

District Board Meeting Agenda August 4, 2012

Attendees: Janet Julian, Carl Eubank, Dave Shetler, Mindy Tipton, Ron Wenzel, Tom Bowser, Andrew Wright, Susan Fitze, Gene Karn, Dave Erbaugh, Julie Hostetter, Burton Wolf, John Warner, Susan Liller, Larry Tyner, Sandy Jenkins, Belinda Yingst, Mary Boone, Amy Hager, Trent Smith

Gathering

- Welcome to Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren: Pastor Ty Pyles
- Introductions, Community Sharing, & Prayers
- Consensus Information
- Minutes of the May 19th, 2012 Meeting: Amy Hager – The minutes were approved by consensus.
- Worshipful Work: Sandra Jenkins

Reports from District Officers, Staff & Affiliates

- Director of Outdoor Ministries: Gene Karn presented written report. There was discussion about the savings of not printing the brochure and if that played a factor in a reduction in campers. Outdoor Ministries plans to intentionally focus communication for next year's program announcements. Mary Boone will include the link to the 2013 camp program in the monthly District newsletter. The report was approved.
- Treasurer's Report: Susan Liller presented the report. There was discussion about Standing Committee Delegate expenses for Annual Conference and the policy for reimbursement. The current practice is to reimburse actual expenses although this year the cost is higher than budgeted. The item will be re-visited as part of the budgeting discussion next month. The report was approved.
- Brethren Retirement Community: John Warner. The report was approved.
- Director of District Communications: Mary Boone gave the report. The report was approved.
- District Executive: Dave Shetler. He expresses gratitude for the SOD community and the united leadership that is occurring in the District. The report was approved.

Lunch

Worshipful Work: Sandra Jenkins

Commission Reports – All reports were affirmed by the Board.

- Gifts Discernment: Andrew Wright – The Commission is working towards filling the open positions and the voting slate for the District Conference.
- Outdoor Ministries: John Kinsel
- Missional Renewal: Susan Fitze
- New Church Development: Ron Wenzel
- Resource Development: Steve Conklin – Burt Wolf gave the report. Three churches have been visited.
- Ministerial Leadership: Sandra Jenkins
- Shared Ministries: Mindy Tipton – There is a need for someone with a calling to work with the District youth for outings, such as canoeing, junior high lock in, etc.

Old Business

- 1) Programs and Arrangement Update: District Worship, District Conference.
- 2) Update on the return of funds from Robin Waddell – Resolved.

- 3) Annual Reviews of District Staff: Personnel Committee of Larry Tyner, Janet Julian & Judy Boles will meet soon.
- 4) Shalom Team Study Committee – Work is developing as a means to supplement the Discipleship and Reconciliation Team at the District level. Dave Shetler is providing leadership for this group and is planning a follow up meeting in the next month.
- 5) Meeting with West Alex Church Board: Continued ministry with this Board is occurring on August 25th.
- 6) Letter of Response to the Elders of Eaton Church of the Brethren – Larry provided the letter that the Board sent to the Elders in response to their letter. A group of Board members met with the Eaton Elders to conduct conversation and discernment.
- 7) District Board visits with churches of the Southern Ohio District – Meetings started to occur with the District churches. The power point presentation is posted on the SODCOB Board website and every Board member is requested to join up with another Board member to share the presentation with the selected church. Mary Boone sent a link to the Board to sign up for the church to visit.

New Business

- 1) Polity concerns & new discoveries: Dave Shetler spoke about the process for handling churches that decide to split from the denomination. The entire Board needs to be educated about the polity and present the same message. Dave's goal is to get a presentation that he has viewed to the Board for review.
- 2) New Ventures fundraising letter – The District is preparing a fund raising letter for distribution to request financial support. In the next meeting the Board is taking a voluntary collection from the members.
- 3) Reminder to Resource Development Commission to prepare 2013 Budget. (Commissions are welcomed to share any changes).
- 4) Reminder to prepare for District Conference presentations.
- 5) Any update from OM/WA Study Committee – None was given.
- 6) Board Retreat in November: Leadership Development (or suggested learning theme) and location. The Retreat will be held in Sugar Grove Lodge at Woodland Altars on November 2nd and 3rd, 2012.
- 7) Manchester University Trustees - as part of the reorganization of the University By-Laws, the Manchester Trustee representative from each district is changing. The Southern Ohio District representation will be included in with other districts, so that there will not be a dedicated Trustee going forward. The Board will discuss at the next meeting in September.
- 8) Other
 - a. 2013 Annual Conference nominations – Mark Bowman is a member of the nominating committee and is requesting suggestions for Annual Conference membership nominations.
- 9) Next Board meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2012, 10 am at Constance COB.

Announcements

Process Evaluation

Closing Prayer