

**NOT APPROVED UNTIL NEXT MISSION CENTER CONFERENCE**

**Brush Creek Mission Center  
2008 Fall Conference  
Sept. 20, 2008 at Brush Creek Campgrounds**

The Brush Creek Mission Center met in fall conference on Sat., Sept. 20 at 1:30 p.m. at the Brush Creek Campgrounds. The conference opened with a welcome from Mission Center President John Etcheson. The conference then sang HS #11 "We Gather Together". Brother Etcheson then read D&C 163:3a; 11b. The Hymn of Invocation was HS #6 "Lord, Thou Hast Brought Us To This Place." Christine Ober offered the Prayer of Invocation.

Mission Center President John Etcheson then called the conference to order. Attention was first turned to the approval the minutes from the Oct. 6, 2007 and July 13, 2008 conference minutes. The Oct. 6, 2007 minutes were approved as corrected, while the July 13, 2008 minutes were approved as presented.

The chair was then turned over to Richard Switzer who read a letter from the First Presidency recommending John Etcheson as the Mission Center President for the Brush Creek Mission Center. The conference sustained the recommendation by a vote of approval. Brother Switzer then read a letter from the First Presidency recommending Fred Keenan as the Mission Center Financial Officer. The conference sustained the recommendation by a vote of approval. The names of Mike Hodge, Christine Ober, Richard Switzer, and Richard Streibich were presented to be sustained as counselors to the Mission Center President. The conference sustained the individuals by vote. Donna Bryant and Garry Rockett were presented to be sustained as counselors to the Mission Center Financial Officer. They sustained by a vote of approval from the conference.

Brother Etcheson returned to the chair and called the conference's attention to the Mission Center President, Financial Officer, Campground, Youth Camp Director, and SPEC Reports printed in the bulletin. Fred Keenan explained the financial report. Discussion followed. Marvin Kleinau made the motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded and carried by vote.

Attention was then turned to sustaining the Mission Center Appointments. The appointments were Tammy Austin, Conference Secretary; Glenna McKnelly, Historian; Charlie Carter, Missionary Coordinator; Tammy Austin, SPEC Coordinator; Mike Hodge, Youth Camp Director; Brad Bryant, Web Communications; Jake Davis, Priesthood Covenant Discipleship; Doug Mack, Temple School Coordinator; Andrea Collins, Stefanie Mack, Young Adult/Youth Team Leaders. The conference voted to sustain each of the positions.

Brother Richard Switzer then returned to the chair. Attention was turned to sustaining the Brush Creek Campground officers. Dale Warren was recommended as the President, while Bill Knapp was presented as the treasurer. The conference sustained the offices by

a vote of approval. The conference sustained by vote the following individuals for the Brush Creek Camp Committee: Mike Hodge, Emily Putbrese, Keith Rhine, John Bunnell, Cindy & Todd Halley, and Amanda Woodrow. The conference then sustained by vote Christine Ober, Sam Lambert, and Stan Morrison on the Campground Endowment Committee. Their terms will expire on December 31, 2010.

Fred Keenan then took the chair and presented the 2009 BCMC Budget. Discussion followed the presentation. Ernest Rumble made a motion to approve the 2009 budget. The motion was seconded and carried by vote. Attention was then turned to the Ministry Endowment Committee. David Patton was nominated to replace Lu Queen on the Committee. He was approved by a vote. His term will expire December 31, 2009. The following were nominated and approved by vote to serve on the Missionary Endowment Committee with terms expiring December 31, 2010: Tammy Austin, Ray Sills, Brittany Longsdorf, Wayne Welborn, and Ernest Rumble. The following names were placed in nomination for the Brush Creek Campground Board: Terry Burkett, Stevey Cooley, David Patton, and Joyce Keenan. The conference voted by ballot, and the following were elected to a three year term: Terry Burkett, Steve Cooley, and David Patton.

John Etcheson then presided over the testimonies and support of the priesthood calls in the Mission Center.

Amanda Woodrow of the Springerton Congregation was called to the office of Elder. Sister Woodrow was unable to attend the conference. John Etcheson and Don Bunnell spoke in support of Amanda's call.

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Andrea Collins of the Centralia Congregation was called to the office of Priest. Sister Collins bore her testimony. Marion Harmon, Jean Rumble, Richard Switzer, Christine Ober, and John Etcheson spoke in support of Andrea's call.

Brenda Coop of the Sparta Congregation was called to the office of Elder. Sister Coop bore her testimony. Mike Hodge, Vickie Chaffee, Marvin Kleinau, and Jean Rumble spoke in support of Brenda's call.

Kirby Klein of the Decatur Congregation was called to the office of Priest. Brother Klein was unable to attend the conference. Debi Klein, Lou Oliver, Karen Witts, and Christine Ober spoke in support of Kirby's call.

Dianna Morrison of the Salem Congregation was called to the office of Missionary Elder. Sister Morrison bore her testimony. John Etcheson, Stan Morrison, Mike Hodge, Fred Keenan, and Earl Smith spoke in support of Dianna's call.

Dee Ann Hodge of the Salem Congregation was called to the office of Missionary Elder. Sister Hodge bore her testimony. John Etcheson, Stan Morrison, Fred Keenan, Earl Smith, Mike Hodge, and Jane Knapp spoke in support of Dee Ann's call.

Jacob Burkett of the Salem Congregation was called to the office of Priest. Brother Burkett bore his testimony. Stan Morrison, Don Bunnell, Mike Hodge, and Angie Burkett spoke in support of Jacob's call.

Beresa Barnett of the Sikeston Congregation was called to the office of Elder. Sister Barnett was unable to attend the conference. John Etcheson and Earl Smith spoke in support of Beresa's call.

Joshua Burkett of the Flora Congregation was called to the office of Elder. Brother Burkett was unable to attend the conference. Don Bunnell and Jeanne Leathers spoke in support of Joshua's call.

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Attention was then turned to new business. Brother Etcheson read a letter from the Harrisburg Congregation stating their desire for the funds from the sale of the Harrisburg congregation. Dale Warren made a motion that the Brush Creek Mission Center fulfill the wishes of the Harrisburg congregation that the proceeds from the sale of the church be applied to the debt on the new lodge at Brush Creek. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed. The motion was approved by a vote.

Mike Hodge then made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded. Evangelist Jane Knapp then offered a prayer of blessing of the mission center.

New Missionary Coordinator addressed the congregation and introduced himself. He asked that congregations consider either electing or sustaining a Missionary Coordinator. That person will work closely with Brother Carter throughout the year.

The conference then sang HS #483 "The Lord Bless You and Keep You." Mike Hodge offered the Prayer of Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Austin  
BCMC Conference Secretary