

District Board Meeting  
At the Cincinnati Church of the Brethren  
March 18, 2017

Ty Pyles led the opening prayer & Lighting of Christ Candle

The board was welcomed by the Cincinnati Church of the Brethren congregation. They shared their history with the board.

Community Sharing

Reflection and Feedback

Text: Timothy how church is to be Paul is writing.

Minutes of January 14 Meeting:

Sheila Schumaker took minutes for the January 14, 2017 meeting. Perhaps they will be available at a later date due to her illness.

Brethren Retirement Community: John Warner

Report available on the website and no questions.  
Report approved.

Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries: Karen Dillon

Karen handed out a report. New camp this year is intergenerational service camp. High School up will

be staying in the cabins at night but will be out in the community during the day.

All camping programs are on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Scott Fitzgerald

Passed out copies of the 12312016 financial report and it is on the website. Scott added the January received donations that were for the 2016 year were added to the end of the year report.

Current investments are being reviewed to make certain that we are benefiting as much as we can.

Transition from previous treasurer to current treasurer has been so smooth. Thanks to all who made this happen.

Director of District Communications: Mary Boone  
Report on line.

District Executive: Dave Shetler  
Report on line.

- Salem has called a pastor
- Prince of Peace: Working on their profile. Two individuals have expressed an interest in the open pastorate. The question is how to cultivate ministering in our congregations.

- Bear Creek: Is experimenting with a yoke situation.
- East Dayton: Zack Story and Irv and Nancy Heishman may partner there also to work with the Spanish speaking congregations. Board affirmation is given for this mission. (Zack is from Fairview Brethren in Christ. Salem also works with Fairview and their food bank.) Brethren in Christ are from the Mennonite tradition. Phil Dell wondered if we could meet Zack and have him present to the board.
- New pastors' retreat was at Camp Mack.
- Brethren Faith in Action Fund will be established with the money from the sale of the upper part of the New Windsor campus. Churches may apply for a mini grant for work that resembles the service that was the focus of New Windsor.

All morning reports approved the board moved to have a lovingly prepared lunch with the Cincinnati Church of the Brethren members.

District Commissions:

- Gifts Discernment: Judy Boles report online

- Ministerial Leadership: Sheila Shoemaker

Approved scholarship for the to retreat for new pastors

- Missional Renewal: Trent Smith

Reverse invitation sent to congregations to go into the churches

- Shared Ministries: Jim Moore

Raised the question of adding Nigerian needs/response as a line item for the budget.

There will be an auction for raising funds for tractors in Nigeria

Discussed how groups of churches are working together vs having district wide events.

The Golf Outing at the Greenville Golf Course will have information will be coming to the churches soon.

Disaster Ministries banquet was just held and is planning for 2 trips for youth to be added to agenda. (Look on line)

Oct. 22 Fall Youth Rally will preview NYC. It will be at Salem 2-5pm.

Kristy Hammond getting books for Nigeria through Mt. Vernon Christian College.

- Resource Development: Carl Eubank

Report online as of this morning.

Preparing budgets get request for 2018 due by July 19. New line items would be requested by commissions.

BBT is meeting Wed. at commission meeting 10 am at Mill Ridge Village, to look at the investing. Investment oversight serious look this year.

- Connections:

Refugee resettlement report given.

Each church will get a map to identify churches. When you visit you put a pin of one color vs when someone visits your church another.

District deacons meeting starting meetings. Call deacons to be installed at district meeting and then having some training. They will be there for spiritual support.

Board members meeting with churches may have one purpose vs deacons going just for spiritual support.

Budget needs. How much can they have and how soon? They were not part of the 2017 budget. They

grew out of the reconciliation process. Want to do a magazine that is like a mini messenger. Mailing list is currently about 2000 at this point. John Kinsel is recommending that \$ be appropriated from Reconciliation for communication. \$3500.00 for first one. Then it should drop the cost to \$3200.00. Would be mailed bulk mail. \$4300.00 might be a complete cost per 6 months. September for first and second would be in March. John will write an article to be in first edition to explain the reconciliation process. Art asking if the format is best image is if it is glossy since we have been operating at a deficit. Dave is suggesting we approve the concept and potential funding with more firm estimates next meeting. DONE. Will be part of old business at May meeting.

Reconciliation Summary meeting was held in Feb. with Bob Gross where outgrowth of continuing distrustfulness of how money is allocated and spent. Communication of items for budget prior to fall conference will be considered. John Kinsel will be holding worships prior to the fall business meeting. We approved a small stipend to Caleb and only expenses to Bob and Carol at this point. John is suggesting \$500 to each. Motion Passed. John will be presenting these with our thanks.

Old Business:

1. The guidelines for the grants are approved. They will now go to the Resource Development who will send information to the churches and it will be linked via the website.

## New Business:

### 1. Retreat Resource

Leadership for the fall retreat ideas can be shared with Ty. Having someone there is considered helpful.

Art has a video series of visioning called From Here To There. This is a suggestion for the retreat in November.

### 2. Visioning

#### Where Are We?

There are pockets of excitement with what is happening around the district. How do we share that? Have churches share their stories during district worships, part of the new magazine, visiting churches (Ron). If we were to do a physical checkup we are getting better.

How do we revitalize the 80% of our church/district? Can we do more one on one? For example of Art with someone from a disaster trip. How do we energize our "silo" from congregations and then into the district?

## Announcements

March 25 Send donation to Salem and go to New Carlisle church have Wright State Choir at 7:00p

Dave. Quarter time will be in CA helping Modesto congregation search.

Good Friday services at Trotwood COB.

Circleville will be the location of next meeting.

Next Meeting May 20

Reflection and Feedback

Closing Prayer