

**District Board Meeting
Brethren Retirement Community
August 6, 2016**

Present: Ty Pyles, Ron Mack, Judy Boles, Janet Jullian, Fred Bernhard, Trent Smith, Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh, John Warner, Mark Bowman, Gary Crim, Dave Shetler, John Kinsel, Susan Fitze, Susan Liller, Char Foster, Karen Dillon, Phil Dell, Mary Boone, Linda Brandon, Carl Eubank, Art Fourman, Jim Moore, Burt Wolf

Opening Prayer and Lighting of Christ Candle

Welcome: John Warner welcomed us to the Brethren Retirement Community, on behalf of the residents, board, and staff.

Community Sharing

Reflection and Feedback: Ty offered reflections on God's help. A time of conversation followed.

Minutes of May 14, 2016 Meeting – Available online. Under "Worshipful Work," Ty's name needs corrected to read Ty Pyles. Minutes were approved with corrections.

Reports

Brethren Retirement Community: John Warner. Available online. BRC will hold its tenth Annual Auction and Gala on September 23, at Romer's in Greenville. Their goal is to raise \$60,000. The Shuff Christian Life Center is open. The Center's consecration will be August 27 at 2 pm. There are two homes under construction at Mill Ridge Village. The labor market is tight right now, so BRC is constantly hiring licensed employees. The staff are providing a wide variety of activities for residents. Jim Reiff (maintenance department) retired after 44 years of employment at BRC. At District Conference, John will be recommending Fred Bernhardt to another four year term on the BRC board. The BRC board is working on its strategic plan. The report was approved.

Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries: Karen Dillon. Available online. In addition to summer camps, Winter Blast Camp and a Youth Work Camp have been tentatively scheduled for 2017. The report was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Liller. Available online. Pages 8-10 of the report are new because there are new funds. We have received almost all of the funds from the two land sales (the vehicles still need sold). Through June 30, we are meeting budget. We have received more than anticipated from congregations, though we are behind in individual giving. The report was approved.

Director of District Communications: Mary Boone. Available online. Mary is trying to use personal stories of collaboration between the District and congregations in the appeals letter. She is also working to make the District Facebook page more effective. The report was approved.

District Executive: Dave Shetler. Available online. The report was approved.

District Commissions

Gifts Discernment: Mark Bowman. Continues to work on the District Conference slate. They are still looking for a treasurer, clerk, and moderator-elect, as well as trying to fill an unexpired position on the District Board (2 years) and an open position on the District Board.

Ministerial Leadership: Dave Shetler brought the commission's recommendation that the transfer of Carl Hill's ordination from the Southern Baptists to the Church of the Brethren be accepted by the District Board. The motion carried.

Missional Renewal: Trent Smith. Available online. This commission offers Vital Ministry Journey and the Congregational Vitality Survey as they seek to walk alongside congregations. They are looking for a VMJ coach for West Milton. Wendy Erbaugh has been researching resources for Missional Renewal to recommend to congregations.

New Church Development: Phil Dell. Available online.

Shared Ministries: Jim Moore. Available online. They are hoping the District can be a One-Call Now superuser and make using this service cheaper to congregations. This would be an emerging ministry, but congregations would be welcome to help offset the costs.

Resource Development: Carl Eubank. Available online. The commission has agreed to list the Poplar Grove property for \$39,900. There is a party interested in the property.

All commission reports considered approved.

Old Business

Code of Regulations Changes: Gary Crim took questions, comments and suggestions regarding the drafts of the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws. Items to note:

- On both the amended Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws, the name of the District should read: Church of the Brethren Southern Ohio/Kentucky.
- We need an official address for the District. Gary will bring a recommendation to the next meeting.
- Article 2 under District Conference, on page 3 of the Bylaws should read – “District Conference must approve the District Budget.” Striking “*except for the Outdoor Ministries Budget which is approved by the Board of Directors.*”
- Article 2, section 5, Gary will work on clarifying the language “Directors” to read “Board of Directors.”

Gary will bring the revised documents to the next District Board meeting.

Motion: Linda Brandon motioned to recommend that District Conference adopt the Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation, as discussed and amended. Action: Motion carried.

New Business

Budget Recommendation: Carl Eubank. Carl distributed four proposed budgets for 2017. Resource Development recommended that the District Board present option 1 (2017 Proposed Budget Keep Same staffing levels) to District Conference. The motion carried.

Reconciliation Process: John Kinsel. Bob Gross's report was distributed to Board members. Regional meetings will be scheduled for September 6 at New Carlisle (7:30pm), September 7 at BRC (7pm), and September 8 at Beavercreek (7:30pm). The meetings should last 1-1.5 hours. Members of the Reconciliation Team will be present. Meetings will include conversation, processing, and brainstorming with past and current District leadership. There will be a session the Saturday morning of District Conference with the Reconciliation Team to do some additional brainstorming about moving forward that will grow from the information gathered in the report and at the meetings. From all of this, the Reconciliation Team will recommend specific next steps in the process.

Announcements

Reflection and Feedback

Closing Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,



Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh
District Clerk