

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Blackhawk Presbytery

May 22, 2018

The Trustees of Blackhawk Presbytery met on May 22, 2018 at Stronghold prior to the Presbytery Council meeting.

Frank Finch summarized the written financial report. Presbytery cash accounts have decreased vs prior year but remain strong. Stronghold cash accounts have increased vs prior year. Maintenance cash accounts have decreased due to significant maintenance expenses in 2018. Gift Shop accounts have increased.

Stronghold shared the following maintenance and equipment needs:

- The hot water heater for the kitchen and Brubaker center is broken. Replacement @\$3,500.
- One lawn mower required over \$1,300 in repairs.
- One lawn mower needs to be replaced at a cost of \$12,000.
- We are losing the road up the hill. Proper repair is to rebuild the road @\$20,000.

Motion from the Trustees: Request that the Presbytery of Blackhawk authorize Frank Finch and John Rickard to re-negotiate Stronghold's current loan with Central Bank (approximate balance: \$135,289 @ 6%) to borrow an additional \$50,000.00 for capital needs.

Respectfully Submitted
Matthew T. Robinson, Moderator

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY ASSEMBLY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Blackhawk Presbytery

May 22, 2018

The Presbytery Assembly Planning Committee met on May 22, 2018 at Stronghold following the Presbytery Council Meeting. The PAPC generally meets the month prior to Stated Meetings of Presbytery. Our main focus is to coordinate the Learning Opportunity portion of our Stated Meetings.

In September we will do a 90-minute Soul Shop workshop led by John Dillon, Laurie Walker, Anita Stuart-Steva, and Matt Robinson. Also, we look forward to hearing from our General Assembly Commissioners and their experiences at the 223rd General Assembly in St. Louis this summer.

November's meeting at Westminster in Joliet will include the installation of officers. Also, we will be receiving our CWS Challenge kits, so get started in your local congregations with collecting for this much needed and appreciated mission offering. Finally, in November we hope to hear more about the Northern Illinois Food Bank's new Joliet facility and respond with some volunteer opportunities.

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