Christian Education Ministry Board (CEM)

Minutes Summary

**January 19, 2023**

The CEM Board met at 10am on January 19, 2023, at the Camp Beaverfork Conference Room and via zoom. Members Present: Jason Nichols (Chairman) Danny O’Neal, Tim Campbell, and David Taylor (State Director) Zoom Attenders: Jonathan McEntire (Vice Chairman) Doug Jones (Secretary), Nick Coleman. Opening Prayer: David Taylor

Minutes for October 18, 2022, meeting was reviewed. Spelling corrections were made. Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes with corrections. Motion passed.

The 2024 budget was emailed to all members in advance. The 2024 budget mirrors 2023 budget with the exception income item 50503 “Scholarships”. 2023 scholarship budget was $5,780.00. The 2024 scholarship budget is $5,920.00. The difference comes from moving the amount of income item 50506 “Miscellaneous” for $140.00 in 2023 to the Scholarship budget.

David Taylor informed the board that the CEM Board will start paying their portion of the “Financial Review” cost from this point forward.

Ending balance in C.E.M. account as of December 31, 2022, is $11,871.50

Motion made and seconded to approve the 2024 budget. Motion passed.

The Minister’s Retreat was discussed. The 2023 speaker is Keith Burden. Jonathan McEntire emailed a copy of the updated brochures to board members in advance and gave a report on his conversation with “Smokin in Style” of Hot Springs. A motion was made and passed on the following recommendations:

1. We select the meal serving chicken and brisket with potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, and iced tea for $12.50 per plate.

2. The meal will be served at Comfort Suites on Tuesday night September 19th at 5:30pm.

3. Jonathan McEntire will add to the retreat brochure that this year’s retreat cost will include a catered BBQ dinner.

Music: recommend we contact Johnny Miller and offer to cover his room expense if he would lead our music.

Give Aways: for 2023 we will give away 4 $50.00 gift cards. Future retreat speakers were discussed.

Ministers Wives Retreat information: 2023 Ministers Wives Retreat will be on February 9th- 11th. Ruth McDonald will be the speaker. Camp Paron will be the location.

Only one CEM scholarship application has been received at this point. David Taylor will email applications to board members as they come in for the board to review before the next meeting.

Next scheduled meeting will be March 7, 2023, at 10am, via zoom.

Dismissed in prayer by Tim Campbell.

**March 7, 2023**

The CEM Board held a 10am zoom meeting on March 7, 2023. Members Present: Jason Nichols (Chairman) Jonathan McEntire (Vice Chairman) Doug Jones (Secretary), Nick Coleman, Tim Campbell, and David Taylor (State Director). Opening Prayer: David Taylor

Scholarships. The 2023 Scholarship Budget is $5,780. Three scholarship applications have been received: Isabella (First FWB, NLR), Rachal Haralson (First FWB, Dardanelle), and Dayana M. Correa (Cavanaugh FWB).

A motion was made by Tim Campbell to add $220.00 from the general fund to the budgeted $5,780, rounding off the total scholarship fund at $6,000.00. Then to award each applicant $750 per semester ($1,500 per year). The total amount of scholarship money awarded for all three of the applicants combined would equal $4,500. The remaining $1,500 would then be put into a scholarship trust program as “seed money” for future scholarship growth. (This consideration will be revisited each year to determine how much, if any, additional funds can be added to the trust). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Ministers Wives Retreat summary report sent from Debe Taylor. This year’s retreat was February 9-11 at Camp Paron. Our speaker, Ruth McDonald, former missionary to Japan and Executive Director of FWB Women’s Ministry, was exceptional in sharing on the theme “Survivor.” Thirty-two registered, but only thirty were able to attend. We had a couple ladies who were only able to attend Friday night/Saturday morning. This year, we ranged in age from 23-85! We had four first timers. Several had their way paid by their churches, but one district association paid for their pastors’ wives to attend. Great idea! We had a shopping day on Friday. It was a wonderful way for the ladies to get to know each other while we were out together. The gift to all the ladies this year was a door hanger each lady made during the craft time. All the supplies were provided by the CE Board funds.

Total cost for the retreat was: $7,081.68. Total income was: $2,830.02 Total CE Board gift: $5,000.

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Thank you so much for the financial support you gave to make this much-needed event happen. We appreciate you!

FYI: Camp Paron has been secured for the 2024 Ministers’ Wives’ Retreat – February 8-10.

Ministers Retreat brochures were finalized and approved for print. Between 250 and 300 will be ordered, depending on the price break. Brochures will be handed out at the state meeting and then mailed out on the first of August. Jonathan also gave a final report on food for the Tuesday evening dinner at the retreat.

A reminder of the book review reading list was passed along.

Our next meeting will be at the state meeting, May 16-17. Dismissed in prayer by Nick Coleman.

**June 20, 2023**

The CEM Board held a 10am zoom meeting on June 20, 2023. Members Present: Jason Nichols (Chairman) Jonathan McEntire (Vice Chairman) Doug Jones (Secretary), Nick Coleman, Tim Campbell, and David Taylor (State Director). Opening Prayer: David Taylor

The Minister’s Retreat was discussed. The speaker and music leader were confirmed. Comfort Suites (Hot Springs) was confirmed as the location. Smokin’-N-Style was confirmed for catering the Tuesday evening meal. Retreat brochures were placed in every attendee’s bag at the state meeting. Registration forms will be in the VISION. An additional mailout of the brochures will be on August 1, 2023. The registration deadline is September 1, 2023.

Logistics: Nick Coleman will provide the sound system and computer.

Jonathan McEntire will contact the state office for a registration count on September 4th and forward a meal count to Smokin’ – N – Style. Compensation for Keith Burden and Johnny Miller was approved.

We will have a drawing for two separate $20.00 restaurant gift cards this year. A 4-to-5-point questionnaire for participants to answer in moving forward regarding future minister retreats.

Scholarships. A $600 check was received from the First FWB Church in Jonesboro.  The funds were raised by the church’s women’s group for scholarships for ARFWB students at a FWB college.  The C.E.M. Board approved that the $600 be divided and added to the C.E.M scholarship recipients and given during the first semester.

Election of officers. Motion was made and seconded that the current officers: Jason Nichols (Chairman) Jonathan McEntire (Vice Chairman) Doug Jones (Secretary), continue to serve in the same capacity. The motion carried unanimously.

Our next meeting will be September 5, 2023, via zoom at 9am. Dismissed in prayer by Doug Jones.

**September 5, 2023**

The CEM Board held a 9:15am zoom meeting on September 5, 2023. Members Present: Jason Nichols (Chairman) Jonathan McEntire (Vice Chairman) Doug Jones (Secretary), Nick Coleman, and David Taylor (State Director). Opening Prayer: Jonathan McEntire.

The Minister’s Retreat was discussed. Board members will arrive at Comfort Suites at 3pm.

Registration is from 3-5pm. Board member responsibilities at the retreat were discussed.

David Taylor will bring a small table for check-in, change for check-in, checks for speaker and music leader, Comfort Suites, and Smokin’ – N – Style.

Susan Jones will make a gift basket for the speaker. Receipts are to be submitted to the state office for reimbursement.

Other items discussed. Ministers Retreat Tuesday meal will start at 5:30pm. Online registration for 2024 Ministers Retreat will be set up through ARFWB office.

Dismissed in prayer by David Taylor

**September 28, 2023**

The CEM Board held a 10am zoom meeting on September 28, 2023. Members Present: Jason Nichols (Chairman) Jonathan McEntire (Vice Chairman) Doug Jones (Secretary), Nick Coleman, Tim Campbell, Greg Tucker, and David Taylor (State Director). Opening Prayer: Tim Campbell

2023 Ministers Retreat Summary. Registration (34), income ($3,500), and expenses ($7,363.56) were discussed.

Recommendations. It was decided to have online registration available moving forward with future Ministers Retreats. It was decided that we consider moving back to Lake DeGray State Park in 2024. Jonathan McEntire reported on his discussions with Taylor Slocum at DeGray Lake Resort, regarding conference room rate, small meeting room rate, and room rates. 25 double occupancy rooms were put on hold for the September 16-18, 2024, Minister’s Retreat.

There was a mix-up on the speaker for the 2024 retreat. The correct speaker is William Smith with Joe Grizzle speaking in 2025. It was recommended that a topic(s) be sent to the retreat speakers when inviting them to come.

Dismissed in prayer by Doug Jones