

SEGA AREA BOARD

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes March 30, 2010

A joint meeting of the Executive Committee and the Orchard Crest Task Force was held at First Christian Church of Festus on March 30, 2010.

Present:

SEGA Board/Staff Members

Jacque Foster, Moderator
George Christman
Norma Ellington-Twitty
Joy Faires
Penny Ross-Corona, Area Minister
Rev. Larry Thomas
Tom Wood

Orchard Crest Task Force Members

John Buxton
Jon Daniel
Jeff Moore

Jacque Foster called the meeting to order at 1:45 PM and opened with a prayer. She explained that the First Vice Moderator usually convenes the Executive Committee, however since this position is vacant, she and Penny would conduct the meeting.

The Moderator indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the agenda for the April 24th Board Meeting, with particular emphasis on Orchard Crest.

After a lengthy discussion of the four Orchard Crest Listening Conferences and options the Board should consider relative to next steps regarding Orchard Crest the group approved the Draft Agenda and made the following conclusions/recommendations:

1. Vote to divest relative to Orchard Crest, yet delay a vote on the sale of the property until those churches who have expressed an interest in posing other options for the property have been able to present their proposals. At this point at least two congregations have expressed such an interest. They will be able to present a summary of these proposals at the April 24th meeting (ten minutes for formal presentation and ten minutes for follow-up). The Board will need to establish a committee to review these proposals and develop criteria for their consideration. The Board will need to weigh their responsibilities as good stewards of limited resources and our covenantal commitment to promote unity within the Area as we formulate a timetable for this process (see #3 below).
2. Consider creating a legal structure to handle Orchard Crest with the goal of limiting the camp's liabilities to a newly formed Orchard Crest board, therefore limiting SEGA's liabilities. There would be clauses in the incorporation to ensure that any remainder from the assets would be returned to SEGA. Jacque Foster, Penny Ross-Corona, Rev. Larry Thomas, and Jeff Moore will further explore this option with an attorney and the Moderator will present their findings at the April 24th Board Meeting.

3. Vote to use insurance and logging funds (currently \$80,394.01) to cover Orchard Crest expenses (approximately \$22,000+) until a decision is made about its disposition. The Raney Farm Board voted not to provide \$25,000 to Orchard Crest this year due to the possibility of sale of the property. It was recommended that if the Board delays the vote on the sale of the property for a year, that we request the Raney Farm Board to reconsider their vote, as SEGA has limited resources and has experienced a \$57,000 loss from the camp since 2004.

4. Request that the Nurture Committee develop a Vision for Outdoor/Youth Ministry that has an Area and regional focus (they may need to expand their committee for this project). The decreasing number of youth attending Orchard Crest indicates the need for a paradigm shift in delivering ministry to 21st century youth. This Vision is to propose meaningful, excellent, and affordable ministry programs/activities and is to be presented to the Board prior to a final decision about Orchard Crest.

Penny Ross-Corona presented two Items for action:

- We need to identify new signers for checks and have them go to the bank as a group to formalize their role. Rev. Larry Thomas agreed to join Tom Wood, Penny Ross-Corona, and Jacque Foster as signers.
- Two Resolutions that were submitted to the September 2003 Area Assembly for consideration and were not voted on, according to the Minutes of that Assembly have been resubmitted to Penny Ross-Corona for action. It was the consensus that the SEGA Board cannot take action on these resolutions and they will need to be resubmitted for consideration at the next Area Assembly.

Rev. Larry Thomas indicated that the April 10th Call to Unity event was cancelled due to low enrollment. The goal is to include an abbreviated version of the presentation at the fall evangelism event.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM, with thanks from the Moderator and the Area Minister.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Ellington-Twitty, Ph.D., Secretary/Parliamentarian