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WEBSTER CONFERENCE CENTER WELCOMES THE KNCSB ANNUAL MEETING MESSENGERS IN OCTOBER:

WCC is looking forward to hosting, in conjunction with the Salina area SBC churches, the 2017 KNCSB Annual Meeting on October 9-10. Room and board will be available for those messengers wanting to take advantage of reasonable rates for food and lodging during the Annual Meeting. WCC will be providing free room and board to bivocational pastors in Kansas and Nebraska, but WCC will also be offering economical meals and housing for anyone wanting to reserve a motel room while they last, as well as dormitory rooms for individuals and/or families. To reserve your place at WCC this October, go to www.webstercc.org and click on the Annual Meeting link to make your reservations.



MAJOR CHANGES ARE OCCURRING AT WCC:

2017 has become the “Year of Major Changes” at Webster Conference Center! Many things have already changed and more changes are on the way:

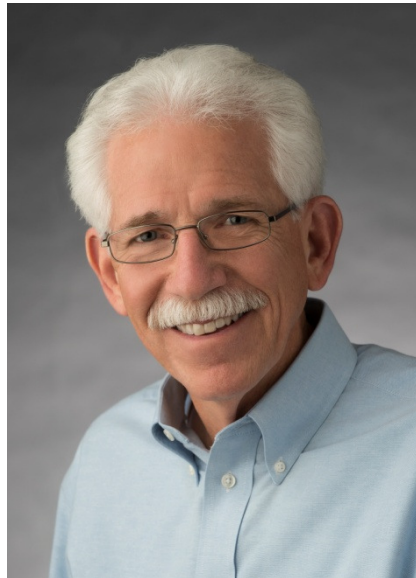
1. The new Dining Hall addition has been completed without any debt and it is being used regularly not only for dining, but for other meetings as well. Due to this quickly becoming a favorite place for many to hold meetings of all kinds, some slight modifications are being made to the interior of the building to make it even more useful for a variety of meetings.
2. The renovation of the old Dining Hall area has begun and the new dish return area and the beverage stations are complete without any debt. Additional cosmetic changes will make this old area even better in the days ahead.
3. The new Picnic Pavilion has been built, again debt free, and the final cosmetic touches are being done to this building this fall. Funds remain available to add a new grilling area and service center to this pavilion, as well as adding a restroom facility to the Recreation Shack/Picnic Pavilion before the summer camping season begins in 2018.
4. A new Prayer Gazebo, in memory of Kyle Pelton, was erected between the Chapel and the Swimming Pool earlier this month. Kyle grew up attending children’s camp, Super Summer and serving on various summer camp leadership teams at WCC. He recently graduated from Kansas State University as was preparing for a life of mission ministries when he was killed in a car accident in November of 2016. Prayer was a key factor in Kyle’s life, and this gazebo will be used to remember his passion for his Savior and to pray for others to be saved and to follow Christ obediently.
5. Earlier this year, the entry road from near the front gate to the Dining Hall was paved with concrete and now provides a wonderful entrance into the campus. This is the first phase of the project which also will see the repaving of the Chapel parking lot in the future. Plans for this second phase of the project will be reviewed by the WCC Board of Directors in their October Board Meeting.



6. Also to be reviewed at the October Board Meeting will be major policy changes for 2018:
 - a. Background checks will be required for all sponsors for events with minors spending the night. (The WCC Board will be dealing with the details of how this policy will be implemented.)
 - b. Gender issues will be dealt with biblically by adding a new policy to the Facility Usage Manual to protect our children and youth attending WCC.
 - c. A new "Emergency Situation" system will be reviewed and added to the Facility Usage Manual as well, once again to make WCC a safe place for all those who use the conference center.
7. Personnel is also changing at WCC:
 - a. On August 5, 2017, Phil Graves retired after twelve and a half years of service as the Food Service Coordinator at WCC, and on September 15th, Todd Bradrick will become the new WCC Food Service Coordinator. Beth Walters, the current WCC Associate Food Service Coordinator, has faithfully served as the Interim Food Service Coordinator between Phil and Todd, and she will continue working with Todd as the Associate in 2018.



- b. On December 31, 2017, Terry McIlvain will retire after 35 years with KNCSB/WCC, and Mari Parker will become the new WCC Director on January 1, 2018.



BIDS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE MULBERRY CREEK PROJECT:

WCC has received two bids for the Mulberry Creek Beautification Project, and if these two bids are any indication of the cost, it will take some time to raise the funds needed to pursue this project. To make sure we are getting the best bid possible, WCC is still awaiting a third bid hoping for better results. Right now those bids are indicating it will take about \$500,000, so unless money arrives more quickly than on other projects, the project will probably not begin until the late winter of 2018 or even 2019. This rechanneling project will return the Mulberry Creek to its original channel that was changed by Mr. Webster as he was in the process of giving "Camp Webster" to KNCSB. The current security channel on the west side of the campus will cease to be the main flowing channel of the creek, and it will become the overflow

channel during the rainy months of the year. This will allow the creek to gently flow through the camp just west of the current buildings when the construction project is completed.

Included in this project will be the rechanneling of the creek as just discussed, developing a new low-water bridge in its current location, the construction of a small bridge in the Disc Golf area, as well as removing the current rubble along the creek and some sculpting and landscaping along the creek banks. Perhaps the biggest benefit to the conference center will be that the channel, which now currently remains stagnant most of the year and is a great breeding ground for mosquitoes, will become a free-flowing water source that is constantly moving.

When the final cost is determined, a fundraising campaign will begin to secure the funds needed to complete this project. Because of the benefits to those who use the conference center in the late spring and early summer, it is hoped that funds can be raised quickly. PLEASE BEGIN TO PRAY NOW that everything will come together at the right time to complete this project which has been in the planning process for several years.

AUGUST USER DAY AND REVENUE REPORT:

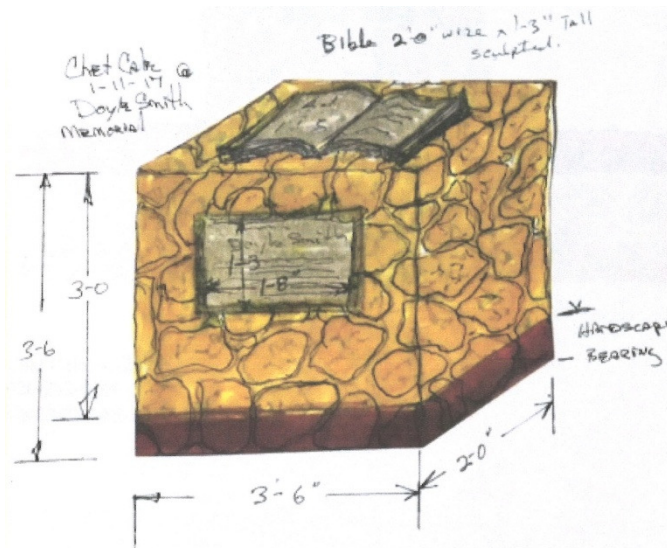
August 2016 User Days	3,966	August 2016 Revenues	\$62,628.85
August 2017 User Days	2,149	August 2017 Revenues	\$20,906.63
2016 Year-to-Date User Days	37,110	2016 Year-to-Date Revenues	\$708,072.35
2017 Year-to-Date User Days	32,603	2017 Year-to-Date Revenues	\$695,655.50

MEMORIAL TO REMEMBER DOYLE SMITH:

The attempt to raise the funds for the memorial marker for Dr. Doyle Smith is nearing completion, and 75% of the funds needed have been raised as of mid-September. As Doyle stated, "God's vision for Webster Conference Center is to call and equip the next generation of spiritual leaders in Kansas and Nebraska." THIS IS A LEGACY THAT NEEDS TO BE SHARED. If you and your church could assist with this memorial to remember the vision and legacy which Doyle sought to demonstrate, make your checks payable to "KNCSB" and send your gifts to:

The Doyle Smith Memorial
 Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists
 5410 SW 7th St.
 Topeka, KS 66606

The memorial will be installed at WCC in time for the KNCSB Annual Meeting at WCC on October 9-10, 2017, and be dedicated during the Monday afternoon session.



SCHEDULED VOLUNTEER WORK GROUPS:

Many work projects are available both indoors and outdoors. Would your Sunday School class, men's, women's or youth group or church be willing to help make WCC a better place for those who will attend in the near future? There are also many jobs/ministries for individuals too. Work teams from 2-5 are often the best size for the things that need to be done at WCC. Call Bill Cooke at 1-620-200-2931 to schedule yourself or your group for the fall and winter. THANKS!

PLEASE PRAY:

Pray that lives will be transformed at future events held at WCC, especially:

- a. KNCSB Renew (formerly Wonderful Weekend for Women)
- b. Smoky Hill Baptist Association Fall Gathering
- c. KNCSB Collegiate Fall Conference
- d. KNCSB Annual Meeting
- e. KNCSB Shine Conference
- f. KNCSB Campus Directors Retreat

GROUPS SCHEDULED TO USE WCC NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER:

SEPTEMBER EVENTS:

Salina Public Library
KNCSB Renew (Wonderful Weekend for Women)
Kansas Army National Guard
Smoky Hill Baptist Association
Salina Rescue Mission
Collegiate Fall Conference
Salina South High School
Central Christian Academy
Gideons International
Central Christian College

OCTOBER EVENTS:

Salina Public Library
Southeast of Saline Elementary
Tobacco Free Kansas Coalition
Kansas Head Start Association
WCC Fall Board Meeting
First Southern Baptist Church of Great Bend, KS
KNCSB Annual Meeting
KNCSB VBS Planning Team
Artisan Market
Carrillo/Jaye Wedding
Crossroads Women's Encounter
CrossPoint Salina
Western Plains District Church of the Brethren
Lyne/Garrison Wedding
Saline County Emergency Management

NOVEMBER EVENTS:

Salina Public Library
Eco Meet
KNCSB Shine Conference
Gideons Salina Camp
Waddell & Reed
Kansas Concerns of Police Survivors

Salina County Duplicate Bridge Club
KNCSB Campus Directors Retreat
Kansas State Department of Education
The Emporium, Inc.

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