

## Ohio Conference Board of Directors

September 16, 2017

### Minutes

Present: Sam Buehrer, Cathy Green, Pam Linderson, Jay McMillen, Donna Overholt, David Plant, Mindy Quellhorst, Cynthia Tyson, Kurt Weiser, Terry Williams. Staff: John Gantt, Dan Busch, Rita Root

Newly elected Moderator Cathy Green called the meeting to order. A quorum was declared. Minutes from the last meeting on August 25, 2017, were not available and will be approved at a future meeting. Secretary Bob Tussing was on sabbatical and Terry Williams agreed to take the minutes.

Three new board members were introduced: Pam Linderson (SONKA), Donna Overholt (NW), and Kurt Weiser (EOA).

Sam Buehler shared the information that an offer had been received to purchase Pilgrim Hills for \$2,500,000. He also updated the board on the status of the planned auction. Auctioneers had been interviewed by the Sales Committee and a selection had been made, but no contract was yet in place. That meant we were free to proceed to accept the offer if we chose. The offer was near the top end of appraised value and approximately \$800,000 more than what we had been prepared to receive. Sam also reviewed the plan to use the proceeds to pay off the Cornerstone loan and pay owners of Pilgrim Preserve (adjacent to the Pilgrim Hills property and part of the proposed purchase). This had been previously discussed with the board in the August meeting when the board passed a resolution for at least \$1 million to be used to establish an endowment to generate income to support faith formation initiatives, inclusive of outdoor ministries. Should there be a purchase at the \$2.5 million offer, the endowment may be larger.

Motion: (made by Sam Buehrer, 2nd: Mindy Quellhorst).

Authorize the Camp Sales Team to enter into a contract with a potential buyer of Pilgrim Hills for a minimum contract price of \$2.5 Million, if they then determine that the contract meets with the team's approval."

The vote was affirmative with 10 Yeas and zero Nays. There were no Abstentions.

The discussion then moved to the Outdoor Ministry Business Plan that had been developed over the past six months and presented at the Annual Gathering earlier that day. There was a consensus that the plan deserved a deeper conversation than was possible at this hour after the Annual Gathering. The Board agreed to meet again on October 6 at the United Church Homes headquarters in Marion, Ohio. Their office is fairly central and has the benefit of strong internet to allow members to connect via Zoom, if necessary.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Terry Williams

