

District Board Meeting Agenda

May 3, 2014

Attendees:

Larry Tyner, Mary Boone, Susan Liller, Dave Shetler, Steve North, Art Fourman, Gary Crim, Jim Moore, Trent Smith, Geneva Price, Char Foster, Ty Pyles, Mindy Tipton, Doug Donohoo, Tom Bowser, Mark Bowman, Judy Boles, Janet Julian, Linda Brandon, Susan Fitze, Nick Beam

Welcome to Greenville Church of the Brethren: Pastor Ron Sherck

A Learning Session "Perceptions...Part 2" Jane Woodie

Minutes of March 8, 2014 meeting: Wendy Noffsinger-Erbaugh

ACTION: Corrected minutes to reflect that Doug Donohoo was present and remove Jim Donohoo. Minutes were accepted.

Welcome back Amy Hager as acting clerk today!

Reports from District Officers, Staff & Affiliates

Brethren Retirement Community: John Warner – Written report online.

Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries: Karen Dillon – Written report online.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Liller – Written report online.

Director of District Communications: Mary Boone – Written report online.

District Executive: Dave Shetler – Written report online. The Board members discussed the ethics training that just occurred. It was well attended by members of the district and a few members from outside the district.

Affirmed: The Board agreed to support daily prayer along with a District Day of Prayer on May 11, Mothers' Day, for the Nigerian girls that were kidnapped.

Action: The Board accepted the reports from the District Officers, Staff & Affiliates.

11:45 am: ORDER OF THE DAY: Welcome to our visiting guests – Ron Mack is attending the District Board meetings. He is a 2014 District Conference delegate for West Charleston.

Lunch

Worshipful Work – Conducted by Steve North.

Commission Reports

Camping and Retreat: Art Fourman. Report online. The question arose about the Director's salary and where it falls. The expectation is that the Director's salary should be coming from Woodland Altar's reserve fund.

Action: The Board affirmed by unanimous vote the CRC budget for 2014 camping season that is posted online.

Gifts Discernment: Julie Hostetter. Report online.

Ministerial Leadership: Ty Pyles. Ethics training occurred.

Missional Renewal: Trent Smith. Report online.

New Church Development: Linda Brandon. Report online.

Resource Development: Carl Eubank. Report online.

Shared Ministries: Judy Boles. Report online. They are looking at shared transportation to the Annual Conference.

Action: The Board accepted the reports from the Commissions.

2:00 pm: ORDER OF THE DAY: Friends of Woodland Altars – Rick Dobberstein, member of Pleasant Hill COB, presented on behalf of the Friends of Woodland Altars group. After discussion, the Board agreed to a designated group of 4 members to meet with 4 members of the Friends of Woodland Altars. The four board members include: Dave Shetler, Ty Pyles, Art Fourman, Mindy Tipton.

Old Business

Marketing Strategies for the District. How can the Southern Ohio District Board better connect and support our congregations and pastors? Mary Boone and Steve North are discussing the options for fax machines if congregations do not want internet access. Shared Ministries is notifying adjacent congregations when they are visiting a church in case they are interested in coming to the meeting. Several board members indicated the importance

of including connection via relationships as well as technology connections.

Personnel Committee report: Judy Boles, Janet Julian, Larry Tyner

Ministry Review of the District Executive Update – Evaluations were sent out to the Board members via email and response is encouraged.

West Charleston's offer for mediation through KIPCOR – West Charleston is willing to pay for Phase I mediation cost of \$6,000. The remaining cost is \$7,500 per phase up to 3 phases. The Board discussed the potential cost beyond Phase I.

Motion: Accept West Charleston's offer for mediation in Phase I.

Action: The Board reached consensus to accept the offer for mediation.

In communicating with West Charleston, Pastor Ty is asked to let them know that the Board supports the process with concerns about the future funding and where that may come from.

New Business

Recommendations from District Lawyer, Gary Crim – Attorney Crim provided a recommendation for exploration of sale of Woodland Altars. There are three items that action is requested (another discussion came up about the need to address issues with the dam but it was not included in the list:

Authorize legal counsel to retain an appraiser. The Board is going to prayerfully consider the appraisal and revisit the need in the August meeting.

Authorize environmental consultant for buried gasoline tank. The CRC will address in their next meeting.

Authorize bidding for correction of sewer-water line issue. The CRC will address in their next meeting.

Other – Program and Arrangements Committee for District Conference – based on the theme of working together, is adding a Saturday Disaster Relief School Kit event at Troy COB on August 23, 2014, 3:30 pm. The District will be requesting financial contributions for this event, not kit contents.

Announcements

Worshipful Work

Where have we sensed God's Spirit leading us in this meeting?

For what do we have to give thanks out of our time together?

What do we need God's help with moving forward?

Where do we need God to continue to give us clarity?

Closing Prayer