

**Friends of Camp Christopher**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**July 23, 2015 – Camp Christopher**

**Called to order:** by Vice President Tom McGraw

Time: 6:16 pm

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Present:** Tom McGraw, Irene Lawrence, Patti Longville, Tim Lilley, Larry Furman, Mary Beth Furman, Michelle Dolensky, Phyllis Richardson, Chaz Gessner, Catherine Adamek, Elizabeth Flannery, Tess Flannery, Libby Thomas, McKenzie Madigan, Tommy Blankenship, Joe Sovacool, Diane Wendelken, Louis Sabo, Catherine Klasek-Sabo, Mary Kay Thompson, Brian Thompson, Jerry Antonucci and Sally Antonucci.

**Secretary's Report – Sally Antonucci:** The April 23, 2015 General Meeting Minutes were approved. Irene Lawrence motioned for the minutes to be approved and Tim Lilley seconded.

**Treasurer's Report- Larry Furman:** The balance of the FoCC Account as of the end of June was \$12,273.63. The total revenue was \$1,090.00 and expenditures were \$995.36. This report will be placed on file subject to audit. Phyllis Richardson motioned for the Treasurer's Report to be approved and Jerry Antonucci seconded. See attached report.

**Finance Committee – Larry Furman:** Larry reported on four points of discussion from the Finance Committee Meeting held on Saturday, June 7, 2015. See attached report.

**Correspondence – Janet Corey:** No report.

**Sunshine Committee: - Karen McQuade Weiner:** No report.

**Ways and Means – Chaz Gessner:** Chaz reported that they made \$360.00 during the last three Sundays in donations from the market and t-shirts. He reminded everyone that they still have t-shirts available for \$20.00 each. The PX sells t-shirts for \$5.00 to \$10.00.

There will be a Ways and Means Committee Meeting on Thursday September 3, 2015 at 6:30 pm at Whitey's.

Chaz is researching a profitable fundraiser at Chipotle. It would be a three hour fundraiser and 50% of the evenings proceeds would be donated to the FoCC. People do not need to be associated with FoCC to take part in the fundraiser. A flyer would be given out at the door. The committee is looking at a few Chipotle locations that would be very profitable. There is a whole process to apply for the fundraiser even if it could be 12 weeks after the application is in. They also do donations first or fundraise off the evening's proceeds. When someone gives a donation at the "table" we need a receipt for people to have so that Chaz knows it is being accounted for. The committee is talking about preparing envelopes ready to be sent to Larry Furman. The committee is thinking this could be a late winter event in December or February.

Tom McGraw suggested a table be set up for the market and t-shirts on Family Camp Weekends and the FoCC Weekend.

See attached report from Chaz.

**Camp Physical Needs** – Bill Marras: No report.

**Proposal for Flag Pole Project** - Patti Longville talked about the Proposal for the Flag Pole Project. Clean up of the area around the flag pole would include: removing bushes, weeds, and hornets nests, etc. Reduce flags from three to one because it is harder to maintain the poles and three flags. The project would include Honor Bricks not just memorials. Patti motioned that the FoCC “adopt” Camp’s Flag Pole area by sponsoring a “Memorial Brick Program” which would be introduced at the Dinner/Reverse Raffle on September 17, 2015, and would run through March 1, 2017. All purchased bricks would be engraved during March 2017, and professionally laid in the Flag Pole area between April-May 2017. Phyllis Richardson seconded the motion. Questions: Tess asked when would they have the estimate for the project. Patti will talk to Irene to get the info from the company in Wadsworth. A vote was taken. All “yes” votes. No “no” votes. Motion was passed. See attached report.

**Reverse Raffle – Patti Longville:** Patti reported that 100 numbers will be sold and that 30 have been sold so far. The Reverse Raffle will take place on Thursday September 17, 2015 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. At the Slovene Center in Barberton. Chaz asked if there would be a Brown’s Tickets Raffle. Patti said “yes” and that the raffle tickets would be sold at \$5.00 each. The dad of one of the campers donated 2 tickets to the Kansas City Game on September 30<sup>th</sup> in Section 117 of the stadium. There will also be a Chinese Auction, Sideboard, and Bingo Cards. Some of the Browns Tickets and Main Board tickets have sold at the “table” on Sundays at camp. Patti will give Browns Raffle Tickets and Main Board Tickets to Chaz for the “table”. The money and stubs will be sent back to Patti. Tom McGraw asked if there was a Facebook notice about the Reverse Raffle Dinner and Tim mentioned that he had sent out a notice on Monday. Tess will send a premade notice to all camp emails. Patti reported that 140 personal fliers were sent to the people who attended last year’s event.

**Camp Staff Support – Mary Kay Thompson:** Mary Kay reported that the third event was held last Sunday with bagels, pastries, and Gatorade provided for the staff. Tom Blankenship said thank you from the staff and said it was a nice treat for everyone. Tom McGraw suggested August 8, 2015 for the next event during the transition between resident Camp and Family Camp. He suggested noontime for delivery. Diane will talk to her brother about pizza.

**Membership – Michelle Dolensky:** Michelle Dolensky thanked Irene for organizing and obtaining the donation envelopes. We now have 1,000 envelopes. Everyone received a copy of the envelope at the meeting. The new FoCC business cards are also ready and everyone received a copy of a business card at the meeting.

**Nominating Committee – Phyllis Richardson:** No report.

**Camp Historian and Webmaster – Tim Lilley:** Tim thanked Catherine Adamek for her invitation to write the history of the FoCC for the Catholic Charities August issue of *Partners*. Tim also thanked Carl Bako for doing a nice job of editing the piece for the *Partners* issue.

**Volunteer Incentive Committee – Janet Corey:** No report.

**By-Laws –** Draft By-Laws Updated completed by the By-Laws Committee, reviewed and approved by the Board and submitted to the membership. Consideration by the membership under New Business.

### **New Business**

**Board Recommendation –** Approval of Draft By-Laws as submitted to the membership. Tom McGraw opened for discussion of the By-Laws: Tim Lilley and Patti Longville asked if we could vote on the By-Laws as a whole. They recommended approving as is. Larry Furman asked if the By-Laws Committee could go over the Future of By-Laws review. Tim Lilley gave a report on how the By-Laws came about. He said the committee made an important change in the By-Laws for the Membership: “Member Directed Organization”. There is a provision for change in the By-Laws included in the changes. Phyllis Richardson motioned to adopt the Board Recommendation as is. Tim Lilley seconded the motion. A vote was taken. All members voted “yes”. Motion is passed.

**Presentation – Camp Infrastructure: Current Projects and Plans – Tess Flannery & Catherine Adamek:** Tess reported that new docks were purchased at a price of \$50,000.00. They went with the exact same dock that they had at camp. There was a minor remodel in the Lodge for an Eagle Scout Project. One is done and there are more to go. Funding was donated for new fencing. The Challenge Course will be done this fall. Plans are in place for a new cabin and new pavilion. Cabin 10 “John Barry” will be taken down and a pavilion will be built in its place. The PX is coming down and a new cabin will be built in its place. It will be a cabin with a porch. They are keeping the red paint. It will hold 18 campers and have a cement floor. This cabin will be built as a model and will then be replicated around camp in the future. There is a meeting this Tuesday about new cabins. They will be asking for a Community Development Block Grant. It includes identifying needs and the grant committee tries to match donors with needs.

Tess explained that when they choose projects: They look at the environmental impact. They look at how the project will maintain or improve services. They ask whether it will increase revenue and/or capacity or will it allow us to serve more campers than we already serve for example: a cabin with a bathroom. They ask if it is sustainable. If we don’t have the manpower to maintain it we cannot do those projects. That’s how our circle works.

Catherine Adamek spoke about the property easement. The Natural History Museum requested an easement on the camp property to preserve the environment. They will come in and protect the environment. It is a yearlong process. The Catholic Charities Board of Directors approved the property easement.

**Thank You Suggestion – Larry Furman:** Larry suggested that we acknowledge Amanda Schuster for all she did for camp as Camp Director. Tess Flannery said that that had already been taken care of with a thank you letter sent to Amanda.

**Camperships – Joe Sovacool:** Joe reported that kids from the diocese need camperships for the one day program for diocesan kids. He suggested setting aside \$2,000.00 for the diocesan kids to come to camp. Their summer day camp program is held at one of three centers in Cleveland. They pay a per camper fee of \$5.00 to \$10.00 per child. There are three groups of varying size. Sixty is a smaller size. They bring their own lunch. Chaz asked if more kids would be able to come. Catherine suggested that maybe we could provide lunch. Irene asked who could spearhead the project. Tom McGraw said he would connect with Tess Flannery. Tom suggested we “pilot” it. Tome will come to the next Board Meeting.

**Other Items - Tess Flannery:** Tess received a contact from Isaac Jogues and may talk to them about FoCC.

**Halloween Event Idea** – more of a service to the community. Open night of “Trick or Treat” at the cabins followed by a dance.

### **Unfinished Business**

1. **IRS Filing:** The IRS Filing for 2014 is completed.

### **Announcements:**

**Next FoCC Board Meeting:** October 1, 2015 (6:00 pm at Camp)

**Next General Membership Meeting:** October 22, 2015 (6:00 pm at Camp)

### **Adjourn:**

Irene Lawrence motioned to adjourn. Patti Longville seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.