

**District Board Meeting
West Alexandria COB
August 2, 2014**

- I. Present: Mary Boone, Susan Liller, Mindy Tipton, Tom Bowser, Art Fourman, Brody Rike, Trent Smith, Jim Moore, David Shetler, Ty Pyles, Carl Eubank, Janet Jullian, Sandy Jenkins, Judy Boles, Steve North
- II. Welcome to the West Alexandria Church of the Brethren – Brody Rike
- III. Introductions and community sharing
- IV. Worshipful work and prayers
- V. Minutes of May 3, 2014 – Amy Hager
 - A. Minutes were approved by consensus.
- VI. Affirmation of Heather Fullen to the District Board
 - A. The Gifts Discernment Commission's recommendation that Heather Fullen complete Katie Polzin's term on the board was approved by consensus.
- VII. Ministry Review of District Executive – Don Booz and Personnel Committee
 - A. This was done in an executive session. Larry Tyner and Janet Jullian reported on it to the full District Board. Larry extended a special thanks to Janet Jullian and Judy Boles for their work with the review process.
 - B. In closed session, after a thorough evaluation process, the District Board affirmed through unanimous consensus their affirmation for Dave Shetler to remain our District Executive.
- VIII. Comments/Question on Reports from District Officers, Staff, and Affiliates
 - A. Brethren Retirement Community: John Warner
 - i. Written report available online.
 - B. Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries: Karen Dillon
 - i. No report available.
 - C. Treasurer's Report: Susan Liller
 - i. Written report available online.
 - D. Director of District Communications: Mary Boone
 - i. Written report available online.
 - ii. The District Board was asked to consider whether it would be good to approve minutes via email, to be able to post them on the district website sooner. Minutes from previous meetings will be made available online.
 - E. District Executive: Dave Shetler
 - i. Written report available online.
 - F. These reports were affirmed by consensus.
- IX. Comments/Questions on Reports from District Commissions
 - A. Camping and Retreat: Art Fourman
 - i. Written report available online.
 - ii. 57 people attended camp this summer.
 - iii. Camps will not be held at Woodland Altars next summer.
 - iv. The CRC brought 3 recommendations:

- a) The CRC recommended that the logs at the (Woodland Altars) maintenance barn be converted into boards and sold.
 - Time for discussion followed. Consensus was found. The recommendation passed.
- b) The CRC also recommended that the cost of cutting boards come from the timber reserve fund. The profits from the boards would repay the cost and would go to pay property expenses at Woodland Altars.
 - Time for discussion followed. Consensus was found. The recommendation passed.
- b) The CRC recommended that the District Board address the situations related to the Woodland Altars dam.
 - Time for discussion followed. Carl Eubank and Sandy Jenkins motioned and seconded that this discussion be tabled until after District Conference. Consensus was found. The discussion was tabled.
- B. Gifts Discernment: Julie Hostetter
 - i. Written report available online.
- C. Ministerial Leadership: Ty Pyles
 - i. Written report available online.
 - ii. The Commission has conducted 1 pre-licensing interview and has had 1 Skype conversation with Don Booz about ministry preparedness.
- D. Missional Renewal: Trent Smith
 - i. Written report available online.
- E. Shared Ministries: Judy Boles
 - i. Written report available online.
- F. New Church Development: Linda Brandon
 - i. Written report available online.
- G. Resource Development: Carl Eubank
 - i. Written report available online.
 - ii. Capital campaign is on hold until such time it would be better received.
 - iii. A brochure is being developed to help raise money for the district budget.
 - iv. The RDC recommended that the board approve the proposed investment policy. (See attached.)
 - Time for discussion followed. Consensus was found. The recommendation was affirmed.
 - v. RDC needs commission budgets soon so the 2015 budget can be ready by the next district board meeting.
- H. These reports were affirmed by consensus.

X. Old Business

- A. Update on mediation process through KIPCOR
 - i. KIPCOR met with representative District Board members and Friends of Woodland Altars.
 - ii. District Board members involved with this process offered their reflections.
- B. Recommendation for an appraisal of the property at Woodland Altars
 - i. Due to ongoing repairs and financial concerns, the District Board recommended that an appraisal be done of the property at Woodland Altars. The board would have Gary submit the cost of the appraisal to the District Board for email approval, before moving forward with the appraisal.
 - a) A time of discussion followed. Consensus was found. The recommendation passed.

- C. Brethren Disaster Ministries purchase of a van: On May 9, an email was sent to District Board members regarding the following motion from Brethren Disaster Ministries: The Board authorizes representatives of Southern Ohio Brethren Disaster Ministries to purchase, title, insure, maintain and operate a van for the exclusive use of Brethren Disaster Ministries with all expenses related to the purchase and operation of the van coming from BDM funds. District Treasurer, Susan Liller, is authorized as the agent to sign any official documents on behalf of the Board for this purpose.
- i. The vote was taken by email. The motion passed.

XI. New Business

- A. Approval of items to be placed on the District Conference agenda
- i. Recommendation from West Charleston: The West Charleston Church of the Brethren recommends that the Southern Ohio District Conference affirm its support for the continuation of the professional reconciliation process led by KIPCOR (Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution affiliated with Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas) and provide the needed financing for it. (See attached.)
 - a) A time of conversation followed. Consensus was found. The recommendation was passed on to Program and Arrangements.
 - ii. Code of regulations
 - a) Gifts Discernment Commission requested a change in the language of the District Code of Regulations to reflect actual practice. (See attached.)
 - Consensus was found to pass the proposed changes on to District Conference.
- B. Other
- i. The District Board decided to individually contribute to a gift basket for the Brethren Retirement Community.

XII. Announcements

XIII. Worshipful Work

XIV. Closing Prayer