to solicit more individuals who will devote time to our fundraising effort.
2. Gary Flessner stated that he would approach the local ministerial alliance (CAMAL) at their next Monday morning meeting to plead for more volunteers.
3. Hermes Silva stated that a list of the current Stevenson ministries and the name of the individual in charge should be requested from the Chaplain so that contact with these groups can be established for the purpose of recruiting members to join the corporation. It was further noted during this discussion that these individuals should be invited to the September meeting and a presentation should be given to encourage their involvement, and that a video presentation and program should be put together for the September meeting. Billy Stehling stated that he had access to a projector and would get with John Ortmann to see whether a DVD could be produced using the footage taken by the Victoria television network NewsCenter 25. Les Rabke stated that he would check with the bank to see if we could use the recessed projector screen located in the community room.
4. Hermes also stated that a color brochure had been created and that the Diocese of Victoria has offered the use of their copy machine for the purpose of printing 500 brochures for the Corporation at minimal cost if we provide the paper. Hermes was encouraged to proceed with the printing of the brochures.
5. In the absence of John Ortmann, who has made contact with Joni Brown, a Non-profit and Organizational Consultant, Les Rabke discussed Ms. Brown's qualifications and stated that she seemed to be excited about working with our Corporation. Ms. Brown had already made some phone calls and done online research to begin to narrow down the possibilities of finding major donor(s) for the fundraising effort. Rabke stated that Ms. Brown's first suggestion would be for

the corporation to contact Robert Oliver, a Cuero area fundraiser to seek his involvement. Ms. Brown also highly agreed with the recommendation that Ortmann had received from Frank Graham of Chapel of Hope with regard to the website www.donorscope.com for acquiring a mailing list of possible donors.

6. A copy of Joni Brown's resume and a sample agreement form were part of the document packet provided each member in attendance. Questions arose about paying for her services and it was agreed that hearing her presentation and exploring ways to compensate her for her services should be identified before we make any commitment.
7. Paul Morkovsky stated that the taxing entities are not favorable to a PO Box number for the Corporation's physical address. It was suggested that the physical address of the next president be used for that purpose.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Billy Stehling, seconded by Gary Flessner and approved by acclamation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:34PM.