

June 16, 2022

Dear Friends,

We want to thank everyone for helping make our May 21st hybrid Mission Center Conference a success! It took a lot of people to bring three locations together in a way that allowed worship, business, information, and live participation to take place. Thank you!!

A brief overview begins with the election of six persons to the Whispering Pines Board already serving their terms under emergency appointment (due to the pandemic). Those elected were: with terms ending 12/31/2023 - Rob Storms, Jason Russell, John Bear; with terms ending 12/31/2024 - Kevin Harper, Troy Rombough, and David Berger.

Under New Business I introduced an expansion to Kyle Harper's Mission Center Invitation Minister role. In addition to working with congregations to discern and pursue their calling of Christ's mission, Kyle is also heading a team with focuses of homelessness (Chad Jendery), Seeker Ministry (Sara Tubbesing), New Expressions (Robyn & Kevin Harper), Children/Youth Ministry (Bren Williams), Dick Hansen offering Team Support, and Larry McGuire as Team Mentor. Richard Betts projected that \$2,700 might be spent in 2022 and would come from MC Fund accounts. There will be a proposal at fall's business meeting to include these ministry costs into our budget for 2023. More info will be forthcoming.

We then entered an Informational session and Whispering Pines Board updated members on the status of the campgrounds since last year's fire, and their plan moving forward. Troy Rombough gave a presentation and Kevin Harper followed by answering questions. Rebuilding the dining hall has been approved and ATI Restoration was selected out of three companies to do the work. Ongoing updates will be provided via the Weekly Update emails.

The Whispering Pines Board have worked hard to reduce their operating expenses to only the bare minimum, along with recruiting volunteers to help assist with the duties and responsibilities of managing the campgrounds. However, due to significant lost revenue because of the fire, they are going to be dependent on receiving between \$35,000 - \$50,000 in donations in order to break even in 2022. **The Campground's financial reports are included here by clicking the link below.**

Your generous donations have ensured WP's survival in recent years, especially through the pandemic, but the Board projects that after the dining hall has been rebuilt their dependency on donations will decrease, as they start to receive bookings from outside organizations again.

Thank you for all the ways each of us support Christ's mission in Arizona. Continued blessings to all!

Yours in Christ,

Diana Hansen, Mission Center President

Richard Betts, Mission Center Financial Officer