

District Board Meeting Agenda

September 8, 2012

Attendees: Susan Liller, Sandy Jenkins, Carl Eubank, Mindy Tipton, Tom Bowser, Judy Boles, Steve Conklin, Ron Wenzel, Burt Wolf, Dave Shetler, Larry Tyner, Janet Julian, Andrew Wright, John Kinsel, Gene Karn, Amy Hager, Art Fourman

Welcome to Constance Church of the Brethren: Pastor Sandra Jenkins

Introductions, Community Sharing, & Prayers

Consensus Information

Worshipful Work

Outdoor Ministries Ad Hoc Committee (Order of the Day) – Art Fourman presented the findings of the listening sessions that have been held over the past 9 months. The report is planned for presentation at the District Conference. The Board expressed a resounding appreciation for the work that the Ad Hoc Committee has completed.

Worshipful Work

Lunch

Minutes of the August 4th, 2012 Meeting: Amy Hager - The minutes were affirmed.

Commission Reports

- Gifts Discernment: Andrew Wright – There is a full slate for the District positions to be decided at District Conference. Gifts Discernment is building a database for gifts discernment reference. They will also be asking for volunteers to assist with the 2013 Annual Conference that will be occurring in Columbus, OH. The report was affirmed.
- Outdoor Ministries: John Kinsel gave the report and it was affirmed. The Board reviewed the 2013 budget. A question was raised about the lease deficit. The Board is concerned about the deficit, acknowledges the importance of the ministry that Woodland Altars provides, and affirms the budget.
- Missional Renewal: Written report received.
- New Church Development: Ron Wenzel gave the report and it was affirmed.
- Ministerial Leadership: Sandra Jenkins gave the report. Committee is reviewing CEU guidelines. The goal is to have the guidelines for the CEUs documented and presented at the Annual Conference. The report was affirmed.
- Shared Ministries: Mindy Tipton presented report and the preparation for the Empowering Disciples Focus on Finances training that is scheduled for Jan 12 and Feb 9, 2013 (New Carlisle and Eversole)

- Resource Development: Carl Eubanks gave report. He is the new chair of the commission so that Steve Conklin can become more involved in the Outdoor Ministries Commission.
 - 2013 Southern Ohio District Budget – the proposed budget has a \$56,000 deficit and that amount is slated to be supported from District reserve funds. The Board agreed to funding \$1,000 to the Brethren Retirement Center. Dave Shetler feels called as the DE to participate in more fund raising activities. The Board affirmed the 2013 budget. A few board members requested that the deficit be noted during the District Conference presentation of the budget.
 - New Ventures Fundraising Letter – discussed bulk mailing options

Worshipful Work

Reports from District Officers, Staff & Affiliates

- Director of Outdoor Ministries: Gene Karn gave his report. Outdoor Ministries will match \$1.00 for every dollar donated up to \$5,000. This amount will be applied to the registrations for camp. Looking for a performing arts camp director and assistant director. Women's retreat is occurring weekend of September 14 to 16. Golf outing is October 6th. The report was affirmed.
- Treasurer's Report: Susan Liller presented 8/31/12 YTD balance sheet and income statement. The report was affirmed.
- Time of Offering
- Brethren Retirement Community: Written report provided
- Director of District Communications: Mary Boone
- District Executive: Dave Shetler - oral report affirmed

Old Business

- Programs and Arrangement Update: District Conference – Burt Wolf requests that each commission presents for no more than 20 minutes. Board members are asked to register. The agenda will be available on line in a few weeks.
- Personnel Committee report – Judy Boles reported that the Committee is working on evaluation formats and plan to implement an instrument that can be used every year for evaluating the DE and the Director of Communications. At year 3 of the incumbency there will be a more thorough review of the DE.
- Shalom Team Study Committee – Andrew Wright gave the report. The first meeting was held this past week. The committee is planning on bringing in Joe Dietrich to conduct training of the Board and help guide us in developing a Shalom Team.
- Meeting with West Alex Church Board – the meeting with the Board went well and the Missional Renewal Commission plans to visit
- District Board visits with churches of the Southern Ohio District – two churches have been visited and the Board requests additional participation to fulfill the goal of visiting each church
- Reminder: District Conference presentations

- Manchester bylaws – Dave Shetler gave an overview of the change to the bylaws that will be presented at District Conference. Manchester would like to have the autonomy to select specific board members nationally and not be confined to the specific regional districts that are now named. Sandy Jenkins moved that the amendment to the Manchester bylaws be presented to the District Conference with the recommendation that it be approved. Gene Karn seconded. The Board approved the recommendation.

New Business

- Publication of Minutes – Amy Hager and Mary Boone will make a recommendation for an approach at the November retreat
- West Charleston Church of the Brethren – Susan Liller motioned that the Board purchase, title, insure, maintain and operate the auto van currently owned by the West Charleston Church of the Brethren. The van is to be provided exclusively for the Brethren Disaster Ministries use and therefore the monies for the purchase, insuring, maintenance and operation will come from the BDM funds. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Announcements
- Worshipful Work
 - Where have we sensed God’s Spirit leading us in this meeting?
 - For what do we have to give thanks out of our time together?
 - What do we need God’s help with moving forward?
 - Where do we need God to continue to give us clarity?

Closing Prayer