

Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Board Meeting

July 23, 2022

Oakland Church of the Brethren / ZOOM

Present:

In person: Todd Reish, Sie Brock, Andrew Wright, Nick Beam, Ron Mack, Stacy Peterson, Mike Yingst

ZOOM: Vicki Ullery, Karen Dillion, Tom Bowser, Gary Crim, Carrie Drees, Scott Fitzgerald, Becky Maurer,

-Sie talked about the damage in the area and especially the church damage from a tornado,

Welcome Devotions Approving Minutes/Agenda

Andrew Wright welcomed the Board to the Oakland Church of the Brethren.

Todd opened the meeting with Thomas Merton's prayer.

Agenda and Minutes:

Both were accepted with Ron Mack making a motion and Tom Bowser seconded.

Staff Reports

- Mary Boone's report is posted online.

- Karen Dillon's report is online. She reported that the camp this was a reintroduction to in person camp experiences. She shared about getting a counselor for Performing Arts. Karen would like to retire at the end of January 2023. Todd shared that at Annual Conference Karen was recognized as the staff member of the year.

Mike motioned and Sie seconded to accept Mary and Karen's reports.

- Scott Fitzgerald's Treasurer's Report is online. Currently there is a deficit of in general fund. This is typical of past reports at this time of the fiscal year. Endowment income is not posted until the end of the year report. Scott said that though the market is currently showing a loss, we are still showing an overall increase from where we were in 2019. You have to look at the 5 year averages.

Motion to accept Scott's report was made by Tom and seconded by Stacy.

- 2023 Budget Discussion

2023 Budget rough draft was shown on the screen. It will be ready for board action at the next meeting. Scott showed the information in an alternate format. The commission will need to recommend a format for the report for conference.

The suggestion of the board is to have colors to highlight different areas.

- Nick Beam: Since our meeting in May, Nick attended the Annual Conference in Omaha, and next year it will be in our district at Cincinnati. Pastoral Compensation Benefits and Advisory Committee (PCBAC) formula is out now for calculating the pastor salaries in the churches. Nick was trained for this but a few more individuals need to be trained. Nick is learning the new computer purchased by the district as well as the printer. Next week is the next picnic at which we will honor Dave and Marcia Shetler. (July 31)

Becky Maurer on Standing Committee as well as on the nominating committee. The goal is for our district to have names to come from the board to be submitted by December 1.

Report moved to be accepted by Tom and seconded by Carrie.

Old Business / Updates –

District Conference Update / Moderator Sister Vicki

District Conference is to be at Happy Corner with New Carlisle, Good Shephard, Lower Miami, and Trotwood assisting for the entire conference. Vicki suggested that in the future, we look at the congregations that could host in a location but that the other congregations be invited to share in the actual work. Vicki would like all reports to tell what they are celebrating and or what do you plan to celebrate in the coming year. Report of each format is requested to have a bit of humor. Could the board serve the ice cream at the ice cream social following worship. Ice cream will actually come from Ullery Creamy. Vicki would like someone to be the point person for the serving. October 7 and 8 Will be conference. Vicki showed the video invitation to the conference.

- Stony Creek update: They asked for a revised deed. They have chosen to not provide any funds.

- Bear Creek and Mack property update met with a real estate salesperson prior to the Annual conference. They are hoping to have an arrangement with him soon. Bear Creek has an interested buyer but there are issues with the title that must be resolved.

- West Alexandria is going to remain in the Church of the Brethren for now

- Donnels Creek update his as invited a CBC person.

-East Dayton Fellowship is working to set up a separate corporate which is a joint church of the East Dayton COB and the Brethren in Christ. This would allow them to have a treasurer, pay pastors, etc.

- Racial Justice Team / Racial Justice Query_

o Annual Conference Result of Query: Standing committee sent an action statement to the body which passed it so that there is to be a collaboration with the On Earth Peace group and to report back to the conference in 2023 and 2023. We will refer this to the Racial Justice group to appoint a committee to work with the On Earth Peace.

o How do we advance from the action plan of conference?

- Plan for saving or getting rid of District Documents procedure discussion was tabled until the next meeting

New Business

- Visioning o Naming a committee of 5-7 people

Names were suggested at the last meeting so Todd we begin to contact people

- Reimbursing Todd's AC expenses

After a discussion it was moved to reimburse Todd's expenses since he represented the district to the conference. The leadership team has recommended this. The board agreed to reimburse the expenses.

- BRC GALA congregational ask for raffle baskets and/or cash gift

The Board is requesting that each congregation to donate toward this in the form of a gift card. It is the 120th year for the BRC.

Commission Reports

- Shared Ministries has not met since Ann Stackhouse resigned

- Connections Mary shared some of this in her written report.

- Resource Development: Ron Mack reporting. They have been meeting monthly. They have been working on the Good News project, Generosity project. The commission is asking if the district should report redesign. Stewardship Project leadership training has begun.

- Ministry: there are 2 individuals who have 2 licensing and one ordination interviews to be scheduled.

- Missional/Renewal: They have been working with the book study and the Racial Justice Team. They have also worked with the interim pastor's support group. Tara Horbacker is heading this group.

The Congregational Renewal work is looking at how to continue the work based on the survey that was put on hold during the Covid restrictions.

Next meeting, September 10, 2022

The plan will be to attempt a hybrid meeting with in person and Zoom.

Submitted for review:

PJ Arndts, clerk