

Southern Ohio Northern Kentucky District

Board Meeting

September 15, 2018

Members in attendance:

Ann Stackhouse, Karen Dillion, Linda Bandon, Charlene Foster, Carl Eubank, Carrie Drees, Tom Bowser, Jen Scarr, Jon Warner, Phil Dell, Mary Boone, Ron Mack, John Kinsel, Jim Baker, Dave Shetler, Julie Brewer, Art Fourman, Deb Oskin, Dennis Delk, Ty Pyles for a short time, Heather Fullen

Jim Moore sent a text. He was not feeling well enough to attend his last board meeting. He is finishing his second consecutive term on the board.

Ty Pyles welcomed the board to the West Milton Church of the Brethren. He talked about the day care that serves children of the community 12 hours a day, 5 days a week. Each Saturday morning there is a Community Clothes Closet offering free, clean clothing. The church also has a cabinet that contains free food outside the front door. It keeps nonperishable items for anyone in need and invites everyone to donate when they can.

Phil led our devotional time with reading Philippians 4: 8-9. Phil asked what we individually envision for our district that would make us happy.

Announcements:

On Oct 7, 2018 5 churches will gather to celebrate communion at Happy Corner Church of the Brethren at 6:30.

Cody North will be dedicated on October 7 at the Columbus Church. He will be 8 weeks old. Prayers for Mary Sue and Bruce were requested.

Oct. 7 will be the first Sunday for Lee Saylor the new pastor at Salem Church of the Brethren.

Karen announced the new adult Bible school located at Salem Church of the Brethren September 24-28. A second adult Bible school will be October 22 – 26 at the Troy Church of the Brethren.

Prayers are needed for the Jean McCarty family. She passed away.

We need to remember the people in the hurricanes. Linda has family in the areas impacted. John announced that 2 teams for are poised to go in to work with the children.

Dave Shetler shared that his mother's cancer has spread. We will pray for Dave and his family.

Jen's grandmother has transitioned to hospice. She requested prayers for her father and his brothers.

Phil led us in prayer.

Minutes were approved with the correction to Tom's name.

Financial Report was submitted online but Scott is out of town.

Communication Report:

Updates on District Conference:

Remind congregations to register delegates

Next edition of magazine is at the printer and should be mailed before Oct 1

Next revenue letter is underway. Mary is hoping to interview youth who went to NYC with monies from a grant from the district.

Mary officially retired as a bus driver.

District Executive Report:

Report posted online. Dave's hope is that out of our compelling vision comes the need to change to walk in the midst of a changing culture. As a district we need to also discover how we meet the needs of a changing culture. Dave is hopeful because of the exciting things happening with the church. Fifth Sunday worship, combined churches for communion, churches joining to discuss how to meet needs in communities, a young woman wanting to begin the journey to become a minister, ordination of a new minister at Potsdam (a Woman) and the infusion of young folks on the board. Good Shepard had a very positive interview with a prospective minister not as an interim but more as a trial for 6 months. Dave is excited for the healing and shifts in relationships and faith. Painters Creek: Phil Reynolds filled in a Sunday and they now have an informal relationship agreement that allows him to fill the pulpit for a time.

Dave's role on the committee of district executives has shifted some since he is no longer the secretary as he shared at the last meeting.

Dave expressed his appreciation of this district and the exciting things that are happening.

BRC

Report online. 1. Number of residents is over 600 now. Board will meet later this month. Capital campaign is going well at 1.9 million. Independent living is going well with new units are being built. They had the gala last night with about 250 attending. As things were wrapping up they had a missing resident. They had used the one Call system. Virginia Crim was with Karen

Dillion at the Gala and she had not made people aware. She was recognized at the event for being 100 years old.

Commission Reports:

- Shared Ministries: Jim Moore just sent a text. They are discussing restarting the School of Christian Living. It was a district wide educational event done on consecutive Monday nights, usually in the spring, with a variety of class offerings. This brought about a great amount of discussion and ideas for topics and ways to structure opportunities for learning. The board is looking forward to what the committee will decide.
- Connections: Linda Bandon shared when the compelling vision meetings will be. It is hoped that board members will be in attendance at each meeting. Linda will be sending out a request for specific items that are needed for the refugee warehouse or ask for donations of the items. Biblical Authority group met with representatives and they have opened the conference on evangelism to everyone. Concern was expressed since they had been an exclusionary group. Ministry commission was approached to provide CEU's for the event. Jen is asking for how we could communicate/transparency of what the relationship of the district and this group is at this point.
- Camping and Retreat: Summer camp was very successful. District youth event is happening today with a picnic event to night at New Carlisle tonight. However, the kids are so overbooked that it is difficult to get them together. Last weekend was the women's retreat and it was a wonderful weekend. The number of attending was 69 which was an increase from last year. Last year was 48 attending. The golf outing was successful with 23 teams or 86 people. Funds raised \$5080.00. It was a wet morning and the course manager said he would have closed the course if there had not been an outing that day. Turtle Creek has become a great partner with the COB. It is time to think about Cookie Camp and the winter camping opportunities. Hoping to have a spring weekend around the theme of Simple Living. Karen discussed the need to have a name specifically for the camp.
- Mission and Renewal: Dave shared report: Continue to work with Jonathon Shively regarding the congregational vitality survey that is being developed. Urban Ministry team has expanded to include East Dayton, Beavercreek, Lower Miami, and Trotwood are joining Mack Memorial, Bear Creek, and West Milton. They have established several work teams to move the work forward.
- Ministry Commission: Dave had a text from Shelia Shoemaker. There are a few prelicensing/preordinations coming to this commission. Next year is the 5-year ethics training review. They are hoping to soon engage in a calling event. There is a need to have additional people on the commission.
- Gifts Discernment: There are 3 open board positions: Shelia Shoemaker, Art Foreman, and Jim Moore. Char Foster is also ending her term on the Standing Committee. Appreciation was expressed for their ongoing support and service. Jim Baker and

Heather Fullen have agreed to serve for an additional term of 3 years on the board. Todd Reish of Oakland, Sarah Friedrich has also agreed to be on the board. Becky Maur of Oakland has agreed to serve on the Standing Committee. Ben Kraus will continue on program and arrangement. There is still a need for a Moderator Elect.

- Resource Development: Jim Baker was out of town during the last meeting. They have an item for discussion later in the agenda.
- All reports affirmed as presented.

John Warner presented the BRC code of regulations changes. Need the Board's affirmation so it can be on the agenda for the district conference. The structure is that each congregation is a corporate member (52 congregations). Refer to the May meeting. Since that meeting there have been listening sessions. There were a few questions raised from the meetings and overall, no oppositions. (include the handout here) John handed out the Affiliation Agreement Summary from the listening sessions. (include the handout here) This affiliation agreement is in to keep the BRC as an affiliate of the Southern Ohio Northern Kentucky District Church of the Brethren. John is asking for the Board's affirmation so that John can present this to the District Conference.

Affirmation for all the reports was given by raising hands. There were no objections.

OLD BUSINESS:

Plans for Board retreat: Proposal: West Charleston has learned how to do a multicultural ministries and worship. They will present a worship service, a lunch, and a discussion as to how they have developed their services. SO, for our board retreat will be at West Charleston Nov. 16 and 17. Gather 8:30 or 9 on Saturday morning for business. Worship at 10.

Withdrawal Process Update:

- The process was distributed via email.
 - Document was distributed to all board members
 - Most of the board members affirmed the process via email.
 - This was again affirmed as the process for the Southern Ohio and Kentucky District process.
- ❖ John Kinsel and Jen Scarr will work with Dave to write up the list of implications.
- ❖ The board will ask the leadership of the congregations if we can communicate with the members congregations.

New Business

2019 District Budget

The main difference is in the income section what we would need from congregation to have a balanced budget.

It is suggested that a position be developed for a person to seek donations from each congregation. We have been using mailings as a way to seek donations. There is money to do a stipend and travel for this position. The goal is to increase the opportunities to establish additional relationships with the congregations.

The position development was passed by 8 board members currently in attendance as was the proposed budget.

District Historical Committee:

Dean Garrett supplied a handout in response to questions about the work on the district history. After some discussion it was suggested that representatives of the committee attend the January board meeting to give a report.

Staff for District Mission Support: not addressed at the meeting.

Submitted by PJ Arndts, recorder