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Looking ahead-----

Southeast Region Committees Meeting, March 29-31, 2009

Hickory Knob State Park, McCormick, SC

Administrative Board, 3-4:30 pm; 7:30-9 pm, March 29
8:30am-12 noon on March 30

Accreditation Committee, 1-4:30 pm; 7:30-9 pm, March 29
8:30 am to 12 noon, March 30

Certification Committee, 7:30-9 pm, March 29;
as scheduled in sub-committees on March 30 and 31

Mission and Development, 3-4:30 pm; 7:30-9 pm, March 29

Peer Reviews as scheduled in sub-committees
between noon-4:30 pm; 7:30 -9 pm on March 29
8:30 am -4:00 pm on March 30

4:45 to 7:15 pm on March 29: a meeting with dinner of the members of the above committees with the ACPE Board of Representatives and the Regional Director for the purpose of soliciting regional feedback/consultation about the space/location of a future “program center and headquarters of the ACPE.”

Southeast Region Annual Meeting.....Oct. 6-9, 2009

Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center

1601 Alfaya Trail

Oviedo, FL 32765-9485

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In this newsletter, you'll find-----

....note from the Regional Director,
....traveling directions to Hickory Knob,
....“this and that” about our membership, and
....report of RD and regional reps to the ACPE Bd of Reps.

Colleagues in the Southeast Region:

The report from our Regional Director with input from your regional Board of Representatives to the ACPE Board of Representatives (printed on page 3ff) intends to inform our members about a process of development that has been in the making for several years. It specifically addresses the transitional time that eventuated in the forming of a Foundation for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc.

By the fall of 2009, the Board of Representatives of the ACPE, Inc. has to make some decisions about the kind of space, location, design desired in the next "learning center and administrative headquarters" of the ACPE, Inc. Your input, vision, consultation to our regional Representatives will be sought at a "Members Meeting" on March 29, 2009 at Hickory Knob beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Please be on the lookout for another report that will be entitled "Background Information for the Members Meeting" that will be emailed to you by March 16.

If you cannot be in attendance at that "Members Meeting," please email me your perspectives; and I will ensure your voice has been heard and represented by our regional reps at the ACPE Board of Reps.

Blessings and peace,

Jap

Driving Directions to Hickory Knob:

Hickory Knob State Resort Park is located north of US378 between Lincolnton, GA and McCormick, SC on the SC side of Lake Hartwell. A "marker" by which to turn north on SC 81 is "The Village Store" which is a Chevron Gas Service Station on the northeast corner of the US 378/SC81 intersection. Travel north on SC 81 for several miles and watch for the Hickory Knob sign on the left side of the highway. Follow that road until it ends at the Reservation Center/Dining Facility. Lincolnton, GA is north of I-20 at the Thompson, GA exit (US 78), or one can get to McCormick, SC via US 221, Augusta, GA.

This and that:

Empathies:

Joe Whitwell is in recovery from surgery and is facing rehabilitation after enduring a broken pelvis from a fall on icy pavement outside his office in Snellville. It's projected that he cannot drive an automobile for twelve weeks, and that he'll be in rehab for the next two weeks.

Robin Brown-Haithco is still in the hospital, still enduring a low grade fever and elevated white blood cells even though the massive antibiotics seems to have attached the major infection. It's a waiting time, but Robins is relatively free of pain.

May the Healer shower our colleagues with a double dose of mercy and grace and return them among us so that that can become healing agents once again for the better good of everyone.

Celebrations:

David Carnish has moved from Chattanooga in order to assume a CPE Supervisor position with Moses Cone in Greensboro, NC. David did his supervisor training at Palmetto in Columbia, then was an Associate Supervisor at Erlanger in Chattanooga. He served on our Accreditation Committee and was our primary contact with St. Luke's Episcopal Seminary in Sewanee, TN. Best hopes for David in this new work.

REFLECTIONS AND CONSULTATIONS
following my meetings with the ACPE Board of Reps and the FCPE Campaign Cabinet
at the Summit in Orlando, Jan/Feb 2009
formed by
Jasper N. Keith, Jr.

A letter from Miriam, Robin and me to the ACPE Board of Reps was received with appreciation. It expressed some similar concerns of other regional Representatives.

At this juncture, I can report to you that the ACPE Board of Reps is providing leadership and is asking the appropriate questions by which to move us forward.

I cannot report that a "full financial disclosure" of the FCPE was made to the ACPE Board of Reps, but the goals for 2009 were not only reported but approved by the ACPE Board.

It was made clear that the operating costs of the FCPE for 2009 will be paid out of the '08 Annual Campaign receipts (approved by the ACPE Board), and that future allocations of that Annual Campaign will be determined by the ACPE Board. The FCPE Board establishes the operating budget for FCPE, and the FCPE Board must run its own business as a separate legal entity from the ACPE, Inc. Hopefully, future Annual Campaign will fund more than the FCPE operating expenses.

The FCPE did not "rent" space in San Antonio...the office space was given to the FCPE by VITAS. The expense of maintaining an office in San Antonio is minimal; and in this interim, Deborah can remain in her home base. The space leased at 1549 Clairmont is a good answer to the pressing needs for expanded office space for the ACPE Staff until the ACPE Board can define the space/location/mission of our next capital improvement campaign (which, hopefully, will be done at the fall '09 meeting of the Bd of Reps). This seems to be a "win-win" for both executives and each legal entity.

An Adm. Assistant (Glenda Shipley) has been employed by the FCPE Board, and she has experience in working with Foundations.

Most importantly, Teresa and Deborah seem to have a new direction about working with one another, and the "executives" (Art, Stu, Deborah; Bill, Teresa and Paula) have committed to a monthly conference call to enhance communications.

I haven't read the By-Laws governing the Board of the FCPE; but I was told that a majority of the FCPE Board are to have been leaders in the ACPE. At least two persons on that Board are good friends of John Moody and Denny Kenny (Agnes Bourne and Alicia Damien Lau). I did learn that the Board members are in "classes," that they may succeed themselves, and that additional members will be appointed by the present board. Presently, the members are: Art Schmidt (Pres), Stu Plummer (VP), Ted Hodge (Treas), Jo Clare Wilson (Sec), Paula Teague (ACPE Tres), John Moody (RD Pac Reg). Three Board members are not members of ACPE: Howell Adams (Atlanta business leader and philanthropist), Agnes Bourne (interior designer), Sr. Alicia Damien Lau (Polynesian who previously served on the ACPE Accreditation Commission). Teresa Snorton, ACPE ED, Bill Scrivener (ACPE Pres), and Deborah Whisnand, FCPE ED are ex-officio members. Clearly, this present board is comprised of leaders from within the ACPE.

Before going to Orlando I spoke via the telephone with Stu Plummer, Howell Adams and Deborah Whisnand, and they each expressed their desire for me to be a member of the Campaign Cabinet. I also was encouraged by Peter Keese, Bill Baugh, Miriam Needham, Robin Brown-Haithco and Amanda Jones to attend the meetings of the Campaign Cabinet in Orlando. I agreed to participate in the meetings of

the Campaign Cabinet with the understanding that my expenses would be paid by the SERACPE, and that I would be given a voice in the deliberations.

I was impressed with the manner in which the ACPE Board of Reps exercised its authority and assumed its responsibilities by: 1) allocating the disposition of the 2008 Annual Fund Campaign, 2) limited options for locating the facilities of the ACPE to the Atlanta area, 3) expanded the space for the ACPE Office by continuing the lease of additional property at 1549 Clairmont Road, 4) reaffirmed that future fund raising efforts would be supportive of the ACPE Strategic Plan, 5) requested \$20,000 from the FCPE for program award allocation for disbursements in 2010, 6) established a "Memorandum of Understanding" between ACPE Board of Reps and the FCPE Board of Directors, and 7) affirmed that ACPE Board of Reps will request funds from FCPE for three purposes: a) regular allocations for program awards, b) allocations for ACPE Operating Expenses for proposed budgets, and c) emergency requests. [By the way, Bill and Peter made and/or seconded six of the above actions. Great work from our Representatives!]

Bill, Peter and I participated in a three hour workshop led by Agnes Bourne for the purpose of envisioning a future "space" for both a "learning center and the headquarters of the ACPE." Other persons participating were members of the ACPE Board of Reps and members of the FCPE Board of Directors and its Campaign Cabinet members. There were six discussion groups addressing the future space and location of the "learning center and headquarters of the ACPE." The discussion groups focused on the following issues/question/concerns: a) values and principles, b) where?, c) who?, d) what?, e) why?, f) when?, g) how much?, and h) summation: strengths, weaknesses, successes, and failures.

Near the conclusion of that workshop, I reviewed the history of the office spaces of the ACPE and noted that in 1967, 1984, and now we have been concerned about 1) additional space for the ACPE Staff, 2) a location that is near to a major airport, and 3) securing a financial benefactor. We moved to Atlanta when the presidents of three theological seminaries promised to help with fund-raising, and we secured \$100,000 from Atlanta foundations with the help of Jim Laney, president of Emory University and an additional \$300,000 from Kresge Foundation. I noted that now we have the hopeful impetus of a "learning/program center" in addition to "office space," and we have established a 501c3 Foundation for CPE. Therefore, we have more fund-raising potential than ever in our history.

The next morning I met with the Campaign Cabinet of the FCPE. My major contribution in that meeting was to remind that body that the ACPE is a **membership organization**, and that before we move forward we needed to inform the membership and obtain the membership's understanding and desires for our future development. I encouraged Deborah to make explicit the non-cost of her office in San Antonio and that the Annual Campaign in 2009 would be designated to the operating costs of the FCPE. She made those declarations at the Presidential Luncheon.

After the meeting of the Campaign Cabinet, Art and Stu asked if I would serve as the chairperson of the Capital Improvement Portfolio. That is one of five portfolios of the Campaign Cabinet (Annual Campaign, Planned Giving and Endowment, Foundations/Grants, Religions Organizations, and Capital Improvement). I indicated that I'd consider the offer if I could meet with the "executives" (i.e., Art, Stu, Deborah; Bill, Teresa and Paula) at their scheduled meeting on Tuesday morning for breakfast. Both the FCPE and the ACPE representatives invited me to sit among them.

These leaders had some issues to resolve from the previous six months of operating; and so, I listened for an hour and a half. When I was invited to speak, I wanted to make two points:

- 1) I presented an **organizational chart of both legal entities** (i.e., ACPE and FCPE) as having emerged out of the ACPE membership. I noted that both the ACPE and the FCPE Boards had established committees/cabinets by which to accomplish respective missions of the Strategic Plan previously adopted by the ACPE Board of Reps.

Then, I named the individuals leading those two legal entities:

Bill, Sally, Paula, Ted, Stu, John, Denny, Art, Teresa on the ACPE Board;

and Bill, Paula, Ted, Stu, Art/Kathy, John/Janet, Jo Clare, Ron, Dennis on the FCPE Board and Cabinet. All of these thirteen leaders have been engaged in creating the ACPE Strategic Plan and in forming the FCPE.

My point was: this limited leadership has been envisioning the future of the ACPE for several years. These thirteen persons comprise the “us” of our life together; and they may have been well intentioned. However, they haven’t engaged nor invited the vision of the “membership” of the ACPE. And, whatever else might be true about the ACPE, it is a fact that the ACPE is a membership organization.

Furthermore, what I hope was heard in Orlando is that the “them” represents the membership of nine regions of the ACPE who must now be consulted because none of our hopes can be realized unless the members want and are willing to support and underwrite the objectives/goals/dreams of any leaders.

- 2) I noted that the people in leadership who were gathered around this breakfast table were in good accord, but the confusion that must be dealt with by the ACPE Board of Reps was the **work of its Development Committee**, and more particularly its Facilities Sub-committee. There is much overlap of the members of the ACPE Board’s Development Committee and the Capital Improvement Portfolio of the FCPE Campaign Cabinet.

Most particularly, the **ACPE Board must define** the space it desires for programs and administrative functions that is representative of both the mission and the character of the ACPE; and, at the same time, the ACPE Board **must instruct its Development Committee** what it does not want.

At the end of this three day process I heard the present leadership committed to going forward, to staying in close contact and communicating transparently, to executing the actions of the ACPE Board of Reps, to soliciting foundation/grants for programs immediately, and to soliciting feedback/direction from the regional memberships about the space/location/design for a “program center and headquarters for ACPE, Inc.” that would be owned, operated and maintained by the ACPE, Inc. from funds that are to be generated by the Foundation for CPE.

With that understanding, I agreed to serve as chair of the Capital Improvement portfolio of the Campaign Cabinet. I await the definition and direction of the ACPE Board of Reps about the space its desires based on their solicited input from the members of nine regions which will come to the ACPE Board of Reps from the region’s Representatives in November 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Jap Keith, Director of the Southeast Region, ACPE, Inc.