

CONCONULLY BIBLE CAMP

A Ministry of Okanogan County Holiness Association

Notes from the Treasurer: - Kathy Hughes

We had a successful Family Camp again this year. God helped us put together a great staff and brought great campers, some new and many familiar faces. Lonnie Good and team brought wonderful worship music and set the tone for Vern Weaver's messages. Well done, everyone. Teresa Good was also our missionary for the week and we were able to send her \$3079.57 to continue her ministry in Africa.

There has been a wonderful generous outpouring of financial support over the last two years. We have deposited \$150,385. and we have completed multiple projects including remodeling the Restroom/showers in the triangle, upgrading the water and electrical connections for the dike side RV hookups, replacing the roof on the dining hall, and many other projects. The total spent for improvement projects was \$134,000. Most of the money you donate goes directly to improvements. Thank you everyone who prays and donates.

Elections!

We just completed our elections for new board members and officers for Okanogan County Holiness Association. A huge thank you to outgoing board members Bethany McCune, Rod Weitman and Stacy Balthazor. Your contributions as board members is very appreciated.

Your new board members this year are Linda Thomason, Jen Bedard and Lonnie Good. Thank you for agreeing to serve on the board. They will be joining Eric Schmidt (president), Chester LaFontaine (vice-president), Teri Mitschelen (secretary), Kathy Hughes (treasurer), Vic Elmore, Glen Hughes, Shad James, Steve James, and Pat Kee who are currently serving and continuing the legacy of Conconully Bible Camp. God is still at work through Conconully Family Camp, changing hearts and meeting people where they are.

NEW FRIENDS

This summer Zach and Christina Gapan and their family joined us at Family Camp for the first time. He was playing bass guitar in the worship team at Lonnie's request. Some of their comments regarding their experience at camp: "It changed our hearts." "The first time we have met a large group of people who were all seeking after God" "God was so abundantly evident in all aspect of camp" "I don't have words to express how blessed we felt to be welcomed in and included in the family of Camp. We met so many new friends and plan to return every year with our family"

Welcome Zach, Christina and family, as well as all the others who joined us for the first time this year. You were all a great addition to camp and we hope to see you again this next summer.

Yard Sale – Pat Kee

After 100 years of collecting items around camp it was time for a thorough clean out. In addition to that the dining hall was going to need a new roof desperately and a remodel including some plumbing updates. A yard sale was determined to be a way to add to the needed funds and an avenue for disposing of items no longer needed. On August 31 we did just that, had a camp yard sale in conjunction with the Conconully Community Sale. The dining hall was full, with additional items outside, like the heavy enamel sink that had been moved from place to place for many years.

We had many great conversations with folks who visited the sale; some who had gone to camp years ago, others who had lived in Conconully their whole lives and never been in the dining hall.

It was hard work but great fun meeting folks from all over. We had a leftover king size Hudson Bay blanket that hadn't sold at a previous sale. A gentleman came in and snatched it up for \$300. Many were very generous and when all was said and done we raised over \$2000. Praise the Lord.

Dining Hall roof project by Vic Elmore

The Dining Hall has been leaking for several years and the board decided it was time to put on a new roof. The old metal roof was losing its nails, had been repaired a few times and was leaking again. We believe we must have the money on hand before we start a project. We do not go into debt and we trust the Lord to provide for His camp as he has done in the past. We believe when a job is done the workers should be paid as soon as possible. This keeps good will in the community and keeps a solid working relationship with tradesmen. The request for bids was put out to three local roofers for tearing off the old roof (8/12 pitch), putting down OSB (150 sheets), doing the edge trims and ridge vent and clean up and haul off the old roofing. One contractor responded with a bid and said he could do it right away. He was known to several board members and had a reputation for good work. No other bids were received. The bid was accepted by the board. His crew began the next week. The first day I was there: seven men were working and they took the old roof off, put on OSB and covered it with felt and ice guard so it was dried in after a ten hour day. The second day I was there the north side roofing was installed. The third day all scraps were cleaned up and the south roof was finished. The old metal over the candy store was screwed down to await a later project. There is a good looking, new dark green roof on the dining hall. It took three weeks from the bid being received until the roof was finished. Thank you to the faithful givers of Conconully Bible Camp so that this project could be done this year.

Next Projected Projects:

The next projects coming up are to revamp the dining hall kitchen and remodel the south side of the dining hall. The old sink and wash area has worn out. The major issue is the old plumbing. It is going to require cutting concrete and replacing piping to improve connection to the city sewer system. When that project is finished we plan to remodel the south side of the dining hall for better storage of kitchen supplies, sporting and game equipment and tools. These projects are all dependent on the Lord's timing and the donations of loyal followers of Conconully Bible Camp. The Lord has been so faithful in working us through the many projects of the last 15 years – the new cabins, the remodeled cabins, the tabernacle, the RV restroom, the water system meeting health code, (thank you, Chester!) new RV spaces, the siding on the old cabins and now a roof to mention a few. There is also a future need to remodel the main restrooms. Pray for wisdom for your directors, please. Thank you to the faithful volunteers who have come to work days and for the many who pray for those volunteers and work days.