

## District Board meeting 05-20-2017

The District Board of Southern Ohio District met on 05-20-2017 at the Circleville Church of the Brethren

Board Members Present: Jenn Scarr, Jim Baker, John Kinsel, Ty Pyles, Ron Mack, Judy Boles, Heather Fullen, Linda Brandon, Carl Eubank, Art Fourman, Ann Stackhouse, Trent Smith, Janet Julian, Jim Moore (in afternoon)

Ex-officio members present: Dave Shetler, Mary Boone, Scott Fitzgerald

Absent: Phil Dell, Karen Dillon, Charlene Foster

Guests Present: Bob Gross, Roger Cruser, Daniel Fullen (in afternoon)

Opening prayer by Ty Pyles

Welcome by Roger Cruser

PJ Arndts' husband had surgery. Mary Boone will be taking minutes

Sharing:

Worshipful work by Ty Pyles: prayer through the Psalms

Minutes from January 14, 2017 meeting approved

Minutes from March 18, 2017 meeting: need to state Jenn Scarr, Jim Baker, John Kinsel, Ty Pyles, Ron Mack, Janet Julian, Art Fourman, Scott Fitzgerald, Carl Eubank, Linda Brandon, Mary Boone, Dave Shetler, PJ Arndt, Jim Moore, Phil Dell, Charlene Foster, Karen Dillon, Judy Boles were present.

Other corrections include: Name of Zach Story should be corrected to Zach Spidel, Sheila Shumaker misspelled. Minutes accepted as amended/corrected.

Reports:

BRC report online. Janet and Carl present and can answer questions. Printing for district needs to be camera ready. Printing can be emailed to Carl, Janet, or Holly Hill. Thank you to John Warner for a thorough report

Camping and Retreat Report is online. Karen is away. Golf Outing CRC needs to work at getting sponsorship together with BDM. Art challenged the board to also step up and seek out support. Thank you to Karen for your report.

Treasurer's report is online. Scott explained the report verbally and with hard copy.

Communications Director Report online as well as given verbally.

District Executive Report online as well as verbal. Thank you Dave for all of the work that you do.

Reports approved.

District Commission Reports

Gifts Discernment Report, Ministry Commission, Missional Renewal Commission, Shared Ministries report given by Jim verbally, Oct. 22 at Salem CoB at 2:00-5:00 PM pre-NYC event for youth. Possible airplane charter. Interest in traveling together needs to be communicated in the newsletter. Check for interest. Resource Development Commission, report online, RDC has authority to appoint Grant review committee (Former moderator, retired pastor, third at large member—someone with philanthropy experience), Connections Commission, online and verbal. Program and Arrangements verbal report. Plans are coming along for DC. Gimbya and Debbie guest speakers. John requested that Board Members volunteer to facilitate discussion during conference, Friday afternoon and Saturday during the day sometime. Worship July 16 at Beaver Creek at 7:00 PM.

Reports accepted.

Board Retreat leadership resource needed. Suggestions of new resource within district. Craig Smith has done some good stuff on vision and vitality. May be a good source for leadership at the retreat. Keep in mind as we move closer to November.

Refugee Resettlement Report-not online—handed out hard copy. Need board approval to spend approximately \$2500 for filming of an educational study series on "The Biblical Basis for Befriending the Foreigner" Good Will Clothing Drive. Troy CoB June 11 from 3-6. Good Will gives vouchers to Catholic Social services for estimated value of donated items.

Linda Brandon made motion on behalf of the Refugee Resettlement task team that board approval be given for funds up to \$2600 to be used for the presentation of "The Biblical Basis for Befriending the Foreigner" at Bethany Seminary on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Money will be taken from Emerging Ministry.

Motion passed.

Bob Gross gave update on Reconciliation Process. Addressed lack of trust. May be related to selling camp, selling timber, cultural mistrust of leadership. Much mistrust centers around finances. What is happening to the money from sale of camp. Some would have a concern about not having a balanced budget. Possibility to initiate (coming from reconciliation team) a way to give space for conversation for parameters or guiding principles that would inform and guide all decisions about finance decisions made by the district board. Now that the decisions about selling the camp are behind us, now is a time to begin to make long term plans. Goal would be to bring this to District conference in 2018.

Questions: John question on process. This will be district wide and cover the space of a year. Bob will hand pick 3-5 folks (with the board's input) who bring different viewpoints across the district regarding finances. These folks need to be people who want to find a solution together, would be willing to work, would be willing to hear others, representation from the board,

Will be announced at District conference this year. Fall hearings, response brought in the spring. Work on a final draft during the summer. Be ready for acceptance at the DC in 2018.

Sample questions: What would you love to see the District doing? What do you like about what the district is doing? Budget—how to balance the budget. What parameters will we place around the money from the sale of WA?

Step 2: meetings between individuals who need to reconcile.

Theological differences: We won't be able to move folks much on theological differences. We may be able to find ways to unite people on what common ground there might be even though there are theological differences.

Need to build positive history. Positive experiences can gradually outweigh the negatives.

Next step will be to be in touch with board for suggestions about who should represent the board.

Affirmation given for the plan to move forward.

New Business:

John Kinsel presented new idea. Follow up on the "listening for grace" presentation which examines a father's distress over trying to understand his son's being gay. Opportunity followed for discussion of thoughts and feelings that came up surrounding this subject. A group has been meeting since then to talk about how to minister to folks who have a family member who is LGBTQ. Includes family who has a lesbian daughter who have been taking advantage of resources similar to this group. This is not an official group of the district rather an ad hoc organization. Listener. Group facilitator with additional listener. Organizational meeting in June. Has decided to form a support group is "living Sanctuary" indicating a safe place for people to come together. No external publicity has been made as of yet, but permission has been given for this to be advertised in the district newsletter.

John Kinsel, on behalf of the new "Living Sanctuary" ministry, made a motion that the board approve a one time amount of \$500 taken from emerging ministries to cover start up costs. Seconded by Janet Julian. Approved by board

Do the members of the District board want to sponsor a hole at the golf outing? If you would like to contribute to this give to Art. This will be from the members of the District Board, not from the Board.

Extension of Resource Development Report—they need some guiding principles as they go forward in putting next year's budget together. If any commission has a financial need for next year, it needs to be given to Scott before July 19. Sooner is better than later.

What is the feeling of the board? Are we going to try for a balanced budget from church giving? Are we willing to still use some of the money from the sale of the developed portion of Woodland Altars to maintain current ministry and continue with momentum that is building? Need to at least reduce the amount coming from the sale? If you think of anything that you would like to share, contact Carl.

## Announcements

June 2 a @ 7 British Brass Band in the parking lot at New Carlisle

August 26<sup>th</sup> 3-6 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Happy Corner picnic in the park. At Cinnennial park in Englewood

May 23—BRC Open house 1-4. 100 year anniversary. Carriage rides, snacks

Closing by Ty Pyles.

Next board meeting will be July 29<sup>th</sup> hoping to have it at East Dayton coB

Adjourned at 3:39