

**Southern Ohio District Board Retreat
Brethren Retirement Community
11-8-14**

Present: David Shetler, Gary Crim, Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh, Tom Bowser, Jim Moore, Art Fourman, Heather Fullen, Larry Tyner, Sandy Jenkins, Trent Smith, Janet Julian, Linda Brandon, Carl Eubank, Steve North, Julie Stickler, Phil Dell, Ty Pyles, Mark Bowman, Charlene Foster, Karen Dillon, Mary Boone, Susan Liller

1. Sale of Woodland Altars

1.1. Relationship between Friends of Woodland Altars and the District.

a) Gary Crim distributed a letter from the Friends of Woodland Altars, explained the relationship between the Southern Ohio District and other "Brethren" corporations, and offered legal counsel. Time for discussion was included.

b) Motion: That a response letter to the Friends of Woodland Atlas read: "Based on legal and fiduciary considerations, the District Board voted to reject the oral suggestion at District Conference that members of the Friends of Woodland Altars corporate structure be the individual congregations of the Church of the Brethren of Southern Ohio."

- Action: Consensus was found. One member did not support the motion, but did not block its passage. The motion passed.

1.2. Gary recommended that the District Board retain the services of Ty R. Pell Associates of West Union, OH to survey the Woodland Altars property in Adams County for \$8,000 and to pay that sum from the timber funds.

a) Action: Consensus was found. The motion passed.

1.3. Gary recommended that we retain, effective October 14, 2014, Dana Whalen at 175/hour with a cap of \$2000 to provide legal advice concerning the sale of Woodland Altars and to pay any bills from the timber funds.

a) Action: Consensus was found. The motion passed.

2. Poplar Grove

2.1. Designation of Funds

a) Motion: Of the \$50,000 from the Poplar Grove property, the District Board will put \$10,000 toward the EYN Nigerian Crisis initiative. The remaining funds will be set aside in a separate fund with the expectation that any ongoing maintenance expenses will be taken from that fund.

- Action: Consensus was found. The motion passed.

2.2. Care of the property

a) Motion: Steve Bohn will oversee the maintenance and caretaker of the Poplar Grove property and oversee the stipend that the caretaker would receive. The stipend and ongoing expenses will be approved by the District Executive, Board Chair, and Steve.

- Action: Consensus was found. The motion passed.

2.3. Discussion of what to do with the Poplar Grove property was tabled until January. Board members were encouraged to prayerfully consider the future of Poplar Grove.

3. Ordination affirmations

3.1. The Ministry Commission recommended that Daniel Fullen and Seth Hendricks both be approved for ordination. Both were affirmed by consensus.

4. Potential Dates for 2015 District Board Meetings. Locations will be announced.
 - 4.1. January 10 - Good Shepherd
 - 4.2. March 7
 - 4.3. May 2
 - 4.4. August 1
 - 4.5. September 12
 - 4.6. November 13 and 14 retreat

5. Reorganization of the District Board – Mark Bowman
 - 5.1. The board discussed what commissions would best serve the district. Members decided to keep the commissions for 2013 for now.
 - 5.2. Chair – Ty Pyles
 - 5.3. Vice Chair – Carl Eubank
 - 5.4. Shared Ministries
 - a) Jim Moore
 - b) Art Fourman
 - c) Heather Fullen
 - 5.5. Ministry Commission
 - a) Larry Tyner
 - b) Sandy Jenkins
 - c) Geneva Price
 - 5.6. Missional Renewal
 - a) Susan Fitze
 - b) Trent Smith
 - c) Janet Julian
 - 5.7. Resource Development
 - a) Linda Brandon
 - b) Carl Eubank
 - 5.8. Camping and Retreat Commission
 - a) Will be a task team of staff and those outside of the board.
 - 5.9. New Church Development
 - a) Steve North
 - b) Julie Stickler
 - c) Phil Dell

6. Dave Shetler announced that Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh will serve as Volunteer Staff person within the district.

7. Mary Boone shared that the district is now on Facebook. A Q and A page regarding the Woodland Altars sale is also on the district website.

8. Adjournment at 5 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh, District Clerk