## District Board Minutes Eversole Church of the Brethren March 7, 2015

Present: Dave Shetler, Janet Jullian, Susan Fitze, Sandra Jenkins, Julie Stickler, Karen Dillon, Linda Brandon, Art Fourman, Larry Tyner, Tom Bowser, Ty Pyles, Mark Bowman, Gary Crim, Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh, Steve North, Trent Smith, Phillip Dell, Carl Eubank, Susan Liller, Mary Boone

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Welcome by Mark Bowman, Pastor of the Eversole Church of the Brethren
- III. Community Sharing
- IV. Worshipful Work
- V. Minutes of January 24th Meeting: Dave Shetler
  - A. The Board affirmed the minutes.
- VI. Brethren Retirement Community: John Warner
  - A. Written report provided.
- VII. Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries: Karen Dillon
  - A. Save the date postcards have been sent.
  - B. There will be a special family camp at Cricket Holler over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.
  - C. Karen distributed a paper to the Board outlining expenses for each camp. Karen hopes to share this information with churches and individuals, asking them to help underwrite individual camps. The goal is to reduce the cost of camps and the need for scholarships.
  - D. Karen and Tom continue to maintain the Woodland Altars property.
- VIII. Treasurer's Report: Susan Liller
  - A. Written report provided.
  - B. Report accepted.
- IX. Director of District Communications: Mary Boone
  - A. Written report provided.
- X. District Executive: Dave Shetler
  - A. Written report provided.
- XI. Reports were accepted.
- XII. District Commissions
  - A. Gifts Discernment: Tom Bowser
    - i. Has met once. Will be waiting until spring to begin the calling process.
  - B. Ministerial Leadership: Larry Tyner
    - i. Hasn't met since the retreat. Will meet March 11 at Happy Corner.
    - ii. Mike Hostetter has joined the commission. Still looking for additional members.
  - C. Missional Renewal: Trent Smith
    - i. Written report provided.
    - ii. Board members were encouraged to contact Trent with any suggestions they might have for Vital Ministry Journey coaches.
  - D. New Church Development: Steve North
    - i. Written report provided.
  - E. Shared Ministries: Jim Moore

- i. Art Fourman shared on behalf of the team. They meet the second Monday of every month.
- ii. Colorado will be the next Disaster Ministries site.
- iii. District Disaster Ministries are looking at sponsoring a trip to New Windsor.
- F. Resource Development: Carl Eubank
  - i. Written report provided.
  - ii. Resource Development Commission recommended that the District Board move \$10,000 from the Extended Ministries Fund to the General Fund.
    - a) Time for discussion followed.
    - b) The recommendation was approved by consensus.
- G. Reports were accepted.

## XIII. Old Business

- A. Changing the name of our District to include Kentucky
  - i. Sandra Jenkins brought the suggestion: The Southern Ohio/Kentucky Cardinal District
  - ii. Time for discussion followed.
    - a) Dave will contact the Annual Conference office regarding what part of Kentucky we should include in our district and its new name.
- B. Larry and Ty met with the pastor of a district congregation to discuss ongoing concerns the congregation has with district ministries.

## XIV. New Business

- A. Appointment of Personnel Team
  - i. Includes Board Chair (Ty), Vice Chair (Carl) and one at-large member.
  - ii. Dave Shetler suggested that Janet Jullian continue with the team to provide continuity between the previous team and this one.
    - a) The board approved Ty, Carl, and Janet to serve on this team.
- B. Review/approval of District Executive Minister Position Description.
  - i. Written description provided.
  - ii. Suggested changes:
    - a) Point 4 under "Areas of Responsibility:" "Committees" to "Commissions."
    - b) Letter A on the front page: "learning from accompanying mistakes" to "learning from previous experiences."
    - c) Letter D on the front page: "small wins" to "small goals."
  - iii. The District Board accepted the document with the suggested changes.
- C. Cristo Nuestra Paz status.
  - i. Irv and Nancy Heishman, in conjunction with the fellowship, have temporarily suspended operations of Cristo Nuestra Paz. Cristo Nuestra Paz and West Charleston are considering how the fellowship should proceed.
- D. New Church Development shared conversations they have had about two possible "restarts" within the district and sought feedback regarding how to proceed.
- E. Recommendation on the District Commission structure from the task team.
  - i. Written document provided.
  - ii. Time for discussion followed.

- iii. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.
- F. Updating/rewriting the District Code of Regulations
  - i. Gary, Ty, and Dave will take a look at the Code to see if it needs to be updated/changed.

## G. Other

- i. Susan Liller shared a concern about the availability of board information. Have access to reports been public? Are our meetings really open meetings? How can we be intentional about what we do and do not share?
  - a) Time for discussion followed.
  - b) It was suggested that
    - Items not affected by confidentiality could be published on the public District website
    - Items affected by confidentiality, such as those needing to go to Executive Session, could be published on the restricted part of the District website.
    - The Board Chair, Vice Board Chair, Treasurer, and District Executive could review items if there is question.
  - c) Dave will check with Mission and Ministry Board to see what their guidelines are.
  - d) Add watermark "draft" to reports and minutes that are not yet approved.
- ii. Open-Mic Time
- XV. Worshipful Work
- XVI. Closing Prayer
- XVII. Executive Session

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh District Clerk