

Southern Ohio Northern Kentucky Church of the Brethren

District Board Meeting

July 14, 2018

Those in attendance:

Scott Fitzgerald, John Warner, Art Fourman, Dave Shelter, John Kinsel, Ty Pyles, Linda Brandon, Phil Dell, Carrie Drees, Tom Browser, , Julie Brewer, Ron Mack , Mary Boone, Ann Stackhouse

Guest Pat Krabacher

Welcome by Linda Bandon us to the Troy Church of the Brethren. She suggested that any donations for lunch will be given to the capital campaign for BRC.

Devotional Thoughts

Phil Dell read Acts 14: 1-7 as our devotional introduction.

Announcements

Annual Conference in Cincinnati was described with one word: Rocked

A member of Phil's church is celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at the church this afternoon.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

While Dave Shetler was at conference the White Cottage church expressed gratitude for the grants they received. They have received some funds from a bequest that was received over a number of years. They will receive additional money this year since it is the final year of the bequest.

Dave Rosenberg reported that Mary Sue has pulmonary fibrosis and has recently also received a diagnosis of a carcinoma.

Patti King passed away recently.

Dave has begun dry needling procedure for his hip which has been painful for some time and he is cautiously optimistic.

John Kinsel was able to spend time with his grandchildren at conference. He asked for prayers for a couple of his friends who are struggling.

Pat Krabacher submitted a BVS proposal to partner with EYN.

Our opening prayer was led by Phil.

Minutes from the previous meeting

Staff Reports:

- Treasurer's Report : Scott Fitzgerald: See report posted online. General Fund balance at 06/30/18 (\$53,578). Investment account is currently up about 8% over last year to date. Income is down from last year giving from congregations of about \$14,000. Expenses are also down as compared to 2017. Page 4 is the camping/retreat report which shows about a \$1400 increase in revenue to the district.
- Camping and Retreat report not available at the meeting because Karen is at the quilt camp. Board members reported that the creative arts and family camp continue to grow. Karen always appreciates the volunteers that make the camps successful.
- Communications Director Mary: New logo is in use. Appeals letter has been mailed. Mary worked at Annual Conference with the registration and ticket sales.
- District Executive Report Dave Our name is now officially Southern Ohio Kentucky as approved by standing committee. Dave is considering developing a group of retired pastors who will be part of a coaching/support relationship with new pastors.
- Dave's role on the District Executive committee has now changed since his term ended on the Leadership team and he will now serve on the Ministry Committee. Dave's duties on the Council of District Executives have now shifted with the conclusion of Annual Conference. His term as secretary which included being the CODE representative to the Mission and Ministry Board and serving on the denominational Leadership Team ended with Annual Conference. He will now be serving on the Ministry Advisory Committee. The Mid-West Council will be sponsoring a new pastors retreat this October, held at Camp Mack and Dave will be attending. The six districts have worked well. Dave requested that we keep the Michigan district in our prayers.
- Representatives from the Board met with the group that want to withdraw from the denomination. Dean Garrett informed Dave that they have contracted with Paul Mundy to lead a workshop the weekend prior to our Fall Conference.
- BRC Report : John Warner presented a few highlights of online report: there are just shy of 500 residents but including the Grace Brethren residents moves the number up to 605. They are struggling to hire enough staff to meet all the needs they have. Oakwood Village has sold 6 of 18 homes. Capital campaign. BRC is adding another street in Mill Ridge Village to enable for more home sites to be developed.

## Commission Reports :

### Mission and Renewal : Ty Pyles

- They were unable to meet in June and July. They will be working on the survey for congregations soon.

### Shared Ministries:

- As of Monday, 1045 meals so far this season for camps. Every year camp experiences just keep getting better! Youth disaster camps have been continuing and are great experiences for those who attend. Many folks have been presenting ideas for events. One came from West Charleston where they have a multicultural/multilingual worship experience. They are willing to share how they have accomplished this so the Shared Ministries will sponsor an event so others can learn how to do something in their churches.
- Karen Dillion reported that our camping program was featured on the denominational blog.

### Connections: Linda Bandon

- Report was online. There will be 3 or 4 sessions for the compelling vision work with the denominational team. The meetings will be arranged for the district in 4 or 5 regionally based on geography and to have each meeting available via Zoom. The denominational group has also requested time at our district conference. All listening sessions will be before or immediately after conference.
- Refugee resettlement: We are anticipating delivery of items at the warehouse which will need to be added to the inventory and put away. Mary will be sending out a request for assistance when we know what is needed when.

## Lunch

### Ministry Commission: for Sheila Shumaker

- We are getting close to the 5 year cycle end for all ordained ministers. Each one is required to complete ethics training.

### Resource Development :

- Congregational grants program is in its first full year. Mary Boone has been including the application information in the email to congregations monthly.

### Gifts Discernment:

- Struggling to find a common date to meet prior to district conference. They will be reviewing the membership on the ethics assessment team as well as the ethics committee.

Old Business :

Follow up on Ethics Commission discussion from the May meeting :

Ethics assessment team members :

Sandy Dobberstein, Mike Hodson, Peggy Kidwell, Becky Maurer

Ethics committee members:

Charles Cupp, Judy Cupp (who is now deceased) Tara Hornbacker, and Janet Shafer

If there is a complaint the assessment team investigates to determine if the case is founded. If yes, then it is referred to the ethics committee. This is reflective of the ethics section of the Ministry Paper from Annual Conference.

The board is asking the Gifts Discernment to check with the current members to make certain that they want to continue to serve and to find replacement for Judy's position. They will bring names back to the board for appointment to these committees.

New Business

Update on withdrawal process (five churches) and preparing for future steps taken by withdrawing congregations. The denominational Leadership Team needs to prepare the final development of this process. We have had one request to engage in the withdrawal. Congregations need to understand what they lose: Ministers lose their credentials and (can no longer to marry people) Cannot use the name or reference of COB. All the history and records must be come to the district. Lose the 501 3c status. (Denomination holds the 501 3c status)

The district must care for those members who chose to not leave the Church of the Brethren.

A subcommittee to work on this issue will include:

Dave Shetler, Moderator, Moderator Elect, Standing Committee Delegates, Board Chair, Vice Chair of the Board with legal counselor as a consultant.

Motion: Tom Brower moved that a committee be established to develop a withdrawal Procedure document for SOBCOB. The process will be modeled on the Denominational document. Second by John Kinsel. Tom Brower amended the motion that the committee be the Leadership team (Dave Shetler, Moderator, Moderator Elect, Standing Committee Delegates, Board Chair, Vice Chair of the Board ) with consultation from the legal counsel. Second by John Kinsel . After discussion John Kinsel called for question. Voice vote passed the motion.

The subcommittee is charged to bring a recommended document to the board for action.

Observations of the May 6 meeting with congregations expressing an interest to withdraw from the Church of the Brethren: Phil thought the meeting was positive and full of grace. People asked good questions and were open to hear the answers. Phil Dell, Dave Shetler, Nick Beam, with Bob Gross as listening met with the representatives of the congregations.

Donor designated funds: refer to the financial report:

3200	Donor Designated	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2017		
32200	Southern Ohio History Fund BF	91,005	88407		
32300	Senior High Youth Fund FFB	113	353		
32370	Junior High Youth Fund FFB	2,690	2,690		
32370	Senior Adult Fund MM	485	485		
32400	New Church Development Fund FFB	3448	3048		
32401	New Church Dev- Wilmington Place Fund FFB		200		
32450	Hispanic Ministries Fund ckg	4336	4336		

Resource Development Committee requested changes.

Motion : Moved that the senior high, junior high, and senior adult funds be closed and monies be transferred to Camping Ministries for their use. Seconded by Julie Brewer and voice vote of approval.

Motion: It is requested that Dave Shetler and Phil Dell talk to the committee to determine if the history is to be published and determine a timeline. Linda Bandon made the motion and Tom Brower seconded. Approved by voice vote.

A need to change the date of our next meeting:

There is a conflict with the Women's Retreat. The recommendation is to move it to 9/15/18.

Reminder to Commission teams to work on their budget items

Other

Pat Krabacher: Update of the Funds Stream and Partnership Initiative

Closing Prayer

Adjournment