

SPRING 2014 OK CAMPERS ON MISSION RALLY MINUTES

May 14-17, 2014

60 attendees

Wednesday PM

Joe Becker opened the rally with prayer. He introduced our new members: Andy and Audrey Ewing; Dennis and Carolyn Vanderburg. The group then enjoyed sub sandwiches from Mazzio's as well as various desserts brought by several members. After the meal, Jim Conley talked about the projects the men would be working on Thursday and Friday. They would be putting skirting on two mobile homes as well as building a ramp, medicine cabinet, etc. at the Pottawatomie County Baptist Association Building. This was followed by prayer needs of members, friends and family. Andy Ewing then told about building chapels at prisons across the state of Oklahoma.

Thursday AM

The ladies worked on the various sewing projects they wanted to complete during the rally. The men went to their work sites to work.

Thursday PM

Joe Becker opened the meeting with prayer. We then enjoyed the meal catered by Regina's Catering. Ken Hudson led the COM choir as they sang several songs. Bobby Burnett then led the group in group singing. Our speaker for the evening was Sarah Riser from the OK Baptist Homes for Children. She told about how she developed her public speaking background, which led to her being asked to join Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children. She talked about OBHC's goal as developing capable Christian adults. She also talked about Children's Hope which is a live-in facility for single mothers where they can learn finances, work skills, etc. After prayer, the meeting adjourned.

Friday AM

Joe Becker gave an excellent devotional before member went to their various places to work.

Friday PM

The evening business meeting began with prayer by Jim Conley. The Executive Committee brought before the group the possibility of moving the spring rally to April rather than May. The rationale was to avoid graduations and other end-of-school activities, if possible. After much discussion, Paul Day made a motion to change the date to April dependent on facility availability. Motion was seconded; motion passed.

Glenda told the group about what the ladies had accomplished during the rally. Sixty-seven pad holders and twenty-five girl's dresses were finished. Both these will be sent to an orphanage in Africa. In addition, baby blankets were completed. Several Comfy Quilt tops were also completed.

The fall rally dates are: September 10-13, 2014.

Bobby Burnett asked that we get someone else to lead the music after the spring meeting. Also, as chaplain, Bobby would like to be able to visit COM members. Everyone needs to be diligent in notifying Marvin Smith about needs so that he can get the word out.

Andy Ewing made the observation that the chapter needs to add younger people. He suggested that members do a better job of presenting COM to our churches, etc. Dennis Vanderburg closed the business meeting with prayer.

After a recess, the rest of the evening meeting continued. Our meal was catered by Regina's Catering. Following the meal, a special birthday cake was presented to honor Merrel McMahan's 100th birthday and Bob Martin's 90th birthday. Both of these gentlemen have invested many years in service to Campers on Mission not only in Oklahoma but across the nation.

Our speaker for the evening was Sam Porter. He talked about going to Mexico as part of Partnership Missions and meeting with his counterpart there. That ministry is growing as churches are being added regularly. Sam also told about how Disaster Relief was able to minister during the Colorado Springs fires and the Boulder floods. He also told about how Disaster Relief was able to assist here in Oklahoma after the tornados in Moore-Oklahoma City, El Reno, Little Axe, Shawnee area, Carney and Quapaw. He told about how Allen Aber from Continental Oil Company provided houses for those in need in Boulder. These types of homes are also being provided here in OK in the Little Axe and Shawnee areas. He also talked about being invited to come to New York for the dedication of the Trade Centers memorial dedication.

Saturday AM

Members enjoyed our covered dish breakfast. Following the meal, Regina Dudley gave a devotional by sharing her very inspiring testimony.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

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