

January 7, 2012 SODCOB Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting at New Carlisle Church of the Brethren

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Attendees:

Burt Wolf, Mindy Tipton, Janet Julian, Carl Eubanks, Amy Hager, Susan Fitze, Deb Oskin, Sandy Jenkins, Dave Shetler, Tom Bowser, Mary Boone, Steve Conklin, Belinda Yingst, Judy Boles, Rosie Combs, Larry Tyner, Doug Donohoo, Trent Smith, Martin Peacock, Vicki Ullery, John Kinsel, Gene Karn, Susan Liller

Welcome to New Carlisle Church of the Brethren: Andrew Wright - Andrew shared the exciting initiatives for 2012 for the church, as well as the interest from the community in using the resources of the church.

Rita Lane announced that Children Disaster Response training is being held at New Carlisle Church of the Brethren, March 16th and 17th.

Introductions, Community Sharing, & Prayers - The theme of the introduction and sharing centered around 2012 hopes. Sandra Jenkins led us in prayer after we completed introductions and community sharing.

Consensus Information: Introduction of the *Green Cards!* - The Board is using green cards as an indication of interest in continuing to explore the decision that is in consideration.

Minutes of November Retreat: Amy Hager - The minutes were approved without changes.

Worshipful Work: Rosie Combs - The focus of the worshipful work was on the role of each board member as a leaf/branch on the vine, and on the difference between remaining stable versus moving forward.

Our Common Mission as a District: Dave Shetler - Dave led us in an exercise to identify the reason for the district board, the assets of the district, and what a movie would look like based on the mission. He ended with a question for us, "How can we be involved in more proactive unity?"

- Assets:
 - Mentor churches
 - Mega church replaced by smaller community based churches
 - Networking

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- Movement of the Spirit and creativity
- People/Gifts/Connecting
- Movie (Story)
 - Action movie - project/ministry done together
 - "Thy Kingdom Come"
 - Communicating - trailers - make as we go
 - How we are living our passion for Christ
- Why the District?
 - Disaster response - as an example, we are bringing assets together for the youth
 - Service
 - Mission
 - Greater than the sum of the parts
 - New things

Commission Reports (written reports can be viewed at www.sodcob.org/DistrictBoard)

- Outdoor Ministries: John Kinsel & Gene Karn
 - Gene reviewed the report that is on the website. Signs are being posted that indicate the Wilderness Area of Woodland Altars. John Kinsel shared that the Outdoor Ministries is meeting with Doug Donohoo to talk about fundraising and funding requests at the Outdoor Ministries Retreat that is coming up. He also asked for more interactive communication as different commissions and the District Board cover overlapping goals and initiatives.
 - John presented the 2012 Outdoor Ministries Budget for approval. The 2010 actual budget item Line #49 should be \$3,385.00, not \$33,885.00. The heading needs to be changed to 2012 Proposed Budget.
 - An action item for the March 7th Board Meeting is for OM to provide an overview of the summer camp curriculum.
- Gifts Discernment: Martin Peacock - Emphasizing spiritual gifts discernment. Special thanks for their work and role in supporting the District mission by providing resources.
- Missional Renewal: Susan Fitze - Mindy Tipton, Belinda Yingst and Trent Smith have been added to the Commission. Susan reviewed the report that is posted on the website. The most frequent challenges of the churches include resources (people and financial).

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- New Church Development: Ron Wenzel. There has been some turnover of membership on the commission and Ron asks for additional volunteers. He reviewed the report on line and serves as the Chair of the Cornerstone Church of the Brethren.
- Resource Development: Steve Conklin reviewed report that is posted on line.
- Ministerial Leadership: new chair will be chosen on Jan. 10. There is no report because they have not yet met.
- Shared Ministries: Meeting scheduled for January 28th. In the future, Disaster Ministries reports will be part of Shared Ministries.
- Information Technology/Communication (Advisory Status) - Mary Boone continues to use electronic media and the District website for communication. Requests are coming in to conduct webinar for District Conference preparation sessions.

Lunch

- Welcome to Cristo Nuestra Paz: Irv & Nancy Heishman - 4 children of the Cristo Nuestra Paz congregation read Bible scripture and shared pictures they had drawn of the impact of following Jesus in our lives.
- Reports from District Officers, Staff & Affiliates
- Treasurer's Report: Susan Liller - Susan Liller walked the Board through the Treasurer's Report.
- Brethren Retirement Community: John Warner - Written report on website.
- District Executive: Dave Shetler - Dave shared highlights of his report that is on the website.
- Director of Communications: Mary Boone - Mary provided highlights of her report that is posted on line. The Board discussed options for publishing the District Directory.
 - Mary asks for members and congregations to send videos and pictures so she can post them to the site.

Worshipful Work: Rosie Combs

Old Business

- Larry sent letters indicating interest in continuing dialogue in response to the letters from Castine and Bellefontaine
- Report on the meeting with the Brookville Church Board - Several Board members attended a meeting with the Brookville Church Board to address different perspectives. The Brookville Church continues to support the District.

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- Programs and Arrangement Update for District Conference and events in 2012 - Burt Wolf reported that the committee has met 2 to 3 times already and is working on developing the theme by offering several pre-conference gatherings. Correction to meeting minutes includes Seth Hendricks as committee member.
 - **Part 1: March 4@ 4:00PM @Prince of Peace Church**
 - Focus: Thy Kingdom come beyond that which separates and divides
 - Preacher: David Shetler
 - **Part 2: August:10@7:00PM**
 - Focus: Thy Kingdom come for all people
 - Preacher: Julie Hostetter
 - **District Conference: Part 3 October 19-20**
 - Focus: Thy Kingdom come to open our eyes and our hearts
 - Include a pastors/church leaders gathering on the Friday of the conference and offering table group interaction with diverse perspectives represented by Bethany faculty. The committee has been asked to consider opening up the perspective of faculty to other universities.
- Brethren Heritage Center - an action item that has been outstanding is to work with the BHC to define their needs and how the Board can support them. Larry is going to send a letter to BHC, communicating the importance of the work that BHC does and that the Shared Ministries Commission has been charged with addressing their needs.

New Business

- Moving expenses for Rivera's move to Puerto Rico: New Church Development - a request has made to consider reimbursing part of the cost of moving the Riveras back to Puerto Rico.
 - Action items: Susan Liller researching the financial support of the Board for the expenses of the Hispanic Ministries. Amy Hager researching the Board minutes for Hispanic Ministry funding. Both of these items will be addressed in the March Board meeting. Larry Tyner is going to send letters of thank you (for their commitment to the Hispanic Ministry) and regrets to New Carlisle and West Charleston for the manner in which communication regarding funding was handled by the Board.
- Hispanic Ministry Funds - the Board has 2 months budget remaining to pay for the Hispanic Ministry. Carl Eubank recommended loaning \$2,000 from the Extended Ministries funds to Hispanic Ministries until funding decisions can be made at the March 7th Board Meeting. The Board approved. The Board also approved the distribution of a fund-raising letter to the congregations requesting support of the Hispanic Mission within the District. Also, the Board approved the formation of a committee to meet with West Charleston, New Carlisle and Hispanic ministries to address the ongoing relationship with the Board. The committee is comprised of

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Deb Oskin, Mindy Tipton, Burt Wolf, Susan Liller, Larry Tyner. Amy Hager to send minutes synopsis for the committee to reference.

- Letter from West Alexandria Church of the Brethren - Larry requests that we prayerfully consider the letter from West Alexandria. The Board acknowledges the need for conversation and Larry is going to send a letter to the congregation indicating our appreciation for the communication and interest in further dialogue.
- A concern was raised about the Brethren Mennonite Council Booth at Annual Conference. Larry suggested inviting the Program and Arrangements Committee and/or Moderator to the Board meeting to discuss the decision about the booth's presence at the Conference. After discussion the Board decided to include this item in the agenda for the March meeting.
- Question: How can we be more proactive in the lives of the local congregations?

Other

Announcements

Process Evaluation

Closing Prayer

The next meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2012 at Donnelscreek; May 19th at East Dayton; August 4th, Constance; September 8th, Beaver creek; November 2/3 at Woodland Altars.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Hager, District Clerk