

## Southern Ohio/Kentucky District Board Meeting

July 10, 2021

VIA ZOOM

### Attending the meeting:

Todd Reish, Dave Shetler, Gary Crim, Vicki Ullery, Nick Beam, Mary Boone, Andrew Wright, Fred Bernhard, Jim Baker, Carrie Drees, Ron Mack, Sarah Friedrich, Laura Brown, Kristin Harvey, Mike Yingst, Rebecca Maurer, Dottie Woodard, Sandra Jenkins, Jill Schweitzer, Tom Bowser, Karen Dillion, Sie Brock, Ann Stackhouse, Kristen Harvey, Glenn Timmons with the Resources Commission

Guest: Nancy Heishman

9:00 Welcome and Devotions: Chairperson, Todd Reish, led us in prayer.

Approving of the Agenda: Tom Bowser moved and Carrie Drees seconded the motion to accept the agenda as presented. Carried by a voice vote.

Minutes from May 8, 2021, meeting was approved with corrections. Tom Bowser moved, and Sarah Friedrich provided the second. Passed by a voice vote

### Old Business / Updates

- Stony Creek update: Todd and Dave signed the Quit claim deed
- Bear Creek and Mack Memorial update: Gary has been in contact with an attorney to handle this matter.
- West Alexandria: a meeting is in the process of being scheduled.
- Constance Congregation closing: The congregation has voted to close. Their assets will be coming at some point.
- Racial Justice Team / Racial Justice Query: Mike Yingst gave an update on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday events. During the rest of the summer, they will be focusing on personal stories. In addition, they are planning another Lenten Series for 2022. The query team is meeting again. The board will need to approve it and send it to the District Conference.
- Plan for saving or getting rid of District Documents procedure: The committee will be meeting in August. They should have a report for the next board meeting.
- District Conference:

Worship planning team met this past Wednesday. Mike Severs has been a great help. Mary Boone will be sending out an email invitation for a District Choir to meet on Aug 12 at Brookville COB. They are hoping to have a number of people to join. The next meeting of the planning committee will be 8/12/2021.

- Updating district computers: Mary has purchased a new computer. The only challenge has been transferring programs and have had to reenter some things manually. A Dell Computer was purchased for \$1700.00. The purchase of some required software programs increased the cost to be slightly beyond the upper limit of \$2000.00.

- New Position in the District / Proposal:

Considering some of the financial concerns from past District Conferences, the question was or not we should we consider doing a survey prior to bringing a new position into the leadership of the district.

Order of the Day with Nancy Heishman regarding the Search Committee for District Executive.

Nancy described the process that is recommended for selecting a District Executive.

### New Business and Updates

-The bylaws of the board may need to be reviewed and revise to address Board member attendance requirements.

- Sandy Jenkins discussed the ballot for coming year.

- Ordination Review / Termination

The ministry commission presented the following individuals for ordination termination for each of the following individuals. Because the recommendations come from the Ministry Commission no second is required:

Mark Gardener

John Waite

Kathy Royer

### Staff Reports:

- Mary Boone: see her report.

- Karen Dillon:

Since there were no virtual camps, the work on retreats continues. The first district Picnic was successful. It felt like a camping experience in a safe environment. The next one will be July 20.

The golf scramble will be the second week in August. Would the board wish to be a hole sponsor? It was decided that board members who wish to donate for the sponsorship will either mail checks to Mary at the district address and those who wish will do it electronically from the website making certain to indicate the purpose of the donation. This is to be completed by July 17.

Women's retreats are being planned. We will also have cookie camp again this year.

- Treasurer's Report: Scott Fitzgerald report posted on the website. We have received the second PPE loan in the amount of \$20900.00. Scott will be applying for forgiveness of this loan.

- Dave Shetler

Met with the counsel of DE for 3 days prior to Annual Conference. There are 9 pastor openings currently in our district: Brookville, Donnell's Creek, Eversole, Lower Miami, New Carlisle, Oakland, Prince of Peace, Trotwood, and White Cottage. There are officially 50 openings across the denomination.

### Commission Reports

- Shared Ministries

Ann Stackhouse reported BDM has been in Trotwood and other areas in Dayton. They gathered items for school kits and cleaning buckets. They plan to do the ice cream social this summer.

Young adults had their second trivia night and had a great time.

The Racial Justice meetings are doing well. They are sending out that the information that there are things for children during the sessions as well.

- Connections

The roles of this commission have been absorbed into other commissions. The board may wish to just eliminate this commission. Therefore, the board will eliminate it as a separate commission by board affirmation. Those board members will want to consider where their talents can be used.

- Resource Development

Glenn Timmons reviewed the posted report. They will begin outlining the 2022 budget next week. There needs to be prayerful consideration of the budget line items for the executive position based on the unknown for that position at this point in the planning process.

- Ministry

Has not met for the past few months.

- Missional/Renewal

Has met twice since our last board meeting. In addition to the Racial Justice work they have looked toward the new normal for churches. Questions for churches to consider are attached to the report.

- District Mission Ambassadors

Because of the responsibilities they have taken on the interim pastor in Oakland, they would like to step aside from their ambassadorship positions with the district.

Motion to accept the reports was made by Tom Bowser and second by Carrie Drees. By voice vote the reports were accepted.

Next meeting September 11, 2021

Submitted by P.J. Arndts