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**District Board Meeting Agenda
Beavercreek Church of the Brethren
March 5, 2016**

Present: Dave Shetler, Trent Smith, Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh, Carl Eubank, Art Fourman, Susan Liller, Ron Mack, Heather Fullen, Karen Dillon, John Kinsel, Susan Fitze, Linda Timmons, Glenn Timmons, Jim Baker, Jen Scarr, Sheila Shumaker, Linda Brandon, Mark Bowman, Janet Jullian, Phil Dell, Char Foster, Jim Moore, John Warner

I. Welcome: John Kinsel, Beavercreek Church of the Brethren

II. Devotion

III. District Board Reconciliation Session – Glen and Linda Timmons

IV. Lunch

V. Approve Minutes from January 9, 2016 Board Meeting

- A. Available online.
- B. Corrections: Janet Jullian was present at the January meeting.
- C. Minutes were approved.

VI. Woodland Altars Update

- A. Dave Shetler shared that the IRS is ready to take the lien off the property pending proof that Robin Waddell was not a member of the District Board. We should be ready to close soon after.

VII. Staff Reports

A. Treasurer

- i. Report available online.
- ii. The 2015 Budget Report is the finalized year-end statement from 2015.
 - a) Congregational and individual giving were up from the previous year.
 - b) A bill from 2015 for the removal of the gas tank at Woodland Altars was paid in 2016 because it came after the first of the year.
- iii. The Treasurer's Report is the 2016 report as of the end of February.
 - a) Self-allocations are up from the end of February 2015.
 - b) Camping and Retreat Commission funds are lower than last year at this time.
- iv. Susan looked at the different District funds to see where the Board might borrow money if it is needed for operations before the sale of Woodland Altars is complete.
 - a) MOTION: John Kinsel motioned that Susan be able to request permission of the Historical Committee to borrow up to \$30,000 for a short term loan, if needed. This would be paid back dollar for dollar, with any earned interest that would have accrued.
 - b) ACTION: Motion carried.

B. District Executive

- i. Report available online.
- ii. Calling pastors has become more and more challenging. The pool of pastoral candidates is aging, so many are higher up on the pay scale and congregations cannot support them. Pastors are also less able to move when their spouse has a good job and carries the insurance for the family. Dave asked Board members to consider how we need to be calling pastoral leadership. What new ways should be explored?

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- iii. The CODE meeting looked at the five queries coming to Annual Conference this summer, giving direction to Annual Conference leadership and discussing ways to engage others in similar conversations.

C. Director of Communications

- i. Report available online.

D. Director of Camping and Retreat Ministry

- i. Report available online.
- ii. Camp preparation is progressing. Informational materials are being prepared and sent out. Deans and other staff are being called.
- iii. CRC is beginning a Camp Ambassadors program. Ambassadors will serve as contact persons for CRC within congregations and help connect them to CRC programming.
- iv. Karen has been considering how to raise funds for CRC. How should CRC plan for camp when financing is up in the air?

VIII. Non-Board Reports

A. Program and Arrangements Committee

- i. Report available online.
- ii. District Conference is scheduled for September 30 and October 1. It will be held at Oakland. The theme will be "In Christ Alone" and Jeff Carter will be our speaker.

B. Gifts Discernment

- i. Report available online.
- ii. Will be meeting on March 9 to consider the slate and begin work to fill a vacancy on District Board.

C. Brethren Retirement Community

- i. Report available online.
- ii. John Warner shared highlights from his written report.

IX. Board Reports

A. Ministry Commission

- i. Next meeting will be March 10.

B. Shared Ministries

- i. A Celebration of Camping Ministries will be held at Woodland Altars Saturday, April 30, 2-4 pm.

C. Missional Renewal

- i. Report available online
- ii. Next meeting will be March 7.

D. New Church Development

- i. Nothing to report.

E. Resource Development

- i. Report available online
 - a) Correction: Next meeting will be April 21 at 10:30 at Mill Ridge Village.

X. Other Items Needing Board Attention

- A. Mutual Kumquat will be giving a free concert at the Beavercreek Church of the Brethren on March 12 at 7pm. Donations will be collected to help an EYN family who need help with medical expenses. Checks can be made out to Beavercreek Church of the Brethren with the memo saying "Nigerian girls" or "Mutual Kumquat."

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B. Letters for the District reconciliation process were sent to Board Chairs and Pastors. Teams have begun contacting congregations to schedule listening sessions.

XI. Adjourn

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

District Clerk