

District Board Retreat November 4-5, 2011

Woodland Altars

Attendees: Burt Wolf, Mindy Tipton, Janet Julian, Carl Eubank, Amy Hager, Susan Fitze, Deb Oskin, Sandy Jenkins, Dave Shetler, Tom Bowser, Dave Erbaugh, Mary Boone, Steve Conklin, Julie Hostettler, Belinda Yint, Judy Boles, Rosie Combs, Larry Tyner

The Board had dinner at 7. Rosie Combs led us in worship. Board members were led in introductions by Gene Karn.

Dave Shetler reviewed a brief history of the past year and the commissions' work, the Board leadership and purpose of this weekend.

Saturday the Board did Worshipful Work led by Rosie Combs and received training on the consensus process.

The Board determined by majority vote Larry Tyner as Chair for 2012. Sandy Jenkins was elected Vice-Chair.

The Board participated in Worshipful Work.

The Board conducted the following business:

- Commission membership:
 - The Board thanked the IT/Communications Commission for their work and have moved to an advisory committee status because they have met their goals.
 - The Board decided by consensus to establish a new commission, Shared Ministries, to plan and implement ministries we can share together as a district, such as disaster ministries, Habitat for Humanity (or similar) projects, local disaster response, youth and junior high ministries, etc.)
 - Members: Judy Boles, Mindy Tipton
 - Steve Conklin spoke on the role of the Resource Development Committee. The Board is encouraged to provide names of individuals and thoughts about grant opportunities.
 - Members: Steve Conklin, Carl Eubank, Doug Donohoo
 - Susan Fitze summarized the purpose of the Missional/Renewal Commission. They are actively working with congregations seeking renewal.
 - Members: Susan Fitze, Mindy Tipton, Belinda Yingst
 - Rosie Combs and Sandy Jenkins reviewed the purpose of the Ministry Commission Program is planning an educational event for ministry in the District, entitled The Shoes of the Fisherman, March 17th, Saturday.
 - Tom Bowser, Janet Julian, Sandra Jenkins
 - New Church Development – Larry Tyner has been chairing that committee. The past year comprised of recent church plants analysis, forming the foundation for the Commission vision and mission.

- Members: Deb Oskin, Ron Wenzel
 - Outdoor Ministries – this commission oversees the activities of OM and Woodland Altars. Susan Liller acts as the Treasurer.
 - Members: John Kinsel, Dave Erbaugh, Steve Conklin
 - Gifts Discernment:
 - Burt Wolf, Julie Hostetter
- Program and Arrangements is considering some changes to District Conference. The next meeting is December 6th. They are considering a district wide worship in the spring, another late summer/early fall, District Conference itself being only Saturday, perhaps different weekend. Friday evening would be more of a fellowship time with host congregation and nearby congregations offering housing for those needing to travel. Friday would be similar to the current pastor's seminar but with a more broad appeal to include congregational leaders and other interested persons. CEU's for pastors may still be available; there will possibly be other gatherings for this planned by the Volunteer Staff for Professional Growth.
- 2012 District Board Meetings:
 - January 7th
 - March 3rd
 - May 19th
 - Aug 4th
 - Sept 8th
 - The Board Retreat will be held November 2nd and 3rd, 2012 at Woodland Altars. The 2011 and 2012 Budget will be revised to include a budget item for The Brethren Heritage Center.
- Second Staff position – the role of the administrative assistant has evolved and Dave Shetler presented a job description for Director, District Communications. The Board approved the adoption of this position at an annual salary of \$23,400 effective January 1, 2011.
- The 2011 District Conference voted the 2012 Budget that did not include a line item for The Brethren Heritage Center. The District Board is committed to supporting the Brethren Heritage Center and has charged the Shared Ministries Commission with determining the means of this support. The Board requests a report at the January 7, 2012 meeting from the Shared Ministries Commission and Larry Tyner, Board Chair, will send a letter to the BHC that describes the actions and interest in supporting the BHC.
- The Board received letters from Castine and Bellefontaine expressing concerns and various members of the Board are planning to or have already reached out to these

congregations to them. In addition, Larry Tyner, Board Chair will be sending written communication to them indicating an interest in hearing their concerns.

- The Board approved the purchase of books, For All Who Minister, from the Ministry Endowment Fund for the Ministry Commission to give to newly licensed ministers.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm with worship and laying on of hands for Mary Boone in her new position and thanks to Deb Oskin for her service as Board Chair over the past 4 years.