

Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Board

February 29, 2020, 10:00AM

Living Peace Church of the Brethren

Carrie, Julie, Becky, Sarah, Carl, Jill, Mike, Ron Mack, Phil, Ann, Mary, Gary, David, Jim, Tom, Jen, Heather, Todd Reich,

Missing: Nick, Dennis, Karen,

Welcome and Announcements

Sarah welcomed us to the Living Peace COB. Sarah described the worship service.

Olivet has 2 members who need prayers, Phil is having gall bladder surgery, Sarah has a friend who is celebrating a successful organ transplant, Carry has a cousin with kidney cancer, Dennis had hernia surgery, Jen reported that Jonathan had a great repair that then demanded the need for a pacemaker. She reported the joy of hearing his heart beating now. Gary is grateful for the medical specialists. Julie's mother is visiting her sister who's husband is having issues. Heather needs prayers for her employment situation. Carl reminded us that in the midst of all the trials and struggles, he is looking forward to the district gathering on March 15.

Opening Devotion - Proposed Compelling Vision for the Denomination

Leader: Together, as the Church of the Brethren,

ALL: We will passionately live and share the radical transformation and holistic peace of Jesus Christ through relationship-based neighborhood engagement.

Leader: To move us forward,

ALL: We will develop a culture of calling and equipping disciples who are innovate, adaptable, and fearless.

Leader: This is another way of living

ALL: Peacefully, Simply, Together. Amen.

Vision adapted to liturgy by Matt Rittle, Pastor at Arlington COB

This vision will come before the Annual Conference this year. Please discuss and pray about this vision in your daily devotions and in your congregations.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Corrections to minutes: hearing none accepted as presented

Document the movement into and out of executive sessions.

Staff Reports District Executive - Dave Shetler

Emphasized the feeling of care and support in the passing of his dad. His family really appreciated this out pouring of love and caring.

The compelling vision review is progressing well within the district as a whole. Couple of congregations in active search of pastors. There are 77 congregations in the denomination seeking pastors and only 22 pastors looking for congregations.

Communications - Mary Boone

Mary feels like she is always repeating herself but what she does is always trying to improve communications with individuals. She needs to make upgrades to the websites but is more involved with the pastoral renewal process. If there are people who need to be added to the district list, for Together, send your church directory to Mary. We are the only district in the Brotherhood doing this with the MESSENGER

Camping and Retreat - Karen

We suggested that we might need to pray for Karen if she is searching a new site for a camp while she is on vacation.

Brethren Retirement Community - John Warner

Todd highlighted that Becky is the newest member of the board. In March you should receive a letter requesting money for the BRC. It should highlight both Becky and her mother who is a resident. Section one of the revovation is nearing completion and they will be starting the second phase. They have just finished a "friendly" audit. Ohio Department of Health deemed the Assisted Living area deficient free. Nursing homes are the most highly regulated agencies. 340 employees currently.

Treasurer Report - Scott Fitzgerald

The report is posted online. Questions may need to be directed to Scott.

Bear Creek Property - Update

From last meeting the property would be given to the Heritage Center with the caveat that it be returned to the district if they choose to no longer desire it. BDM will let us know by the next meeting about their intention for use of the building. IF Heritage Center does not want the site, and the BDM is not going to use the site, we need to prepare to it for sale.

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The property needs to be retitled. There needs to be an appraisal done. The board a uthorizes Dave to accomplish this task so that the property can be retitled if the Heritage Center does not want it.

Congregation Updates

- Bradford (Now: Common Ground), completed!

- Castine & Eaton - completed!

-Stony Creek - the congregation voted on January 19th to enter into the Withdrawal Process. Conversations have begun between the District's Leadership Team and Stoney Creek's leadership.

Their deed is still German Baptist so they argued they were not even COB.

New Board Member Orientation overview - Julie Brewer

Lunch*

Commission Reports Connections – John Kinsel, convener, Ron Mack Board Contact

Just met Thursday. They identified the things they have been doing and determining if they were going to continuing them all or modifying them. Deacons will continue but more are needed to continue. Together magazine is expensive so is it worth it? Passport is a list of all the congregations and as you visit them you could record your visits.

Resource and Development - Sarah Frederick, Board Contact

Met last week. Still calling people to task groups and figuring out how to communicating with the churches: Congregational profiles which is a census look at congregations. How to organize the report so that non financial folks will understand it more easily. Seminar at Happy Corner in April.

Shared Ministries - Ann Stackhouse, Chair report online

The cost of the Northmont Auditorium estimated to be \$1393.75. Congregations have pledged to cover the cost. If there are additional dollars needed to cover the cost, the district board will cover that amount up to \$3000 from the Emerging Ministries account for the Ted and ...Talk on March 15. The actual amount will be reported at our next meeting.

Free will offering from The March 15 will go to BDM for the tornado recovery efforts

Ministry - Tom Bowser, Chair

There was to be a meeting with folks and there were to be questions developed. No other meetings have been scheduled.

Missional Renewal – Phil Dell, Chair

Update on Covenant Brethren Church (CBC) - This is primarily informational

Information shared by Jen

Empowering Congregations Grant Request Board Action requested from Resource and Development

The board will grants the leadership team the authority to determine the funding request based on conversations with the Biblical Authority Leadership group about the CBC involvement in the conference and the specific objectives/content of the conference as they relate to CEUs. The district board leadership will report at the next meeting of the board.

pending on the conversation with the group about the content of the presentation of the biblical authority about the leadership with the cbc and the content of the presentation. {The leadership team will have a conversation with the leadership to determine a recommendation of funding based on a conversation with the leadership of the biblical authority about the relationship with the cbc as well as the content of the presentation for the granting of ceu.}

Program and Arrangements - Sandy Jenkins

Be reconciled from the first Corinthian text will be the focus of the conference. We will be at New Carlisle

Task Team Reports:

Refugee Resettlement

Online "How to get last minute help?"

Maybe get a list and then a one call

Climate Justice

"What the Church Might Look Like" Task Team

Meeting again tomorrow

Gifts Discernment - Carl Eubank

Discipleship and Reconciliation Team/Shalom Team discussion update

This work needs to continue so this will be on the agenda again next meeting

New Business

Gary Crim:

We need to appoint a location for an official for the articles of organization to be on file with the secretary of state.

Closing and Benediction

*We will plan to break for lunch at 12:00PM regardless of where we are in the agenda.