

## **PIONEER CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER OWNERS**

### **SPECIAL CONFERENCE CALL - TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017**

Directors Present: Cyndi Alviani; Vice Chair Claire Carlson; Mark Erbelding; Melissa Fultz; Jacqui Green; Maureen “Becky” Grunder; Secretary Karl Haeussler; Terry Miller; Pastor John Pingel; Pastor Carl Prostka; Pastor Daniel Strussenburg; Chair Gordon Tresch; President Chris Wicher.

Directors Absent: Bradley Dreier.

Special Guest: Pioneer Director Pastor Alex Knowles.

After the Secretary affirmed that a quorum had been established, the meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m.

As the present Chair of the Pioneer Board of Directors was not present, a motion was made and seconded to appoint Gordon Tresch as Chair and Karl Haeussler as Secretary for this meeting. It was approved unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed agenda for the Special Meeting of the Pioneers Owners. It passed unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Pioneer Owners held in February. It was noted that Sharon McGuan’s name was spelled incorrectly. The question was called to approve the minutes as amended. It passed unanimously.

Since two members of the Pioneer Board of Directors had recently resigned and a third might be resigning in the near future, three people were brought forward for possible selection to the Pioneer Board of Directors: Tom Marzano; Pastor Dennis Krueger; and, Rick Porter. It was stated that the Board is well aware of possible conflicts of interest concerning Rick Porter. Should he be appointed, both the Board and Rick will use their judgment on when he needs to recuse himself and abstain from voting on an issue. Tom Marzone is President of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and a businessman. Pastor Dennis Krueger was very involved with Pioneer when he lived in the area previously. All three have stated their willingness to serve. A motion was made and seconded that Tom Marzano, Pastor Dennis Krueger, and Rick Porter be added to the Pioneer Board of Directors. The question was called. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was then made that the Chair appoint an ad hoc committee to investigate the appointments to the Pioneer Board of Directors. The motion was seconded. The question was called. The motion passed unanimously.

The Chair asked the Director of Pioneer to discuss the sale of certain parcels of land located on Herr Road owned by Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center. (See the attached map.) There is the possibility of selling parcels 4 & 5 for the amount of \$5,000 each. This would then allow the logging of parcels 1,2,3,6 & 7. Between land and timber, this would bring in around \$25,000 to \$30,000. Pioneer would retain logging rights for parcels 4 & 5. The closing costs would be paid for by the purchaser. This property is not being used.

A motion was made and seconded to give Pioneer the authority to begin the process of selling parcels 4 & 5 for \$5,000 each plus closing costs while retaining logging rights for all parcels in 2017.

During the ensuing discussion the following points were raised.

- \* The People Inc. Home is not near these parcels. They are farther down Herr Road.
- \* Parcels 4 & 5 need to be sold so the logging company can place their truck there.
- \* The proposed selling price is very close to present land values.
- \* LCEF has requested that proceeds be used to pay down existing camp loans.
- \* Camp will need to return for full approval. This motion only gives them the approval to begin this transaction. The Chair further noted that this sale may need the approval of the New York State Supreme Court since our congregations need such approval for all property transactions.

The question was called. The motion passed unanimously.

The President asked who should notify those who were just elected to the Pioneer Board of Directors along with the Board itself? The Chair asked that a letter from the District be sent to the Director of Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center and to the Chairman of the Pioneer Board of Directors.

It was further noted that the Pioneer Board of Directors meet formally three times a year in addition to the annual meeting with the Pioneer Owners.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 5:25 p.m. It passed unanimously.