

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 24, 2025

Location: Whispering Winds Camp 17606 Harrison Park Rd. Julian, Ca. 5:00pm

Present: Tim Cusick (Chair), Bob Wiley (Vice Chair), Fr. Mike Murphy, Kelly Sinclair, Annette Moore, Stephanie Kiesel, Margie Williams, Rob Laff, Michael May, Larry Varela, Chris Geis

Absent: Monsignor Mark Campbell, Renato Montano, Robert Burner

WW Staff Present: Martin Rosales (Executive Director), John Tobin (Facilities Manager)

Guest Attendees: N/A

Opening Prayer: by Tim Cusick (Chair), approximately 4:35 PM.

BOD meeting Minutes: Larry Varela asked the Board to approve the November 2024 minutes of the board meeting as submitted. Annette M. made the motion to approve the November minutes of the board as submitted. Bob W. seconded the motion and all in attendance unanimously voted to approve the motion to approve the November minutes as submitted. Larry V. then invited the Board to sign up for host dates and fill the 2025 Board Meeting Calendar. The Board generously filled all our calendar meeting dates. Some of the host dates have changed during this time. Please stay tuned and know we have our meeting places for 2025 established.

March 26, 2025 Michael May / Rob Laff at St. Michael's Poway

May 21, 2025 Stephanie K / Robert B at St. Charles Borromeo Pt. Loma (Need a replacement for Stephanie)

September 24, 2025 Annette M / Margie W at The Moore's Home Mt. Helix

November 19, 2025 Fr. Mike M / Tim C / Bob W at Sacred Heart Coronado

Note: Kelly S has offered her home, if needed

WW Woman's Auxiliary: Kelly Sinclair (WWWA 2025 Board Liaison) – Kelly shared about the Whispering Winds Women's Auxiliary history and events to help the Board members understand how devoted and active the WWWA is to the Camp. The WWWA was founded in 1988 to pray for and support the Camp. Every day the WWWA, more than 200 members, pray at 3:00 for our Camp. They hold a women's retreat in May the week after Mother's Day. The WWWA host a Women's Auxiliary Brunch fundraiser each year raising money for campers to attend Camp. They also host a Lenten and Advent retreat each year. All are welcome.

Presentation of BoD Committees & Chairs: Tim Cusick (Chair) took a moment to share an overview of the WW Board, its several committees and the committee chairs of those several committees for the benefit of our new board members. He also took time to speak about the Camp's budget and the importance of having an established endowment to support the Camp's financial needs. When finished, Tim C asked each committee chairperson to speak about their committee objectives and needs.

Finance: Tim Cusick (Chair), Began with the unfortunate news Peter K. stepped down from his position as Chief Financial Officer of WW Board for personal reasons. Peter honorably served on the Board as CFO for five years. He was essential as we worked together through the Covid shut down of the camp. Thank you, Peter K.

Tim C. then went through the camp budget numbers. The Camp looks to "Finish Well" this year.

Active Committee updates:

Risk Management: Rob Laff (Committee Chair) Rob spoke about the committee's accomplishments over the year. Then moved on to a new work waiver for the Camp volunteers, Updated by-laws and a glowing review of the Camps Safety Policies. He ended with Camp incident reports being up in 2024 and explained the Camp had received significantly more campers in 2024 than previous years.

Development: – Stephanie Kiesel (Committee Chair) Stephanie began with a new quote for the Pavilion Project at Camp. "Ministry Passion Committee, an opportunity to grow the Camp." To have these opportunities, we need committee meeting spaces. More to come at the next WW Board meeting. Stephanie also spoke about "Parish Partnerships" where parish that buy a table or support the Camp at the Gala would receive a Camp Credit to help defer cost when their parishioners attend Camp. Then closed with comments about our Holy Grounds Society – "Place a Legacy at the Camp."

Buildings and Grounds: – Bob Wiley (Committee Chair) began with speaking about tasks completed at the Camp - Operations related items, lists completed, fire sprinkler leaks in Founders Hall... The big news is the Camp has been designated as a Community Resource Center. The Camp will provide services and water to the Julian community in times of emergency. As part of this designation SDG&E will install two solar arrays that will power the Camp and include a battery storage bank and propane generator as a backup system. All this will be at almost no cost to the Camp. Bob asked for a motion to vote and approve this solar project at the Camp. Tim C. made the motion to approve the Camp solar project and Larry V. seconded the motion. All in attendance voted to approve the motion to approve.

Nominating: – Kelly Sinclair (Committee Chair), Kelly explained her history as the committee chair and then asked each board member to start identifying for themselves members of the community that would be strong nominations for future board members. She asked them to make a list and share it with the nominating committee.

Insurance Task Force: (Vacant) – No report currently.

Memorial Garden: Laurence Varela – Larry announced the Memorial Garden ad-hoc committee had its meeting on January 21, 2025. In the interest of time, he asked to postpone his report until the March 2025 meeting.

Executive Director Report: Martin Rosales – Martin began with asking new & veteran Board members to read and respond to WW board member emails as soon as possible during their term on the Board. Then, he included Jacqueline Renteria as the staff contact and to reach out to her with questions, if needed. Martin then spoke about Cursillo, saying "Cursillo is the reason this Camp works." That was followed by the news about our Bishop asking Cursillo to take a 1-year break on holding Cursillo Candidates Weekends. That is a significant part of the Camp's schedule. Our WW camp sales & marketing team is working to help with possible Weekend Ultreyas, men's camp or women's retreats.

New Business: No new business at this time.

Next Board Meeting: March 26, 2025 – St. Michael's in Poway

Closing Prayer: – approximately 6:20 pm by Bob W.

Meeting adjourned: at approximately 6:25 PM