

# Sugar Creek Bible Camp Association

2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

2:00 p.m., February 21, 2021

**Welcome:** Called to order at 2:03

Devotions– Michael Douglass, Board President

Stanzas from Amanda Gorman’s *The Hill We Climb* were shared to remind us of who we are and from where we have come. Here we are! Prepared to have a great year at Sugar Creek Bible Camp. The devotion ended with prayer.

Introduction of Board of Directors – Michael Douglass

Board members were introduced by name along with their congregational affiliation.

Introduction of Staff – Jesse Klosterboer, Executive Director

Jesse enthusiastically introduced each staff member by name and gave a brief background on each member’s role and connection to camp.

About Today’s Meeting Format, Live Zoom Webinar

Ellie Davis prepared participants for our Zoom Webinar: Q and A section was explained. Motions and seconds will be made through the Q and A section. Voting will use a polling feature allowing participants to vote yes or no. A practice poll was made available. End polling was explained and how results would be shown. Those participants staying to the end were told they would be entered into a drawing for a gift of a camp shirt and a one-night stay in a cabin.

Minutes from the 2020 SCBC Annual Meeting

Minutes from the 2020 Annual Meeting were submitted by Gregg Kleppe. Nancy Solberg made a motion to accept the minutes. Susan Bartels seconded. Motion passed unanimously and accepted as submitted.

## Reports

Director’s Report – Jesse Klosterboer, see 2020 Annual Report

All written reports are available on the SCBC website. Jesse shared highlights from his report. The pandemic has hit camping ministries hard. SCBC’s overnight youth programs were cancelled for 2020. Lost income of over ½ of the budget, nearly \$400,000. Our camp typically provides over 50,000 contact hours of Christian education per year. Jesse celebrated the good news that the camp’s supporters came through even in the midst of the pandemic as they prepared for next year. Creative cost-cutting: propane, new copy machine contract, among other changes will save many thousands of dollars.

Program Committee – Carla A. Stanton, see 2020 Annual Report

A difficult decision was made to not open for summer programming. While people are staying safe in their homes, “How will we continue to bring God to them?” This was the question guiding this committee’s work. Day Camps 2-Go. Ten congregations participated in this successful virtual day camp program. Camp in a Backpack: For families who had already registered their child for camp and agreed to leave their paid deposit fees with the camp, age specific Bible activities, nature activities, SCBC t-shirt, water bottle and hot cocoa mix. 40 backpacks were delivered to families who donated their child’s camp fees. A shout out to Kjell Bakken was made as he delivered them.

On site Programing: One middle school youth retreat occurred in the spring. Two traditional family camps were offered. 5 shorter family camp options as well as two crafting retreats. We had 60 families on camp with no known virus outbreaks. Road to Bethlehem: This drive-thru COVID-safe event had 215 participants in 80 vehicles. This will be offered again in the future. April 3 will be an Easter egg hunt and brunch. Summer of 2021 will include 4 new programs. Entering fifth graders will be in Pioneers in Frontier Village. Eighth graders will be offered Rangers. Seventh and Eighth graders will be offered a Night Camp experience taking place partly while the rest of the camp is sleeping. Elevated is the final new program and will be a first, an on-site hammock camp for high school students teaching responsibility and care for creation. An Elevated program is also available for middle schoolers. “Come and See” is the program theme for the new camp season.

Property Committee – Tim Zauche; see 2020 Annual Report

Volunteers continued to come to camp and helped complete a number of smaller projects. The staff focused heavily on buildings and grounds this past year. In part, the Retreat Center entryway addition is nearing completion; a new roof was installed on the Retreat Center; an aeration system will be installed in the pond. On May 7-8 a Volunteer Work Weekend will be offered in a safe manner for folks to come to camp and complete additional projects.

Development and Marketing Committee – Tony Scholze, see 2020 Annual Report

Highlights from the report were shared: Facebook online presence exploded! Drone imagery used to show off the beauty of camp. Family images were a highlight to show that even in a pandemic people were able to be a part of the beauty of camp. Staff Alumni Page has been a focus.

Fundraising: Quilt Auction was the primary fundraiser which had the largest amount of income ever: Auction- \$19,435, Country Store- \$1,475, Food sales- just under \$1,500, Virtual 5K- just over \$2,000. Total: \$25,632. Air BNB rentals were begun in cabins. There are two weddings booked and a monthly Currents e-Newsletter will go out. Details of a \$10,000 donor gift challenge will be shared in the future. The website and logo will be updated as branding of the camp is pursued.

Executive Committee – Michael Douglass, see 2020 Annual Report

Michael celebrated all that has been accomplished as SCBC continued to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Executive Committee meets monthly. Summer camp registration fees fuel SCBC’s budget. The Payroll Protection Program assisted us in making it through this year through the hard work of many but particularly Executive Director, Jesse Klosterboer. The Holy Spirit has been at work in this Christ led and Spirit fed ministry.

Sugar Creek Bible Camp Trust Foundation – Michael Douglass

The foundation continues to grow: \$49,253.60.

## **Financials**

2020 Audit Committee **(moved, seconded and passed)**

The Audit Committee brought forth a motion to approve their report. Second by Pastor Mark Kvale. Voting was unanimous to accept this report.

Treasurer’s Report – Pastor Nile Sandeen

2020 Financial Reports: see 2020 Annual Report

A thank you was offered for all the ways in which the financial affairs of the camp were addressed with great care. A detailed presentation of the camp’s financials was shared by Pastor Nile with all reports available in the Annual Report.

2021 Budget: see 2020 Annual Report

- Proposing likely forecast of 625 campers this year versus 825 for the 2020 budget
- 2<sup>nd</sup> application for PPP Loan is moving forward

Pastor Meg Hoversten made a motion to approve the 2021 Budget. Dr. David DeHart made the second. The budget was approved unanimously.

## **Elections**

### Board of Directors

Re-election to 2<sup>nd</sup> Term: Jen Bjorklund, Pastor Steve Meyer, Pastor Nile Sandeen

Candidate Nominations for Open Positions (2): Diane Colburn, Pastor Lori Kleppe

Farewell to Gregg Kleppe and Christina Winch

Additional nominations were called for with a second and third call as required. No additional nominations were made. Nancy Solberg moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for these five individuals. A second was made by Dr. David DeHart. The motion passed unanimously.

### Nominations Committee for 2022

Motion requested to defer population of this committee to a later date by the Executive Committee. Pastor Julie Wollman made the motion which was seconded by Pastor Erik Bakken.

Motion passed unanimously.

Audit Committee: Need people to volunteer by reaching out to camp office.

## **Homework**

Delegates as critical communication links to congregations

Stay in touch - *Currents* Monthly e-Newsletter: Make sure you and your church are signed up to receive the *Currents* e-Newsletter

How to "Extend the Reach" of your ministries at Sugar Creek

Bring a Child to Camp / Outdoor Volunteer Groups / Special Gifts & Thanks

Consider including Sugar Creek in your Legacy Planning

## **Other Business, Questions, Ideas, Inspirations...**

Prize Drawing winners: Sugar Creek flannel shirt, to Pastor Don Fox. Gift Certificate for a night stay in one of the modern cabins, to Heika Burke.

The meeting was closed with Lord's Prayer.

Pastor Erik Bakken made a motion to close the 2021 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Annual Meeting. Tony Scholze seconded. Passed and Adjourned at 3:49 p.m.