

Minutes
Friends of Menucha Foundation
March 3, 2018

At home of Chris Rasmussen

Present: Chris Rasmussen, Gerry Foote, Derek Foote, Kristin Solomon, Susan Hedlund, Spencer Parks, Donna Leamy Absent: Erich Merrill

1. Meeting was opened with prayer by Kristin.
2. Revision to agenda was that a matching offer was made for a new tractor.
3. Minutes were reviewed and approved..
4. Financial Report: Chris presented the budget and financial report. The budget was moved and accepted with a fund raising goal for 2018 of \$100,000. The current balance in the checking account is \$143,639.01.
5. Other Matters:
Discussion occurred regarding the hiring of a development director. In a recent meeting of the Commission they approved this activity and encouraged the FOMF to do this sooner rather than later. \$95,000 will be given to Menucha for the road improvements from First Presbyterian Church's Capital campaign. Grant possibilities were discussed that allow for capacity building. Murdoch, the Community Foundation and others were considered. Kristin will do research on capacity building grant possibilities.

It is hoped that a development director could be hired by Sept/Oct of 2018, and that this person can help to carry out Menucha's strategy and vision by cultivating donors and applying for grants.

August 11, 2018 is the date chosen for the Menucha Country Fair and Ice Cream Social. This coincides with the Creative Arts Community's retreat. Spencer, Chris, Kristin and Susan will meet to plan the event, on Weds. March 21st at 6 pm at Susan's. Ideas include art tables, booths, and tents that offer crafts for sale, food, games and other activities.

The Fall fund raiser is Sept. 9th, 2018 and Derek will help to coordinate. Sponsors will be sought; Kristin will help craft language to solicit sponsors, and Gordon Kennedy, cartographer, will be the speaker. Derek and Spencer will meet on Thurs, April 19, 11 am at Menucha to discuss sponsorships.

Recruitment of new FOMF stewards included consideration of Rick Lee who is coming off the Commission. Lorna- Shively will consider joining in the Fall.

Donna provided a list of upcoming events at Menucha for the Stewards to potentially be greeters at.

6. An update on donors was presented by Donna. As of March 1, 2018, \$10,761.95 (or 10.7% of our goal of \$100,000 has been raised. \$350.00 has been received in restricted donations, and \$10,411.95 in unrestricted donations have been received.
7. Executive Director's Time: 52 pastors will attend the Transitional Ministries Retreat which is known for its "cutting edge programming" for transitional ministry.

A donor has offered to give \$5,000 towards a new tractor if the FoMF can raise \$10,000.

The church celebrated its Camp and Conference Sunday in February, which includes a special offering for Menucha.

Jason Santos was at Menucha for Intergenerational Ministry retreat", and plans for the intentional community are moving forward.

Three upcoming programs at Menucha have filled up: the Transitional Ministry Retreat, the Ukulele Band Camp, and the Spring Water Color workshop.

'Blues in the Gorge' has been rated by Acoustic Guitar Magazine as among the top 25 guitar camps in the United States.

An audit done as a result of the fires last summer suggest a loss of business of \$48,000 which has been submitted to the insurance company.

The neighboring retreat center, Crestview, is still for sale and under consideration.

Spencer will be on sabbatical for 4 months next year.

8. The next meeting will be on April 16th , 2018 at Susan's.
9. The meeting was closed in prayer by Chris.
10. Letter signing followed.

Submitted:
Susan Hedlund, Acting Secretary
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