

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

December 2, 2010

Forsyth, Georgia

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Larry Wynn, Chairman
Mr. Wayne Dasher
Mr. Bruce Hudson
Mr. Carl Franklin
Mr. John Mayes
Mr. Ashley Paulk, Jr.
Chief George Potter
Sheriff Carlton Powell
Mr. Tommy Rouse
Mr. Kevin Tanner
Dr. Henrie Treadwell
Mr. Roger Waldrop
Mr. Jim Whitehead, Sr.
Mr. Justin Wiedeman

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Rose Williams
Mr. Bill Acuff
Sherriff Roger Garrison
Sheriff Cecil Nobles

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Mr. Joe Drolet, Senior Assistant Attorney General

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:

Commissioner Brian Owens
Assistant Commissioner Derrick Schofield
Ms. Laura Jones, Assistant to Commissioner
Mr. Adam Baswell, Director of Training
Mr. Rob Jones, General Counsel
Ms. Joan Heath, Director of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs
Ms. Simone Juhmi-Green, Board Liaison
Mr. Tim Ward, Director of Facilities Operations
Mr. Jerry Watson, Director of Georgia Correctional Industries
Ms. Peggy Chapman, Office of Public Affairs
Mr. Robert Leverett, Warden, Richmond County
Mr. Evan Joseph, Deputy Warden, Richmond County
Mr. Danny Horne, Director of Chaplaincy Services
Mr. Tim Williams, Planning and Analysis
Mr. David Roussell, Investigation Unit

VISITORS:

Ms. Jackie Franklin, wife of Carl Franklin
Mr. James E. Donald, Chairman, Pardons and Paroles
Mr. Albert Murry, Vice Chair, Pardons and Paroles
Mr. Steve Hayes, Public Affairs, Parole Board
Ms. Anita Cloud, Management Specialist, Pardons and Paroles
Mr. Brandon Hembreu, Massey & Bowers
Dave Pratt, Consultant, SSG, GA
Mr. Will Davis, Monroe County Reporter

Chairman Larry Wynn called to order the December Board Meeting by welcoming everyone and saying good morning. He stated that we would do something first this morning and that we would need all the Board members to get together to take a picture with Ms. Laura Jones. He requested that all the Board members assemble wherever the photographer directed.

Ms. Joan Heath directed all the Board members to assemble at the front and center of the board room table while Ms. Peggy Chapman began taking pictures. Commissioner Brian Owens asked former Board member Mr. Robert Jones to join in on the picture. After Ms. Chapman was finished, Ms. Heath thanked all the Board members.

Chairman Larry Wynn asked that all the Board members reached down in front of them to find their microphones. Chairman Wynn requested that they push the black button until the green light comes on. Once all the Board members complied, Chairman Wynn stated that we will be set and ready to go. Chairman Wynn asked if everyone has it under control. The Board members acknowledged that they were ready to proceed.

Next, Chairman Wynn called Chaplain Danny Horne to deliver the invocation. Chairman Wynn then welcomed all the visitors to the December Board meeting and requested that all the attendees introduce themselves.

Chairman Wynn called for a motion to approve the December Agenda. Mr. Wayne Dasher motioned approval, which was seconded by Mr. Roger Waldrop, and voted approval by the Board.

Chairman Wynn requested approval of the December Board minutes. Mr. Wayne Dasher motioned approval, which was seconded by Mr. Roger Waldrop, and voted approval by the Board.

Chairman Wynn then called on Commissioner Brian Owens to present his report.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Brian Owens began with welcoming the Chairman of the Parole Board and Vice Chair. Commissioner Owens stated that he appreciated having them at the Board meeting and that he would like to share lunch with them shortly. Commissioner Owens then stated that his report would be fairly brief but that he wanted the young lady, to the right of the Chairman, Ms. Simone Juhmi-Green to please stand up. Commissioner Owens stated that we would discuss Ms. Laura Jones' retirement in our presentation, but that he wanted to introduce Ms. Simone Juhmi-Green to the Board first.

Commissioner Owens stated that Ms. Simone Juhmi-Green is Mr. Derrick Schofield's Executive Assistant. He stated that we have asked her to take over the Board duties as Ms. Laura Jones retires to take care of her family members. Commissioner Owens then gave a little background on Ms. Simone Juhmi-Green by stating that she is a baby. Commissioner Owens explained that she graduated high school in 1994 from North Miami Beach Senior High School. After graduating from high school, she joined the United States Army. She spent four years in the United States Army and left after her four year term. She left at the rank of Sergeant after four years and went to Shelby County, Tennessee and serviced the Clerk of Courts. In 2004, she decided to come to the great state of Georgia. She came to work for us a Secretary in the Office of Investigations and Compliance. Then she went to the Legal Office. Mr. Robert Jones found her talents very quickly and took her from the Office of Investigations and Compliance to the Secretary of the Legal Department. Once Mr. Jones got there, Mr. Derrick Schofield took her from Mr. Jones and she is now Mr. Schofield's Executive Assistant. So, she is a rising star with us. She is a mother of a young son; I believe she has a son. She is currently enrolled in college to get her Bachelors degree. She is highly qualified and you will find much like Laura Jones, always having a smile on her face, always very friendly, and will be a great help to the Board. So, please welcome Ms. Simone Juhmi-Green to the team.

Commissioner Owens stated that his report would be very familiar and that his report would be brief. With a PowerPoint slide, Commissioner Owens stated we would discuss Upcoming Events, Jail Backlog, and a brief Operational Update. He then gave everyone just a second to take a look at our Upcoming Events. Commissioner Owens explained that there were two major events in December that you will see. Some of you may have attended last year's graduation

ceremony; the one at Baptist Theological Seminary at Phillips State Prison; where we had a couple dozen inmates who received their Associates degree in Divinity and those same inmates will be receiving their Bachelors degree in Divinity at Phillips State Prison, in about a week and a half. Those are long term inmates by design. Many are life sentenced inmates. They will be serving the majority of their life in the prison system. So, our intent is to spread them out throughout the prison system; to assist our pastoral staff in providing service to our inmates. We will invite you all to that. After many months of questions, we are finally going to have our groundbreaking in Jenkins County, Milan, Georgia, on the 15th. I believe the governor will be there to do the groundbreaking for that private facility. It should be operational in early 2012; there in Jenkins County; the 1150 bed facility. We have our General Session, the General Assembly Session starting in January 10th, and currently I believe the Governor elect is due to be sworn into office on that day as well.

With the next slide, we see routine events. In February and March, we enter into the General Assembly Session, which I believe Mr. Whitehead, I'm sure your more in tuned than most of us, will be dominated by budget issues. The state has a 16.5 billion dollar budget down from about 21 billion dollars five years ago. The difficulty is going to be that as the new fiscal year begins July 1st, 1.5 billion dollars worth of federal state rescission funds will disappear from the state's budget. So, they will be left to deal with a 15 billion dollar budget, which is a billion and a half reduction, from state budget. The good news is, year to date we are up about eight percent in revenues, but even at eight percent, it will not cover a 1.5 billion dollar deficit. So, I'm sure more reductions are coming; and more reductions will come for our budget. As we briefed you in the last several months, we have provided the Governor with our needs. You are well aware the next step will be the Governor-elect will present his budget recommendations to the General Assembly when they are up and running, come January. So, we may need your support, come January; to make sure that whatever the Governor –elect does recommend, we get. My assumption will be that the Governor-elect will probably use Governor Perdue's recommendation by large. By this time of the fiscal year, thousands, literally thousands and thousands of hours are going into preparing that budget and I don't think it will be possible for a Governor-elect, in just a matter of a couple weeks, to make too many changes to this. So, I believe that it will largely stay intact. I will not know what the overall budget recommendation will be until we all know it; when the Governor-elect, then Governor, makes his presentation and recommendation to the General Assembly sometime in January.

With the next slide, Commissioner Owens explained that the Jail Backlog current count is about 2,757 for inmates waiting to come into the system. We have a Probation backlog of about 840. The total state backlog is 3,597. The 2,757 does reflect the actual closing of Men's State Prison about a week and a half ago. That facility was closed in Milledgeville and it had at one time 600 hundred inmates. We've disbursed those inmates throughout the system. It's mission was a special mission, in that it housed many of our wheel-chair bound offenders and the majority of those have been transferred to Johnson State Prison, which is ADA compliant and capable of handling those inmates. So you will see a little bit of a high number on that backlog due to that closing as we stabilize back out. But, as I said the good news is we are breaking ground on a new facility in Jenkins County, 1,150 beds become operational in January 2012. We broke ground this summer on a 1,500 bed GEO facility in Milledgeville and it's also scheduled to come on-line January 2012. So, calendar year 2011 might be a little bit of a rocky road. The prison beds are coming on-line, but it's going to take a little time; we do have three 256 bed fasttracks that will come online within the next several months. So, that will provide 768 beds in relief. We are keeping up with the demand. Hopefully, our commitments don't increase. Our projections actually show a slight decrease in the coming years in prison population, which is good news for all of us.

With the next slide, Commissioner Owens thanked some of the Board members who attended our ribbon cutting here about two weeks ago on the campus. Commissioner Owens stated, Mr. Tanner I think you brought some friends with you I believe, thank you for coming. Mr. Wayne Dasher, Mr. Tommy Rouse and Mr. Bruce Hudson, we appreciate you all being here and for supporting that event. Commissioner Owens also thanked Mr. Carl Franklin, Mr. Derrick Schofield and Mr. Michael Nail for appearing before the Senate Committee on the Illegal Immigration. Commissioner Owens asked Mr. Schofield if this information was correct and Mr.

Schofield acknowledged to Commissioner Owens that his statement was correct. Commissioner Owens also expressed his thanks to Mr. Wayne Dasher again, for the reception that he gave for Warden Jarrell, at his clubhouse that was a private ceremony. Commissioner Owens stated that he was not able to be there but he heard that it was a nice ceremony. Mr. Don Jarrell did go out in style on Tuesday at Georgia State Prison. He retired after a 34 year career from the Department of Corrections. Commissioner Owens explained that Don Jarrell is an interesting story. Both his grandfathers worked at Georgia State Prison. His dad was a retired Captain from Georgia State Prison and Don Jarrell started as a correctional officer at Georgia State Prison and spent twenty years working at the infamous "L" and "M" buildings which were the toughest of tough prisons that we had at the time. So, he came through with battle scars. Commissioner Owens then asked Mr. Wayne Dasher and Mr. Tommy Rouse to confirm his estimate of how many people were at Mr. Don Jarrell's retirement. Commissioner Owens affirmed that they all thought that there were about 300-400 people at Mr. Don Jarrell's retirement. Commissioner Owens stated that the Board Members that attended the retirement represented the Board very well and that he appreciated that.

Commissioner Owens stated that we attended the Chief Probation Officer of the Middle Judicial Circuit's retirement. Mr. Gary Mason retired this week and Mr. Glenn Davis, which is in Mr. Carlton Powell's neck of the woods, retired this week as well. Commissioner Owens then stated that we are going to have plenty of retirements in 2011, but we will hold it together; eager folks like Simone, are ready to step in there and fill our ranks, as we move on.

Commissioner Owens then stated that he wanted to thank Mr. Weideman also for graciously volunteering his time and his father's time in the Civil Engineering expertise area. He explained that our premier facility, Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Prison, has got some age on it. It is our biggest and most complex facility which was built in 1968. As you all follow the General Assembly, you all know that capital dollars for maintenance are too hard to get. So, we have been struggling to keep it together; but his background, education and his career has been in civil engineering. He has offered to help us out by taking a look at all of our civil projects there at GDC&P and we were very gracious in accepting his assistance. We appreciate that help for financial use.

Mr. Wayne Dasher stated that he would like to interject on what Commissioner Owens had stated. He explained that a few years ago, he knows that we talked about the possibility of an audit of one of these prisons by our power company, but there were some road block there that needs to be corrected. Did we get that?

Commissioner Owens stated that fortunately, the voters passed that constitutional amendment, which will allows us to do a performance based contract that was what stopped us in years past. But, the voters did approve that; I'm not sure if it was two or four constitutional amendment? It may have been four. So, we will be allowed now through GSFIC, who oversees the property for the department, to enter into performance projects. General James Donald, you recall we tried to do that for years. Finally, we got that passed. So, we will allow outside companies to come in and analyze our requirements and then if we agree, they will put in the infrastructure and we will pay for that infrastructure with the savings and utilities. I am sure we can borrow Mr. Wiedeman's experience. They are very experienced in that. We are starting at our biggest one; our most challenging one; that need some work. So, it's great to have some outside professional help on that.

Commissioner Owens stated that he had one final announcement. Commissioner Owens asked Mr. Adam Baswell to please stand up. Commissioner Owens stated that we all know Mr. Adam Baswell. He explained that Mr. Baswell was the Executive Assistant to former Commissioner James Donald, when he was here. Commissioner Owens explained that he didn't think he needed an Executive Assistant, but after about sixty days he realized that he needed one. So, he brought Mr. Baswell back as his Executive Assistant. Mr. Baswell has been handling special projects as the Parole Board and Department of Corrections, really working hand -in- hand on interoperability issues, for the first time ever. Commissioner Owens stated that Mr. Baswell has been borrowed by the Parole Board for about six months to help us on interoperability issues. But, that we needed him back and as of yesterday we have promoted him to the Director of Training for the entire agency. So, congratulations to Mr. Adam Baswell.

Commissioner Owens then asked for the last slide. He announced that we are going to have a retirement party for Ms. Laura Jones on January 6, 2011, in Atlanta. He explained that this event just happens to coincide with our monthly Board meeting. Commissioner Owens then asked the Board if they all remembered Ms. Jones' side-kick, Ms. Dianne Avery. Commissioner Owens stated that Ms. Avery is helping to organize her retirement, so I think it will be a very special day. We hate to see her go, but she has spent her time here and she has family members that need her. So, she is going where she needs to be to support her family members there and she specifically requested that we not do anything this month, with the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, and all the activities. She will officially retire and I think her last day is Monday, December 13th; that will be her last day in the office. We will all get back together on January 6th, at our Board meeting and afterwards we will all give her a going away party on that day.

Commissioner Owens stated to Chairman Wynn that with those personnel updates, that would conclude his briefing.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Wynn asked the Board if there were any questions or input for Commissioner Owens' report.

Chairman Wynn then thanked the Commissioner. Chairman Wynn then followed up with what Commissioner Owens just said about Ms. Jones. He explained that the Board members would like to express their appreciation for Ms. Jones for her wonderful assistance. He said that he knows that there are a couple of Board members that would like to make a couple of comments. Chairman Wynn joked and said that he looked over the comments and that they were okay. Chairman Wynn exclaimed, its fair game around here! He explained that he was thinking back about his first conversation with Ms. Jones after he was appointed to the Board. He joked by saying that he had no idea how he got appointed to the Board or anything about it. Chairman Wynn asked Ms. Jones if she remembered that conversation. Ms. Jones replied, she did. Chairman Wynn continued to say that Ms. Jones asked him how he got onto this Board and he replied, "You tell me. You are calling me." "I was sitting in my office minding my own business." Chairman Wynn stated that if anyone has served in the position he is in as Chairman or as an Officer in any capacity, you know the help that Ms. Jones gives; the leadership that she gives and the bottom line is that Ms. Jones "runs the place." We all know that, as thus my Administrative Assistant in my office, but I've never had a question that I didn't get a prompt answer or if I needed help, I mean it was immediate. She keeps us all updated the Board and we will miss you. Chairman Wynn stated that he was a little envious that Mr. Jones was retiring. We appreciate and love you so much and thank you for your valuable service to the Board of Corrections, to the state of Georgia and we wish you the very best. At this time, we want to give you a card and inside there is a gift from the Board. You can read all the statements later and I've looked at some of those and you need someone who can translate the handwriting. We want to give you this card and tell you how much we appreciate you and how much we love you and thank you so much.

Ms. Jones said that she appreciated her gift and that she would hug Chairman Wynn later.

Then Chairman Wynn stated that he wanted to just open up the floor for comments. Roger Waldrop stated that he had a comment. He explained that two years ago, he can't remember when exactly, but that Ms. Jones has a reputation in the Governor's Office for being kind, courteous and helpful. Can yall beat those adjectives or adverbs, however you use it in a sentence, but I think that bill fits her precisely. As a new member, she was through, informative and patient with the stupid questions I would ask. I would simply say in the twenty years in the Army; Major, General Donald, we had a lot of help, assistance, secretaries etc... but Laura you are at the top of the peak from everyone that I've ever ran up on. So, God bless you and good luck to you. Stay in touch with us.

Mr. Wayne Dasher stated, let me just say that I too want to thank Laura personally for when I was Chairman of this Board, she had everything there, and always in place and even today as

were having to start our meeting today on our committee there. I said, "Laura I need" and she said it's in there on the desk. So, she knows you. At least she knew me for sure and I really appreciate the friendship more than anything else. You really are a true friend to me and the whole Board and to the state of Georgia. I really appreciate what you done for me.

Chief George Potter stated that you all may not know this, but I met Laura in 1997 when Commissioner Weatherington was here. She has despite all the adjectives that everybody says; she has an ability to make everybody around her feel special; anybody who would want it. There is no question that is beneath her to answer. She is very, very helpful and always offers assistance. Special people like that are hard to find and they are very hard to keep. I really wish you the best Laura. And if there is anything I could ever do for you, I mean, with all you've done for me over the years just please let me know. You are going to be a real lost. I'm not saying our new girl isn't going to be great too, but you're going to be a real loss for this place.

Parole Board Chairman James Donald stated that he has to say something. He explains that a little country boy from Mississippi goes to the Army, comes and get assigned as the Commissioner and then he got a Board for the first time in my life. He stated that some of you who remember, Bruce and others that have been around; it was kind of rocky early on. I learned a lot and I learned that most of all to value the Board. But, Ms. Jones was there and was able to translate South Georgia, North Georgia lingo; I mean she was a buffer. She was a buffer in a way that, I just...I mean, I'm indebted to her. Commissioner Owens you remember those rocky days? General Donald continued on to say that the days were not always; they were kind of intimidating. But Ms. Jones always was a confidant. You can go to the bank on what she said and she was one that you couldn't squeeze anything out of her. You felt comfortable when things were going on; and I see you all nodding your heads. You could go to the bank with her every time. Ms. Jones we will have opportunities later to express our appreciation but not only for me, but for the state of Georgia. We appreciate the great work you've done.

Mr. Carlton Powell stated that when I first came on the board I felt, and believe it or not Laura is the fourth person that's held this position and I was talking to her this morning about Faye Headerburn, all of them, everyone I got a hold of, I said, "boy this is the best one yet" and they just keep getting better. But Laura has been exceptional; I believe she told me she's been on her about nine years in this particular capacity. And Laura has always treated me so special, I thought she may have had her little eyes set on me or something. She finally got the word around and told me that no she treated everybody that way. But, I told Laura I said, "Laura I would really like for you to stay on a little longer. But she said no, it's a time for a change. I said well most of us on this Board are Baptist and Baptist do not like change. She's always been upfront and like the General said back there; she is a confidant. You can call her. You could ask her questions that she knew the answers to, but if you didn't need to know the answers, you wouldn't get the answer. So, I appreciate all you did Laura and I hope you the best in days ahead. Thank you so much for being my special friend.

Chairman Wynn stated, up until those comments, I thought the microphones were a good idea. Mr. Powell stated, I turn it off, nobody heard me. Chairman Wynn stated, oh you did? "Nobody, that's right"!

Chairman Wynn asked if anyone else had any other comments before we continue. He stated thank you to Ms. Jones from the entire Board again. He stated that he appreciated Ms. Jones and he appreciated her service that she has given and her friendship as well; has meant so much.

Chairman Wynn concluded his report and moved to the nominating committee.

Mr. Bruce Hudson stated that part of my team is not here today. Serving on the nominating committee with me was Bill Acuff and Rose Williams. We have met and we had a recommendation for the new positions; for the new people, for the positions I should say. I would like to put these names in and make a motion to put these names up for Chairman-Jim Whitehead; Vice Chairman-Tommy Rouse; and Secretary-John Mays.

Wayne Dasher motioned approval, which was seconded by Mr. Powell, and voted approval by the Board.

Mr. Dasher then stated, that the next one is a good report too. Myself and Mr. Potter and Mr. Rouse met with Mr. Mr. Joseph, Mr. Evan Joseph this morning and he is a very nice young person. I remember the first time I ever met him. He's got a good application here and he was sent to yall about a few weeks ago and this is as good as an application as I've ever seen. And Mr. Joseph has just about got an impeccable application here to move forward or to move up on the ladder and it looks like he's used his time well and he's got him a master's degree now and I would like for the committee to make a motion at least make him the a Deputy Warden.

Chairman Wynn motioned approval, which was seconded by Mr. Whitehead, and voted approval by the Board.

Chairman Wynn congratulated Mr. Joseph on his promotion. He thanked him for the job he has already been doing for the state. Chairman Wynn then gave Mr. Joseph an opportunity to say a few words.

Mr. Evan Joseph stated, thank you. Again, thanks for this opportunity and I'm real humbled to be here today and I am glad that I could meet all of you. Mr. Joseph explained that his career started a little bit different than most people in Corrections. Twenty years ago, I graduated from college and Robert Leverett, Warden, took a chance on me. I counseled and worked my way up in Care and Treatment, Senior Counsel, Chief Counsel. I got my Master's degree from Troy University in Criminal Justice. I'm passionate about what I do. I believe that I made a difference and I hope to be in this field for a long time. Thank you.

Chairman Wynn stated thank you. We look forward to your service. I was talking with you earlier and learned that you are from the Virgin Islands. I think that the outgoing Chairman and you should go down and do a little scuba-diving, but I will talk to you later about that. Thank you so much and welcome to the team.

Mr. Whitehead stated that when Mr. Joseph was talking about our Warden, Rob Leverett, that he knows him. Mr. Whitehead explained that Mr. Leverette lives in the same county as I do and Mr. Evan Joseph does too. I am particularly very proud because I've known Mr. Leverette for a long time and I know the high aspirations he has for Mr. Evan Joseph. He stated that he rode down with them today and that he did everything in the world he could to get Mr. Joseph to get out of the car and to find a place where he could catch a bus to get back to Richmond County; so he just kept on coming, so I think he's in it for the long haul. We are losing Mr. Robert Leverette who has been a great Warden for Richmond County, next month. He continued on to say that Mr. Robert Leverette has been a great Warden, but through people like Mr. Evan Joseph, Richmond County will carry on with our system down there and they will do a good job; a great job; So, I'm just very excited about this appointment and what it would lead to in Richmond County.

Chairman Wynn stated thank you very much.

Chairman Wynn then stated that we will move now to old or new business. He asked if there was any business to come before the Board before I make a couple of concluding announcements.

Mr. Dasher stated that he one item that he wanted to put on the calendar. He explained that traditionally in the last two years we've been going down to Glennville for our April meeting and I just wanted everyone to put it on their calendar. That will be April 14, 2011. I guess we can vote on that next month.

Chairman Wynn stated that next month we will bring that to the board as a motion.

Mr. Roger Waldrop then stated that he wanted to make a motion. He said that he told Ms. Laura Jones for three months that he was going to do it. He stated that he wanted to get a second-a nominating committee and all, that we would cancel Ms. Laura Jones' retirement, but I think it

has got passed me before I could do it. I think we could have gotten a unanimous vote if it happened. But I'm glad that Ms. Simone Juhmi-Green is going to be taking over because I know she will do a wonderful job.

Chairman Wynn stated I think we could have. I think so. Yes, Simone will.

Mr. Dasher stated that Mr. Chairman I think the Board is whole on regarding my comments concerning your performance of duty. You've done a great job in a very friendly way. We are pleased to all have a good time and do our job and responsibly. So, I say thank you for your time and leadership.

Chairman Wynn then stated with that said I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve this past year and it had been a fulfilling year and it has helped me to get an even better understanding of the operations of the Board and operations of our department and I want to tell you that I am very proud to work with the Georgia Department of Corrections. I brag on you everywhere I go and I tell people that in a tough economy, you're doing a great job! And I appreciate that and I appreciate the service as Chairman and I appreciate the opportunity now to turn it over in January to Mr. Whitehead. Someone said what have you enjoyed most, "this moment right here". So, thank you. Thank you very much for those comments. If there is no other business, anything else?

Mr. Whitehead) stated that I just wanted to say that I appreciate what you've done for the Board and it shows that you've done a good job and I appreciate you serving.

Chairman Wynn then stated- lunch instructions.

Ms. Laura Jones replied, yes it will be a brunch.

Mr. Dasher stated that since we've got a minute or two, let me mention a couple of other things. Mr. Robert Jones was the one that got this started and Rose, I was talking to Rose this morning and she is not here but anyway. We started the little scholarship thing last year at the Warden Conference to give out that thousand dollar scholarship. The Chairman and I talked just a minute this morning and maybe this, maybe next month we can pass around a sheet, since Rob didn't do a good job on the bookkeeping on the money. We are going to do a better job this time around, we are going to pass it around and let you sign and it's a kind of like signing a note, so we are probably looking at about seventy five dollars, somewhere in that neighborhood. And I told Rob; just don't get it to where it's going to wash out to the penny. I said we need out little cushion in there, you've just got to have that little cushion in there.

Mr. Waldrop replied, I suggest we run it by Rob and let him go in on it too.

Mr. Dasher stated, Ms. Laura Jones, our little retirement/flower fund that we call it; how do we stand on that?

Ms. Laura Jones replied, very well. I'm going to turn that over to Simone next week. But, we are standing very well.

Mr. Dasher stated that this might add to the new Board members. We do have a occasions to give a gift and as you know we have to pay for it out of our own pockets, sort of speak and, so Ms. Laura Jones in pass has kept up with the monies and when we've had something that has came up or arose they would put in twenty dollars on our own. So, just to put you on notice that that will happen again.

Mr. Waldrop stated, Mr. Chairman who do we thank...

Mr. Dasher stated, I will stop now. We have several gifts here.

Chairman Wynn stated that before we move to that, thank you Wayne. The word cushion is banker term for interest. I just want you know. I'm sure you understand that. He explained that your gift bag today comes from Jerry Watson and GCI and we want to thank you for that. The

shirts, Commissioner? Same? And the stationary, right? So thank you for these wonderful gifts. We appreciate that so much.

Jerry Watson stated thank you all for the support you give us.

Chairman Wynn stated that Mr. Jerry Watson told him two good preacher jokes this morning and that he was holding them to use on Sunday, alright? Well, only one of them I can use on Sunday.

Chairman Wynn stated if there was any other business.

Chairman Wynn then asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Waldrop motioned approval, which was seconded by Mr. Dasher, and voted approval by the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Larry Wynn, Chairman

Tommy Rouse, Secretary

Simone Juhmi-Green, Board Liaison