

**District Board Retreat**  
**Of**  
**Church of the Brethren**  
**Southern Ohio / Kentucky District**  
**November 13, 2021**

Present for the Zoom Meeting:

Todd Reish, Vicki Ullery, Dave Shetler, Mary Boone, Laura Brown, Staci Peterson, Nick Beam, Carrie Drees, Sie Brock, Kristen Harvey, Fred Circle, Becky Maurer, Ron Mack, Dottie Woodard, Jill Schweitzer, Sarah Friedrich, Tom Bowser, Mike Yingst, Fred Barnhardt

Not able to attend today: Dennis Delk, Karen Dillion, Ty Pyles

9:00 Welcome / Devotions

Todd welcomed everyone and reminded us of the Gala at the BRC this Thursday. He reflected on all we must be grateful in this life and had each board member share also.

9:15 Approve minutes and agenda

Agenda approved as presented

Todd would anticipate that minutes of this meeting and the last board will be submitted for the January meeting.

9:30 Introduction of new members

- Staci Peterson Originally from Northern Ohio and she now serves in the Cincinnati COB. She serves in the women's home that is across from the church. The group has grown to about 20 members all of whom are learning to support each other. She also works part time in a bakery decorating cakes! She is also working on her Master of Divinity Degree at Bethany Seminary as well as drug rehab certification as well.
- Fred Circle has volunteered to be an icing taster for Stacy! He grew up in the Springfield area and has been at the Donnels Creek Church for most of his life. He has been the board chair there as they have been faced with a few challenges. He is an independent business owner in a green energy focus growing native grasses (Swiss Grass) that can be used for heating.

9:45 New Visioning conversation

The board determined that with a change in the District Executive leadership we need to also look at the vision of the district and its focus. Dave reflected on the church and the changes during his time in this

district. One of the things that he mentioned was the move to silo/tribal thinking that one cannot associate with anyone who doesn't agree with the silo/tribal thinking. This has now invaded some of the churches. Dave reminded that we need to find what brings us together not focus on what separates us. And how to move into action focus faith.

Nick is hoping to help us find ways to celebrate how each congregation finds to celebrate Jesus in our neighborhoods. Recognizing what works in one location does not have to be the same in all locations. Nick would like to put together a diverse thinking individual to work on visioning for this district.

Looking outside of self to look at what we have and not what we lack can bring/what we have regardless of its size.

11:00 Board Reorganization Vicki Ullery

11:45 Looking at 2022 Calendar

January 22

March 12

May 14

June 25

September 10

District Conference in October

Nov 12 Retreat

It was determined that the January meeting will be via Zoom and then the board will explore the potential of moving to in person meetings with Zoom available for those who need.

Recognition of Dave:

The board is giving Dave and Marcia a gift certificate for Brown's nursery so that they can select a tree to have planted as a tribute to all the work and guidance provided the district during his 11 years, Jan 23 2-5 we will celebrate Dave's work at the Salem COB! Congregations are being encouraged to donate to the BDM, BRC, and Camping and Retreats.

Noon Adjournment with great appreciation to Dave for his love and support to the churches and believers of this district.

Commission selections

Todd was called as chair of the board in 2022 and Mike Yingst as vice chair  
Ministry: Tom Bowser, Sie Brock, Carrie Drees

Missional Renewal: Kristen Harvey, Mike Yingst, Dottie Woodward

Resource Development: Sarah Friedrich, Ron Mack, Fred Circle

Shared Ministries Jill Schweitzer, Laura Brown,

Dave reminded us that Ann Stackhouse needs to be replaced on the board.

Ask Mary for a copy of Dave's chart for who has served how long.