

CMG Board Meeting

Sept. 5, 2015, Camp Newman Library

Board Members Present:

Matthew Sunderland, Dave Clark, Mohabee Serrano, Jim Ruboyianes, Frank Hermann, Drew Blanchar, Clay Kilgore, Cat Walker, Norman Skonovd, Steve Ibarra, Karim Christopher, Charlie Malarkey, Alan Weaver.

Visitors:

Frank Rothacker, and two men who came in late, but didn't sign in.

Absent Board Members:

Jamie Simmons, Jeffrey Rykhus, Blaid Peisinger, Tony Clark, Rick Steadman, Fabian Maes

Session began: 8:30 AM, Adjourned 9:45 AM

Old Business

Minutes of Previous Meetings (Mohabee Serrano)

Approved: May 25 Minutes (Camp Shalom) Vote: 14-Y; 0-N; 0-A

Tabled, for error corrections: Teleconference (August 19, 2015). Jim will send his corrections to the Secretary.

Treasurer's Reports (Dave Clark)

The Treasurer, Dave Clark, presented printed financial reports and the budget for the 84th CMG. Dave thinks the finances of the CMG, Inc., are on track, and there are no major items of concern.

Approved: Budget for Fall, 2015 Gathering (84th CMG). Vote to confirm: Y-14; N-0; A-0

Other matters discussed:

Dave pointed out that he's working with Tony Clark and Lee Usher, regarding the contract with Giant Rabbit, which maintains our Registration website. The new Tech Director, Lee Usher, will be taking on the responsibility of overseeing Giant Rabbit. Lee was not present at this meeting, nor was Tony Clark, who is stepping down from this position.

New Business

Spring Gathering Location (Matthew Sunderland)

Matthew and several other men contacted a number of camps in Southern California, to relocate our Spring Gathering for 2016, and in the future. Matthew indicated that of the ten camps that were considered, only three were visited, and one of these camps was selected. The two camps not selected were nice, but they either lacked workshop spaces, or had access issues, when it came to driving to the camp.

Pathfinder Ranch was selected to be the location for the coming Spring Gathering, in 2016, by this committee. The 85th CMG can be held over Memorial Day Weekend, at this site. There is a pool there, which is not heated, and there are concerns, brought up by the camp staff, about nudity in the pool area. The heater can be repaired, and there is an offer, by the CMG, to help pay for the heater repair. We'll be wearing swimsuits, to allay the nudity concerns.

The 85th Planning Committee, which has not yet officially met, will take on the task of "moving" the Gathering, and will also work with the CMG Treasurer, to confirm contractual issues, and produce a final budget based on the figures that Dave Clark has presented to them and to the Board. One of the contractual points is the pool heater. Dave thinks the Camp Manager can replace the camp's pool heater for under \$400, perhaps less. Dave and the Camp Manager are talking about this, and Dave will update the Board about this matter, as well as further negotiations with the camp.

Matthew reminded the Board that Camp Pathfinder, though it has fewer spaces to hold workshops, it is also a camp that has a much smaller guest accommodation capacity, with under 200 beds. It may be possible to supplement the bed count with tent spaces and RV sites. May will be a warmer month at Pathfinder than November, which is when we held Fall Gatherings at this camp, in the past.

Vote to relocate the Spring Gathering to Pathfinder Ranch: Y-13; N-0; A-0

Confirmation of New Tech Director (Matthew Sunderland)

Matthew confirmed that Lee Usher has accepted, and will be the new Tech Director. Tony Clark is stepping down from this position. Lee's term of office will begin Oct. 1, 2015, though he might begin earlier. Vote to affirm Lee Usher as Tech Director: 12-Y; 0-N; 2-A

Communication With Elders (Jim Ruboyianes)

Jim Ruboyianes has created an email address, which will distribute CMG Board email to each Elder. For this purpose, the Board may use elderscircle@thecmg.org.

Webmaster's Report (Jim Ruboyianes)

Jim says that he and Fabian Maes determined that Fabian is unable to assume the position of CMG Webmaster. The Board will seek candidates for Jim to consider, for training and mentoring. Jim will serve as a mentor during the first months of the chosen candidate's term in office. Jim will continue to be the CMG Webmaster, until a suitable person is trained and is ready to take the position forward.

Jim thinks that it's time for the website to be upgraded, and changed to reflect a better "picture" of what the CMG offers, and what this community of men is like. The work to upgrade the website will involve men with experience in web design, and others interested in changing the web presence of the CMG. This will all be determined through a web design oversight committee, which will be formed, and will likely include members of the current "Tech Committee." Jim thinks that now that the registration system is up, and is being maintained regularly, it's time to focus on creating a web presence which is attractive, and accurately reflects the CMG, and the men it serves.

Archivist's Report (Cat Walker)

Cat Walker said that he's nearly finished translating the non-digital information and data, of early CMGs to digital files. Cat is working with the One Project, to store and preserve some of the CMG's artifacts and items which are currently housed in the archive storage. This effort is taking time, but is slowly coming to an end. Cat estimates that he'll be finished by the year's end, and after that time, he'll devote time to planning for archive displays at the Gatherings.

Development Director's Report (Joe Wagenhofer)

Joe Wagenhofer indicated that the year-end giving promotion will be ready to release, after the 84th

CMG, in November. The donations collected this year, will go to the Scholarship Fund, for financial assistance, to any of the three Gatherings.

Adjournment: 8:45 AM.