

**Board of Directors Meeting  
March 19, 2014**

**Call to Order**

A meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 12:03 PM by President Charles Parrott.

**Board Members Present**

Charles Parrott  
Steve Browning  
Rev. Ronnie Crudup, Jr.  
Donna Orkin  
Bennie Butts  
James Donald  
Sister Trinita Eddington  
Ricky James  
Glen Breedlove

**Staff Members Present**

Frank Spencer, Sherry Spille, Rhonda Tomlin, Michelle Bingham

**Opening Prayer & Announcements**

The opening prayer was offered by Frank Spencer

**Special Guest**

Frank Spencer introduced Jim Caderas from CN Railroad. Jim explained that CN Railroad had chosen Stewpot as the non-profit in the south to invest their donations. The Board at CN is considering Stewpot's new grant request.

**Review of Minutes**

The minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

**Financial Report**

Sherry Spille explained there is an increase in revenue in February from all sources of about \$94,000 from this time last year. She explained all of the accounts and their totals. Frank Spencer is concerned that individual and business contributions are going down and he is keeping an eye on it.

**Capital Campaign**

Annie Crews died and left Stewpot \$250,000 in her annuity fund. When Ms. Crew's will is finalized Stewpot will get another \$50,000-\$60,000. This money will be applied to the Capital Campaign Trustmark loan of \$400,000. The landscaping for the new kitchen is \$15,000 and is being funded from a grant from the Mississippi Garden Club. The new open house for our kitchen and eating area is April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Global Financial Building**

The old Global Financial building across the street is in good shape, and it will be used for offices and to start new programs. The Board unanimously approved the resolution to purchase the building for \$10,000.

**ESG Grants**

The Board unanimously authorized Frank Spencer to sign City of Jackson ESG grants in place of Charles Parrot when Charles is not readily available.

**Officers**

The Board received the resignation of Tommy Brown from Word of Life, and Steve Burton from Covenant Presbyterian. Stewpot needs two new Board Members.

**Program Committee Report**

Steve Browning is going to replace Tommy Brown on the Program Committee. Donna Orkin talked about her visit to Sim's house and how they are in need of new furniture for the living room and fresh mattresses for the beds. They also need access to computers for a job search. She wants to get a vehicle for them to be able to use for job searches and other appointments.

**Taste of Mississippi**

Michelle Bingham talked about the upcoming preview party on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The Taste of Mississippi will be held on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 7p.m. to 10p.m.

**Old/New Business**

There was no old or new business

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Rhonda Tomlin-Recorder

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Charles Parrott, President