

**District Board Meeting Agenda
Salem Church of the Brethren
September 12, 2015**

Present: Dave Shetler, Carl Eubank, Mark Bowman, Jim Moore, Art Fourman, Julie Stickler, Ty Pyles, Trent Smith, Linda Brandon, Phil Dell, Judy Boles, Susan Liller, Wendy Erbaugh, Karen Dillon, Steve North, Tom Bowser, Char Foster, Mary Boone, Irv Heishman

I. Opening Prayer & Lighting of Christ Candle

II. Welcome: Mike Hostetter, Pastor of the Salem Church of the Brethren

III. Community Sharing

IV. Worshipful Work

V. Minutes of August 1, 2015 Meeting

- A. Susan Liller added the correction that she had been authorized to move the entire Extended Ministries fund Balance and the remaining money in the Poplar Grove account, to total \$28,000, into the General Fund. This was to get the District through until September.
- B. Art Fourman added the correction that under New Business, the sale of the 67 developed acres at Woodland Altars was contingent upon Robin Waddell accepting the counter offer from the Board.
- C. The Board affirmed the minutes with the suggested corrections.

VI. Brethren Retirement Community: John Warner

- A. Written report provided.
- B. Report accepted.

VII. Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries: Karen Dillon

- A. Women's Retreat went well. The event seems to be growing. A lot of new people came and wanted to serve on the planning committee.
- B. Dates for the 2016 camping season have been secured with Cricket Holler. There have been difficulties finalizing arrangements with Camp Wilson for the winter youth event.
- C. Adult VBS is coming in a few weeks. Participants can choose between two sites: Salem and New Carlisle.
- D. Karen and Char are looking to go to an Outdoor Ministries Association meeting at Shepherd Spring.
- E. Three more churches and three more sponsors participated in the Golf Outing than have in previous years. The event brought in roughly \$1500.
- F. Report accepted.

VIII. Treasurer's Report: Susan Liller

- A. Written report provided.
 - i. General Fund – Money was taken from the Poplar Grove Fund and from the Extended Ministries Fund and put into the General Fund. The General Fund

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balance will total approximately \$4000 after debts have been paid.

- ii. Camping and Retreat Commission Fund – Has a negative balance.
 - iii. Timber/Reserve Funds – There will be a small balance remaining in this fund available for the Camping and Retreat Commission following the removal of the gas tank (including any necessary clean up expenses) at Woodland Altars.
 - iv. Poplar Grove – A small amount is left in this account to cover expenses.
- B. The District Board thanked Susan for all of her work as District Treasurer.
C. Report accepted.

IX. Director of District Communications: Mary Boone

- A. Written report provided.
- B. She has been spending extra time gathering ordination renewal forms and working on District Conference.
- C. Report accepted.

X. District Executive: Dave Shetler

- A. Dave, Judy Boles, Charles Cupp, and Jim Moore worked with Olivet to discern direction for their future pastoral leadership.
- B. Emmanuel – After a time of conversation with Dave and Irv Heishman, Dave recommended taking \$1500 from the Hispanic Ministries account to give to Emmanuel for supporting an individual seeking financial help with the legal fees related to immigration. The action carried.
- C. Report accepted.

XI. Conversation with Irv Heishman regarding the District Budget

- A. Written materials provided.

XII. District Commissions

- A. Gifts Discernment: Tom Bowser
 - i. Slate completed for District Conference
 - ii. Report accepted
- B. Ministerial Leadership: Larry Tyner (on sabbatical)
 - i. Working on five year reviews.
 - ii. Hoping to have a list of ordination renewals and terminations at the retreat for the Board to approve..
- C. Missional Renewal: Trent Smith
 - i. Met with Cedar Grove and Good Shepherd and have recommendations for those congregations.
- D. New Church Development: Steve North
 - i. Will have a meeting have a meeting on September 27 at Poplar Grove to discuss future ministries at this site. It will include Beech Grove, Cedar Grove, Greenville, and Oakland.
 - ii. Shayne Petty is interested in starting a church on south side of Columbus. This commission will meet with him to discuss further.

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- iii. Bob Johnson approached Dave about starting a church in Louisville
- iv. Waiting on Nate Polzin for manual for start up in Lexington.
- E. Shared Ministries: Jim Moore
 - i. Have Evaluated Nigerian Women's Choir Event
 - ii. Next meeting is this coming Monday
- F. Resource Development: Carl Eubank
 - i. Nothing to report

XIII. New Business

- A. Sale of the developed portion of the Adams County Property
 - i. Written offer provided.
 - ii. Gary Crim answered questions and provided legal counsel.
 - iii. Motion: It was moved, seconded, and approved to authorize the District Executive Minister and the Board Chair, along with legal counsel, to negotiate a written agreement with Tom Partin for the sale of the developed property for a price of \$300,000, and contingent upon approval of District Conference.
 - a) The Board asked Mark Bowman to communicate this decision with Friends of Woodland Altars.
- B. 2016 District Budget – Carl Eubank
 - i. Presented three versions of the 2016 Budget for the Board to discuss (available online). A time of conversation followed.
 - ii. The Resource Development Commission recommended that Version 3 of the budget be presented to District Conference with the following changes:
 - a) Add \$12,000 from the Poplar Grove Fund to income.
 - b) Change the \$70,000 from the property sale to \$80,000.
 - iii. A vote was taken. The recommendation passed unanimously.

XIV. Announcements

Minutes respectfully submitted by



District Clerk