

July 29, 2017

Karen Dillion, Ann Stackhouse, Ron Mack, Art Fourman, Janet Jillian, Carl Eubanks, Trent Smith, Pat Traybacker BVSer from New Carlisle, Gary Crim, Dave Shetler, Deb OSKIN (someone new), Judy Boles, Phillip Dell, Scott Fitzgerald, Lois Foster, John Kinsel, Mary Bane

Attendance: Judy Boles, Mary Boone, Gary Crim, Phillip Dell, Karen Dillion, Carl, Eubank, Scott Fitzgerald, Art Fourman, Janet Jilian, John Kinsel, Ron Mack, Dave Shetler, Trent Smith, Ann Stackhouse, Charlene Foster, Deb Oskin, and visitor Pat Traybacher

Lower Miami Church of the Brethren pastor, Nan Erbaugh blessed our meeting with a welcome and prayer.

Carl opened the meeting with devotions about servant leadership.

Minutes from the May meeting were accepted and approved as submitted.

1. Document on CODE AND REGULATIONS with a discussion lead by Gary Crim and Dave Shetler

Original code filed in the early 1950's. The proposed are now in alignment with current ORC and IRS. Substance is same but reflective of nomenclature updates.

Need a resolution to the District Conference to amend the By-laws and Code.

A motion was made by Phillip Dell with a second by Judy Boles to move this issue to district conference.

Carl suggested that we have District Delegate Briefings with budget suggestions and Bylaw changes in September to give opportunity for review and questions. An additional session will be on Friday prior to the meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT AGENT FOR OFFICIAL DOCUMENT SIGNING

This had been the Treasurer of the District and the recommendation is that this practice continues. Motion: Scott Fitzgerald is now the treasurer and he will be authorized to be the official signature for all documents. So moved by Ron Mack and second by Janet Jilian. Motion passed.

3. District Deacon Funding Request:

A request of \$1800.00 to bring in training for deacons was made for the budget or the Deacon group by the Connections Commission. The motion does not require a second. Linda Brandon and Jen Scarr made the request in writing since neither could be present at the meeting. Motion approved.

4. PROPOSED BUDGET

Dave Shetler recommends a task team that would:

1. Define a compelling vision and communicate it
2. Look for alternate funding streams (grants)

3. Improve estate planning with members of local congregations. (Bequest)

The group is looking for long term funding stability/sources.

If approved then a team could be developed and could be shared at conference. Motion made by Ron Mack and second by Trent Smith. Motion passed.

There was a short discussion and brainstorming for names of potential members of this type of group.

Resource Development Commission is allowing Scott to present the proposed budget:

-Salaries are based on scale.

-District conference registration is lower than 2016

-District travel is budgeted lower

-Office expenses are up based on the one time proposed web site , insert for Messenger and postage proposals.

-Money withdrawn from the Woodland Alters fund is based on growth of the fund.

-Recommendation to the District Conference:

Budget comes from Resource Development Commission no second is required. Motion to accept the proposed budget: Passed

Additional Discussions:

- John Kinsel: the district worship with West Charleston praise band, and ice cream from Potsdam made it a wonderfully warm worship service. Took an offering \$550.00 for the district.
- Living Sanctuary for LGQT support group have now met 2 times. Next gathering will be 8/28/17 at 7:00p at Pleasant Hill COB (Living Grace) Congregations may volunteer refreshments just let John K. know.
- Donor appreciation dinner Aug. 4.
- Grant recipients will be sharing at District conference. Three grants were presented.
- Art: submitted a report and shared about the youth working on Brethren Disaster.
- Oct. 22 District youth rally to focus on NYC 2018
- Karen: Boy Scouts replaced the stove. The refrigerator and ice maker had to be repaired during the camps. They requested that the schedule be set for a 2 year cycle.

5. Request for funds: Mission Renewal Team

Trent Smith: the Congregational Vitality Survey was offered to congregations. The tool has not been working as well lately so they are seeking guidance to develop a tool outside of the congregational tool. Johnathon Shively is no longer associated with the denomination. The Mission Renewal Team is requesting \$3500.00 as a stipend for Johnathon to for development of this tool and that the funding

come from the Popular Grove fund is named the District Reserve Fund. As a part of this the first 3 congregations will be pilot and at no cost to the congregations. Request approved.

6. Other Announcements/discussion points:

- Scott: page 3 first 6 month report: General fund show a decrease of 30K. Good portion of this is that they have not taken from the investments at this time. Income no district registrations yet. 18K of deficits are not taking income from endowments.
- Operating Fund at the end is Popular Grove income
- Dave and Mary, Moderator, and Board Chair will have access to make district wide one call.
- Mary is excited to be working on the magazine "Together" Goal is to be in the district conference packet.
- Karen Dillion: Golf outing is coming up. Women's Retreat is coming out at the end of Sept. Adult bible school end of Sept. at Salem.
- NOAC is Sept. 4-8.
- BRC Sept 15 is the Gala. Churches are encouraged to provide baskets. The Board will sponsor a basket again this year. Karen will accept donations toward this basket.

Dave Shetler:

-Expressed gratitude to the district and requested that the denomination be held in prayer as we are facing difficult times. Denomination Leadership team meets in late August.

Discussed local congregations hold property in trust for the board and that if they want to buy or sell property by polity they need to inform the district board. Name changing is an issue also. It may remove them from the 501C3 status of the district.

Social Media usage is public and caution is suggested/required of everyone.

Beavercreek popcorn festival will be September 8&9.

October District conference will need board members to facilitate small groups. 12 are needed.

The board thanks the Lower Miami Church of the Brethren for their hospitality for today's meeting.

Next meeting will be September 16 at the Bradford Church of the Brethren.

Pat as a visitor presented about her work during BVS. If you pray about something, you should do something. Fund Stream is a project that she is working to connect congregations and their fundraising projects. Pat would like have an online auction for estate items that someone might like to have available for other Brethren. Make an online auction in the name of the district. Gary Crim suggested that it be on the agenda for the next meeting.