

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

I am pleased to present our annual report for the year 2017. At last year's AGM we asked for your prayer support and I want to thank you all for stepping up in that regard. I really feel like God has protected us and directed our steps through the past year.

What is our purpose and what are we trying to accomplish? To provide an excellent camping program that leads young people into faith in Jesus Christ and subsequently into a relationship with Him that lasts the rest of their life. This is our mandate.

In order to accomplish this throughout 2017 we have been trying to improve our processes. To start off we hired Mark Anderson as a part-time maintenance man. He has done a tremendous job getting our facility fixed up and repaired. We are also currently doing a facilities upgrade, major cleaning and painting and will have finished laying the vinyl planking in the lounge area by the date of the AGM. We purchased a large commercial lawnmower and Garry Warner and some others have taken over grounds keeping and are doing an excellent job. We have streamlined our Financial and billing systems and secured a line of credit to accommodate future improvements. Steps are being taken to update our rental process and the website has been revamped.

One of the ways we fund our camping program is through facility rentals. We had received a number of well-founded renter complaints regarding the cleanliness and condition of the buildings and in response we have made a commitment to excellence in this area. Much work has been done and thanks to all who have been working their fingers to the bone to restore confidence that our facilities are up to the mark.

During the summer we ran 5 camps with over 200 children/young adults attending. Over 100 of those campers were inner city kids with no real church affiliation. Healing hearts church in Regina does a great job of rounding these youngsters up. Family camp was well attended and from all reports enjoyed by everyone there. Camps were well staffed and there were a good number of young people reached for Christ. Thanks to all who provided leadership and were used by God to minister his love. When my eight-year-old granddaughter came back from camp I asked her what did you like best about camp. Her immediate response, MY COUNSELLOR!

One area of concern is that our camps, with the exception of inner city are not fully filled with campers. As we discussed how to deal with this problem the fact emerged that only 20% of campers pay their own way. The decision was made to waive camper fees and to ask for donations to cover camper costs. The thought behind this is that those who can, will still pay for their children and the rest of the spots will be filled by those who can pay "what they can" or those who can't pay at all. Our "Send a kid to camp" and "50x100" initiatives are being revived to help address this problem. If God stirs your heart to donate in this way please contact any board member.

Dan Cronan tendered his resignation October 1, 2017 and I would like to take this opportunity to

thank Dan and Aimee for their contribution during the four years they ministered here. Currently we are looking for a new camp director and have some strong prospects applying.

In December we had our fundraiser and thanks to generous donors we raised almost \$10,000. Memorials from Robert Barber and Charlie Humphries were gratefully received. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated money, time, labor and resources. It is absolutely amazing to see how God continues to inspire people to give to accomplish His purposes at Strasbourg Bible Camp.

So in conclusion this year like last we covet your prayers. Pray that our board would make good decisions. That the right people would fill the various positions needed. That we would be given the opportunity to reach many people for Christ and God's favor would rest on Strasbourg Bible Camp.

Respectfully Submitted

Mark Johnson