

**District Board Meeting
Bear Creek Church of the Brethren
March 8, 2014**

Larry Tyner, Mary Boone, Susan Liller, Dave Shetler, Steve North, Art Fourman, Julie Hostetter, Gary Crim, Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh, Jim Moore, Trent Smith, Geneva Price, Char Foster, Ty Pyles, Mindy Tipton, Jim Donohoo, Tom Bowser, Mark Bowman, Judy Boles, Janet Jullian, Linda Brandon

- I. Welcome to Bear Creek Church of the Brethren: Rob Raker
- II. "Perceptions" Learning Session: Jane Woodie
- III. Minutes of District Board Retreat and January 11, 2014 meeting: Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh
 - A. **ACTION:** Both sets of minutes were accepted.
- IV. Reports from District officers, staff, and affiliates
 - A. Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries: Karen Dillon
 - i. Included in the Camping and Retreat Commission report.
 - B. Treasurer's Report: Susan Liller
 - i. Written report online.
 - ii. Balance sheet includes all commissions.
 - C. Brethren Retirement Community: John Warner
 - i. Written report online.
 - D. Director of District Communications: Mary Boone
 - i. Written report online.
 - ii. Has been adding campers to the District database.
 - iii. Has been trying to make connections with congregations' designated contact persons.
 - iv. Steve North suggested investigating what would be required to provide a computer and internet access for each congregation in the District to give individuals who do not have internet access in their home the ability to use it easily. There was conversation about reactivating the District technology team for this purpose.
 - E. District Executive: Dave Shetler
 - i. Written report online.
 - ii. Dave shared about the embezzled funds in the Northern Ohio District. He noted that we should make sure the proper safeguards are in place to avoid a similar situation.
 - F. **ACTION:** Treasurer, Brethren Retirement Community, Director of Communications, and District Executive reports were approved.
- V. Commission Reports
 - A. Resource Development: Dave Shetler
 - i. Resource Development would like to move forward with the campaign, but needs approval of the District Board.
 - ii. Campaign expenses
 - a) We need funds to pay the next campaign expense. Money cannot come from campaign funds (as intended) since the campaign has not started yet. Where should it come from? Time for discussion followed.

b) MOTION: Susan Liller moved that the Board allow the campaign fund to borrow \$4,400 from the general fund for the April 1st payment for the capital campaign.

• **ACTION:** The District Board found consensus. The motion was affirmed.

B. Ministerial Leadership: Ty Pyles

- i. Has had one meeting since the last District Board meeting.
- ii. Has discussed the upcoming ethics training and the ministry paper coming to Annual Conference.

C. Missional Renewal: Trent Smith

- i. Congregations are in various stages of the Vital Ministry Journey.
 - a) Coaches are still needed.
- ii. Missional Renewal resources and toolkits continue to be available on the District website.

D. Shared Ministries: Judy Boles

- i. Written report online.
- ii. Three Disaster Ministry trips have been planned; two are already full.
- iii. Helping Hands has completed some work for Bethany.
- iv. Discussing possible District-wide worship services.
- v. Looking for chaperons for a youth lock-in.
- vi. Hoping to complete 400 disaster buckets.
- vii. A sewing group is looking to put together school kits.

E. New Church Development: Linda Brandon

- i. Terry Griffith wants to develop a non-denominational fellowship at 10 Wilmington Place.
- ii. Hispanic Ministries going well. Irv Heishman will be getting training to help people get out of the 'financial help' cycle.

F. Gifts Discernment: Julie Hostetter

- i. Focused on Ephesians 4 at their first meeting.
- ii. Have reviewed who is serving on the Board and who can continue, ministry positions needed for coming year, and the District Code of Regulations Article 3.5.

G. **ACTION:** Ministerial Leadership, Missional Renewal, Shared Ministries, New Church Development, and Gifts Discernment reports were approved.

H. Camping and Retreat: Art Fourman

- i. Written report online.
 - a) Resolutions presented in the report:
 - If Heritage Lodge and the pool can be repaired and meet Life and Safety requirements for \$100,000 or less, and if \$95,000 is pledged to the CRC Budget, then we will be ready to have summer camp at Woodland Altars.
 - If \$95,000 is not pledged for the CRC budget, summer camp 2014 will be held elsewhere.
 - If we cannot have summer camp 2014 at Woodland Altars, then we will work to have the entire facility ready for rentals and summer camp 2015.
 - b) **ACTION:** The District Board found consensus. The report was approved.
- ii. We reviewed the information collected at the District-wide forum.
- iii. As of this meeting, \$19,200 have been pledged in response to the District Board appeal in regards to the \$95,000 deficit.
- iv. We looked at several CRC budget options for 2014.
 - a) Reports of the different options provided online.
 - b) Time for discussion followed.

- v. The District Board went into Executive Session to discuss the presented resolutions and budget options.
 - a) **ACTION:** The District Board found consensus that Outdoor Ministries will not happen at Woodland Altars this summer.
 - b) **MOTION:** The District Board return the Camping and Retreat Commission budget presented at the January District Board meeting.
 - **ACTION:** The District Board found consensus. The motion was affirmed. The budget was returned to the CRC.
 - c) **MOTION:** Since we did not receive the needed pledges to cover the \$95,000 deficit, the Board directs the Camping and Retreat Commission to hold the district's vital camping ministry at other locations, utilizing District locations as much as possible.
 - **ACTION:** The District Board found consensus. The motion was affirmed.
 - d) **MOTION:** The District Board directs the Camping and Retreat Commission to not put additional funds into Woodland Altars at this time, other than contracts that need to be fulfilled and the minimum necessary expenses to be determined by the Camping and Retreat Commission.
 - **ACTION:** The District Board found consensus. The motion was affirmed.
 - e) **MOTION:** The \$22,000 negative fund balance for the Camping and Retreat Commission plus any ongoing expenses approved by the Camping Retreat Commission shall come from the timber/reserve fund.
 - **ACTION:** The District Board found consensus. The motion was affirmed.

Old Business

- I. Marketing Strategies for the District. How can the Southern Ohio District Board better connect and support our congregations and pastors?
 - A. Will need to revisit this in May. This question was assigned to Resource Development.
- II. Personnel Committee Report: Judy Boles, Janet Jullian, Larry Tyner
 - A. Ministry Review of the District Executive: Mary Jo Flory-Steury, Associate General Secretary
 - i. Survey being set up. Conference call scheduled.
 - B. Review of Mary Boone and staff will be handled by the District Executive.
- III. Ethics Training Date: April 26, 2014, Brethren Retirement Community
- IV. Search for District Board member to replace Katie Polzin
 - A. Amy wants to prayerfully discern this opportunity. She will get back with Dave with her decision.
- V. Update on Shalom Team: New Chair, Kathy Royer
 - A. Kathy and Dave will be meeting this coming Wednesday.

New Business

- I. West Charleston (KIPCOR)
 - A. Tabled until the May meeting.
- II. Other: None

Announcements

Worshipful Work