

Pinebrook Bible Conference, Stroudsburg, PA
261st Meeting of the Pinebrook Board Minutes
March 11, 2014

Devotional: Charles Cole led us in a short devotional to start our meeting at 2pm.

Isaiah 38:1-8: In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amos went to him and said, "This is what the LORD says: Put your house in order, because you are going to die; you will not recover."² Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD,³ "Remember, LORD, how I have walked before you faithfully and with wholehearted devotion and have done what is good in your eyes." And Hezekiah wept bitterly.⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to Isaiah:⁵ "Go and tell Hezekiah, 'This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will add fifteen years to your life.'⁶ And I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria. I will defend this city."⁷ "This is the LORD's sign to you that the LORD will do what he has promised:⁸ I will make the shadow cast by the sun go back the ten steps it has gone down on the stairway of Ahaz.'" So the sunlight went back the ten steps it had gone down.

Are you hurting? Do you need healing or repair? Hezekiah was hurting in this passage. Are you facing current pains or afflictions you are currently facing? Is Pinebrook hurting or have pains? Chuck focused our attention to Pinebrook going through some of the same things that Hezekiah voiced in this passage. He went over the reasons why he was questioning the timing of events or hurts in his life. Hezekiah experiences the God factor in his life by Isaiah the prophet answering Hezekiah with God's answer. The Bible is full of the history of "God factors", how are we using them. Knowing you are dialed into God's "Miracle Network" makes all the difference (v 7, 8). Look for the signs of God's work. Gain encouragement from these signs. Convey these signs to others as we share with others. Make the most of today, today.

Prayer: Mark Barninger led us in prayer for the needs of Pinebrook: 3/28 through 3/30 work weekend, renovations of Fellowship Hall, Easter weekend volunteers, and for guidance with our meeting today.

1. Board Business

a. Quorum/Roll Call – the following men were present at our meeting:

Pastor Charles Cole - Chairman ccole.ebfc@verizon.net
Chris Fellon- Vice-Chairman cfellon@pachurchins.com
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Nate Brosius–Pinebrook Dir. Of Operations nbrosius@pinebrook.org
David Allen – Executive Director of the BFC DTA10@aol.com
Randall Grossman – President of the BFC Executive Board

Absent: Matthew Printz printzm@gmail.com, Darian Allen - Treasurer dra82@aol.com

b. Approval of minutes 260th meeting of Pinebrook Board

Resolved, that we accept the approval of the minutes from the 260th Pinebrook Board Meeting.

c. Old Business

i. Discussion/Acceptance of Pinebrook Vision Statement

(1) Vision:

Resolved, that we state Pinebrook's Purpose, Mission, and Vision Vision Statements be the following:

Pinebrook's Purpose:

Pinebrook is a ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church whereby the disciples of Jesus Christ can be made, developed, and enhanced while serving the greater Christian community.

Pinebrook's Mission:

Preserving a refreshing environment where people are challenged to live for Christ.

Pinebrook's Vision is:

- a place that is continually full of people who are challenged from the Bible to be disciples of Jesus Christ
- a place that the BFC is excited about calling its own
- a place that welcomes believers from all over the world
- a place where guests are cared for in a courteous, enthusiastic, & exceptional manner
- a place where family comes to relate & fellowship in a Christ centered environment

2. Reports

a. Financial Report – David Allen

Some comments were given. 2726 & 2727 Deposits for 2014 Retreats are up over Deposits for 2013 Retreats, 2730 is a pre-marketing number for Deposits for 2014 Summer Conference, 2850 Deposits for Camp Sites are up 2014 vs 2013, and Missions Loan is decreased by \$25,000 2014 vs 2013.

Resolved, that we receive the Financial Report.

b. Projections (Rick Lockhart)

ii. March-August - Registration Projections (Rick Lockhart)

c. Programming / Fichthorn Follow-Up Report- "Friends of Pinebrook" (David Allen)

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d. **Directors Report**

Fellowship Hall is continuing nicely, the wood burner is moved and is in the process of being hooked up and completing the duct work, and an insurance claim has been opened from the Guest Services Building damage from the last snowstorm. The plow truck ran well this year and we avoided about \$15,000 cost to remove the snow of 2014 so far. Brian Brawley continues to save money and have creative ideas of making or marketing Pinebrook Logo product (spring water, soda, etc). Gabby continues to keep up with the HR, Financial, Summer Staff Recruitment, and Customer Service work that she currently has.

i. Personnel

(1) Koinonia Service

(i) I encourage each Board Member to schedule a Tuesday Koinonia service sermon/devotional in the Spring or Fall. Please contact Val Lockhart to schedule. vlockhart@pinebrook.org

(2) Niche & Synergy

(a) Vision Statement - Discussion/Approval

(b) Discussion of the Niche Assignment

A committee was setup to drive the publications schedule throughout the year for various events. A few of the Niches are: Indoor pool at a Christian Conference, Fellowship Hall, Big Dining Area (seat 300 at a full banquet, efficiently run shifts of a meal to feed huge groups of people, continue to work on the minutia details making the guests feel special, nature areas to "experience" God's creation, continuing to be nice to the guests, use of the fire arena/hayride idea, need of interaction with the guests.

(c) Leading from Your Strengths Series - (a way to build synergy among staff)

(3) Extracurricular programming / John Maxwell - Asking the Pinebrook Board to aid in promotion.

e. **Committee Reports**

i. Personnel (Charles Bomgardner; Charles Cole; Chris Fellon)

ii. Finance (Darian Allen; Gary Karch)

iii. Guest Relations (Mark Barninger; Charles Bomgardner; Patrick Carl)

iv. Infrastructure (Patrick Carl; Mark Barninger; Matthew Printz; Gary Karch; Chris Merrick; (Jason Repsher))

3. **New Business**

a. BFC Executive Board Comments – Randall Grossman

- 1st year Joint Meetings; 2nd year Directors / BFC Executive Board Meeting; 3rd year President of the BFC Executive Board meeting with the Agency's Board
- Encouragement to continue on the path of Financial Stability from the halfway point
- Encouragement to continue to serve the BFC churches goal is still to have involvement in the Summer Conference

Randall Grossman led us in prayer for the ministry of Pinebrook.

b. **Committee Assignments**

Guest Relations – Brainstorm, get areas of minutia for the guest relations to encourage, correct, and monitor to gain ideas of the standards for Guest Relations.

Personnel – meet to discuss customer service issued employees and have “mentorship” meetings with personnel explaining policy and consequences of non-compliance.

Next Meeting June 10, 2014 - 2pm Board Room

The meeting ended at 5:33pm.