

***Minutes from District Board Meeting
Woodland Altars
November 2, 2012***

Attendees: Larry Tyner, Sandra Jenkins, David Shetler, Trent Smith, Julie Hostetter, Tom Bowser, Trent Smith, Mindy Tipton, Carl Eubank, Janet Jullian, Burton Wolf, Mary Boone, Susan Liller, Ron Wenzel, Judy Boles, Steve Conklin, Geneva Price, Katie Polzin, Charlene Foster, Jim Moore

Gathering

- 1 Worshipful Work: Larry Tyner
- 2 Consensus Information: Larry distributed consensus materials prepared by Deb Oskin. Members of the board are encouraged to review these documents. District Board uses Worshipful Work and consensus in its decision making.
- 3 Minutes
 - 3.1 September 8th 2012 meeting: Were not available. Will try to have them for the first District Board meeting in 2013.
 - 3.2 District Board minutes, agendas, and other materials for meetings are available at the District Board link on sodcob.org. Dave Shetler and Mary Boone will update the password and notify current District Board members via email.

Reports from District Officers, Staff, and Affiliates

- 1 Treasurer's Report: Susan Liller presented the report. Friday and Saturday offerings for District Conference 2012 plus checks received after conference total approximately \$6000.00. Donations for Disaster Bucket received in the days preceding the retreat (via website and checks) totaled over \$3000.00.

New Business

- 1 Assignment of neutral committee for feasibility study of Outdoor Ministries and Woodland Altars (as decided at District Conference): Larry Tyner and Dave Shetler proposed there be a committee of 8 with 4 people focusing on programs and ministry and 4 focusing on facilities/property/land use.
 - 1.1 The committee is to be "neutral." Current staff and Outdoor Ministries members would not be included on this committee, although they may be consulted.
 - 1.2 The Ad Hoc committee who presented at District Conference (Curt Ankeny, Art Forman, Tammy McFadden, and Tony Price) have been approached about serving on this committee of 8. 3 of 4 have said they would be willing and the 4th is willing to consult and possibly serve.
 - 1.3 The committee reports to District Board. District Board will have to make a report on the work of the committee at the next District Conference. The committee will need to recommend a consultant to do the feasibility study with District Board approving the consultant.
 - 1.4 Concerns were raised about the cost of the study. We can chose to do the study without a marketing component to reduce costs.

- 1.5 People were also concerned how quickly the study can be generated. It was noted that we do not have to report final decisions at District Conference 2013, just the progress of the committee.
 - 1.6 Burt Wolf made the motion to call a committee of 8 persons divided into 2 equal parts to fulfill the mandate that was passed at District Conference relative to the Woodland Altars property and Outdoor Ministries programming. Judy Boles proposed the amendment that this committee be formulated by the District Executive, the District Board Chair, and a member of the Outdoor Ministries Commission. They will be approved by the District Board. Steve Conklin seconded the motion as amended. The motion was affirmed.
- 2 Scheduling District Board meetings for 2013 (locations will be announced):
 - 2.1 January 5, 2013
 - 2.2 February 23, 2013
 - 2.3 May 4, 2013
 - 2.4 July 20, 2013
 - 2.5 September 7, 2013
 - 2.6 October 11-12, 2013: District Conference
 - 2.7 November 1-2, 2013: District Board Retreat at Woodland Altars
- 3 Commitment of District Board to the New Venture Fund: As of the retreat, board members have contributed over \$6000.00. Carl Eubank thanked the board on behalf of the Resource Development Team noting that this puts that team in a position of strength as they ask for contributions from others in the district. Going forward, Resource Development Team will recommend that the district have a campaign to build up the annual fund and endowment, with the board participating fully. Further details will be coming.
- 4 December 23rd Chapel Service at Brethren Retirement Community at 2 pm: Dave Shetler volunteered the District Board to lead worship at the BRC on that date. Dave is looking for volunteers to work with him on that service.
- 5 Reorganization of the District Board: Julie Hostetter, District Moderator, led this time.
 - 5.1 Chair: Larry Tyner
 - 5.2 Vice Chair: Sandra Jenkins
 - 5.3 Ministry Commission: Takes care of supporting and credentialing licensed and ordained ministers. In charge of the Shoes of the Fishermen event. Called to serve: Sandra Jenkins, Janet Jullian, Burt Wolf, Katie Polzin, Geneva Price
 - 5.4 Missional Renewal: Walks with congregations through the process of becoming more missionally relevant in their communities. Called to serve: Belinda Yingst, Susan Fitze, Trent Smith
 - 5.5 Shared Ministries: Organizes ministry opportunities within the district. Divided into 4 different teams: Youth Ministry Team, Brethren Disaster Ministries, Empowering Disciples, and Helping Hands. Called to serve: Susan

Fitze, Mindy Tipton, Judy Boles, Jim Moore

5.6 New Church Development: Looks at new and creative ways to plant new churches. Will probably spend a lot of time conversing with the Mennonites regarding Hispanic Anabaptist church plants, looking at a house church in Bradford, and developing campus ministries. Deb Oskin, Ron Wenzel

5.7 Outdoor Ministries: Looks at ways to fund and promote summer camp and men's and women's retreats. Will also look at additional programming options. Called to serve: Steve Conklin, Larry Tyner

5.8 Resource Development: Works on district budget and fund raising. Called to serve: Carl Eubank, Burt Wolf

Announcements

- 1 Share and Prayer Meeting: Sponsored by the District Ministry Commission and District Officers The first event was held at Mill Ridge Village in September. There was a good turnout. The second Share and Prayer meeting will be held on Saturday, December 1, from 11-1 at Trinity in Sidney.
- 2 Empowering Disciples event. Will be held twice: from 9-noon on January 12 (New Carlisle) and February 9 (Eversole). The event will focus on finances.
- 3 See Mary Boone if you need a copy of the missional budget.

Closing Worship