

**District Board Meeting**  
**Salem CoB**  
**September 20, 2014**

I. Those present: Larry Tyner, Sandra Jenkins, Dave Shetler, Susan Fitze, Susan Liller, Geneva Price, Carl Eubank, Janet Julian, Mindy Tipton, Art Fourman, Trent Smith, Nick Beam, Linda Brandon, Doug Donohoo, Steve North, Jim Moore, Karen Dillon, Mary Boone, Heather Fullen, Tom Bowser, Mark Bowman, Jody Boles. Visitors; Mike Hostetter, Ken Oren, Ron Mack and a few members of the Salem Church of the Brethren congregation.

II. Welcome to the Salem Church of the Brethren - Mike Hostetter

III. Introductions and community sharing

IV. Worshipful Work & Prayers

A. Reading by Sandy Jenkins - Focus on "Special" words

V. Minutes of August 2, 2014 meeting

A. Minutes were approved by consensus

VI. District Officers, Staff & Affiliates/Comments & Questions

A. Brethren Retirement Community: John Warner

i. Written report and brochure available on-line

ii. Reported to board that the BRC Gala was a success

B. Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries: Karen Dillon

Written report available on-line

i. Reported theft of several non-working refrigerators/Reported theft to authorities

ii. A chain is to be installed to deter theft and other intruders from entering

the

property

iii. It was a good camping season with conflicts resolved

iv. Women's retreat at Bergamo Center was a success

v. Salem CoB to host Adult District Bible School

C. Treasurer's Report: Susan Liller

i. Written Report in hard copy distributed to the Board & available on line

ii. Treasurer noted that she has a feeling of comfort using the \$75,000 proposed annual budget for 2015

iii. Concern: Some larger churches have stopped or lowered their giving. Dave Shetler, to send a communication to those churches

D. Director of District Communications: Mary Boone

i. Written report available on-line

ii. Website has been re-worked making navigation easier

iii. Positive input regarding the new BRC brochure/Color scheme will

- be used throughout all new brochures
  - E. District Executive - Dave Shetler
    - i. All written reports available on-line
    - ii. "Celebrate God's movement among us."
  - F. **All reports were affirmed by consensus.**
- VII. District Commissions - Comments/Questions on Reports
  - A. Camping and Retreat: Art Fourman
    - i. Considerable conversation among the board members was given to the following recommendation.
    - ii. **RECOMMENDATION:** Regarding Backflow - Authority to be given to CRC to move forward in giving appropriate funds to fund the installation of five (5) valves and drinking water with monies from Timber Reserve Funds.
    - iii. **ACTION: - Consensus was found**
    - iiii. **RECOMMENDATION** - CRC to delay any decisions for other facilities at Woodland Alters until after district conference.
    - iv. **ACTION - Consensus was found**
  - B. Gifts of Discernment - Julie Hostetter
    - i. Written report available on-line
  - C. Ministerial Leadership - Ty Pyles
    - i. No Meeting
  - D. Missional Renewal - Trent Smith
    - i. No Meeting
    - ii. Covington CoB - involved with Vital Ministries
  - E. New Church Development - Linda Brandon
    - i. Written report available on-line
  - F. Shared Ministries - Judy Boles
    - i. Written Report available on-line
- VIII. Old Business
  - A. Programs and Arrangement Update - Art Fourman
    - i. Suggests having staff person give report as opposed to member of CRC
    - ii. CRC will prepare report for Karen to present
    - iii. Report should focus on a few topics and/or accomplishments - suggesting only three (3) topics
    - iv. Suggested building a report around the four areas of the new CRC Brochure
    - v. Report on upcoming events rather than focusing on the past
    - vi. Perhaps form a sub-committee from the board. Deadline Sept. 30, 2014
  - B. Update on appraisal of the property at Woodland Alters
    - i. Obtain an appraiser that would be open to visiting the property
  - C. Update from Personnel Committee
    - i. Reviewing job description examples
  - D. Marketing

- i. Ongoing question; should we obtain the services of an advisor

IX. New Business

- A. 2014 Southern Ohio District Budget
  - i. **RECOMMENDATION**; 2014 proposed budget be accepted.
  - ii. **ACTON: Consensus was found**
- B. Gifts Discernment Revision
- C. Possible Recommendation from Troy CoB to District Conference
  - i. Larry Tyner will make contact with the Troy CoB; email will be sent to Board members to find consensus.
  - ii. Was the matter handled properly; waiting for their meeting to see
- D. Programs and Arrangement Recommendation to District Conference
  - i. Mark Bowman reported that the group met to put together the agenda for District Conference. The framework was presented, with everyone given and opportunity to speak to it. Not all were of the same mind.

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A group of eight (8) representatives is meeting looking for a show of solidarity for all involved

- E. Update on KIPCOR
  - i. Due to rejection of a moratorium on decisions concerning Woodland Altars, West Charleston CoB has withdrawn their proposal to continue mediation.

F. Other

- i. Many different conversations were held during this point in the meeting. Below is a summation of those conversations:  
The board is concerned about having a Letter of Intent from those parties interested in purchasing Woodland Altars; the Conservation Group and the Friends of Woodland Altars.

The Board suggests that, if approved, the proposal presented by the Troy CoB should provide a specific outline and explanation. All the district Board wants to know is..... will the delegates approve the framework?

Other concerns include: Keeping on topic; not discussing "other" related issues and getting information out to the churches of the district.

X. Announcements

- New Carlisle CoB is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary
- Greenville CoB - Memorizing Memory Verses
- Salem CoB - Adult District Bible School, Sept. 29, 30; Oct. 1,2,3, 2014
- Good Shepherd CoB is resuming Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
- District Board Retreat - November 7, 8, 2014 at Brethren Retirement Center

## 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

"Show me Your Ways"

Respectfully Submitted by:

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