

District Board Meeting Minutes May 19, 2012

Attendees: Dave Shetler, Mary Boone, Susan Liller, John Warner, Carl Eubank, Judy Boles, Mindy Tipton, Rosie Combs, Sandra Jenkins, Larry Tyner, Tom Bowser, Janet Julian, Burton Wolf, Dave Erbaugh, Susan Fitze, John Kinsel, Gene Karn, Amy Hager, Ron Wenzel, Belinda Yingst

Welcome to East Dayton Church of the Brethren: Sandy Jenkins, Vice Chair, is conducting the meeting this morning during the time that Larry Tyner is not available. Pastor Richard Shockney introduced the Board to the church and led us in prayer.

Introductions, Community Sharing, & Prayers

Consensus Information -

Minutes of January 7 & March 3, 2012 Meeting: Amy Hager, Greg Hyre's name is misspelled in January minutes, with that change the 1/7/12 minutes were affirmed. 3/3/12 minutes affirmed.

Worshipful Work: Rosie Combs

Reports from District Officers, Staff & Affiliates (all can be found on the District Website)

- Director of Outdoor Ministries: Gene Karn
- Treasurer's Report: Susan Liller
 - As of June 1, the Heischmans are volunteering their services for Hispanic Ministries. Susan projects that they will be paid through May 31st, 2012 without borrowing from the timber funds.
 - There is projected to be a \$49,395.06 deficit at year end because the giving has not been at the expected level.
 - \$25,000 bequest money was received and spent by Woodland Altars without Outdoor Ministries approval. Robin Waddell has agreed to repay the bequest. The Board agreed that the verbal contract from Robin to repay the bequest is sufficient as long as it occurs prior to June 1, 2012. After that time Gary Crim will need to be contacted to determine the next steps.
 - Given that this incident raises the concern of other such incidents, the Board advises discussion with Gary Crim prior to June 1 in addition to the potential action required if the money is not received by June 1.
 - Susan Liller is the only person that has signing ability for checks. The Board resolved that Dave Shoup and the Board Clerk, (at this time Amy Hager), be appointed as the alternate signators.
- Brethren Retirement Community: John Warner gave the report
- Director of District Communications: Mary Boone gave the report
- District Executive: Dave Shetler gave the report and it was approved

Lunch

Worshipful Work: Rosie Combs

Commission Reports

- Outdoor Ministries: John Kinsel gave the report.
 - The extended timber contract has been signed.
 - Questions were posed about the District Board liability insurance and the \$5,000/individual limit, and if campers are covered under the policy. The Board requested Ron Wenzel, Susan Liller, Dave Shetler, Gene Karn and a representative from Outdoor Ministries to review the policy.

- Gifts Discernment: Andrew Wright – Nominations for District positions are due. Gifts Discernment is meeting on Thursday, May 25th to identify candidates.
- Missional Renewal: Susan Fitze. Nan Erbaugh gave a testimony about the help that the Missional Renewal Group provides. There is plenty of opportunity to help and long term the group will need additional mentors.
- New Church Development: Ron Wenzel. The Commission has reached out to the Mennonite Ministry for potential outreach in church development, particularly in Hispanic Ministries.
- Resource Development: Burt Wolf – deferred to New Business
- Ministerial Leadership: Sandra Jenkins gave the report.
- Shared Ministries: Mindy Tipton gave the report.

Old Business

- Programs and Arrangement Update for District Conference and events in 2012 – Burt Wolf, Moderator, gave the report. Friday, August 10, 2012 is the next date for District Conference worship preparation and it will be held at Oakland Church of the Brethren. The commissions are asked to plan their presentations for the District Conference along the same approach of 2011. If using video you are asked to provide the format in advance of the conference.
- Appointing a personnel committee – The Board affirmed Larry Tyner, Janet Julian and Judy Boles as members of the personnel committee.
- Shalom Team Study Committee is to have its first meeting.
- Youth Representative to District Board (Shared Ministries plans to re-establish Youth Cabinet and will ask representatives from the Cabinet to attend District Board meetings)

New Business

- Recommendation from Resource Development Commission:
 - 1) Motion to District Board: Transfer the Outdoor Ministry debt of \$50,500 from Extended Ministries Fund to the Timber Fund. The Board affirmed this recommendation
 - 2) Allow District Treasurer to use up to \$25,000 of this money for general operations pending review by the end of the year. The Board affirmed this recommendation.
 - 3) Ask District Board and selected members of commissions to be part of a project to request an opportunity to visit church council meetings and/or church Board or Leadership Team meetings to listen to concerns of churches and to share the excitement of what's happening in the District. A script and training would be provided and sending people out 2x2 in accordance with the wisdom of Jesus would be in order. The Board affirmed the request.
- Letter from the Eaton Church of the Brethren – Larry Tyner met with Martin Peacock to discuss the letter. The Board agreed that John Kinsel, Dave Shetler, Larry Tyner and Sandra Jenkins contact the President of the Elder body of the Eaton Church of the Brethren to arrange a meeting for dialogue, mutual understanding and clarification of request of the Board.
- Response from West Alexandria Church of the Brethren – West Alex is ready for a sub-team of the Board to meet with them. John Kinsel, Dave Shetler, Larry Tyner, Sandra Jenkins will meet with them.
- Question: How can we continue to be more proactive in the lives of the local congregations?

Other

- Please make suggestions to Gifts Discernment Commission of potential Board candidates as well as other District positions through the form on the website.
- Judy Boles is in touch with IT to determine the best format for District Conference videos.

Announcements

- Next meeting is August 4th at Beaver creek. The Happy Corner Ice Cream Social is on August 4th as well.

Process Evaluation

Closing Prayer