

**Special District Board Meeting
June 22, 2013
West Milton Church of the Brethren**

Present: Katie Polzin, Steve Conklin, Mindy Tipton, Julie Hostetter, Tom Bowser, Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh, Judy Boles, Sandra Jenkins, Larry Tyner, Carl Eubank, Susan Liller, Karen Dillon, Tom Dillon, Curt Ankeny, Tony Price, Amelia Price, Dave Shetler, Mary Boone, Doug Donohoo, Trent Smith, Janet Jullian, Jim Moore, Deb Oskin

Dean Dohner, Lily Moore, Ken Oren, Judy Magato, Charles Renner, Duane Riker, Jim Barnhart, Brad Stephenson, Judy Tipton, Kathy Stout, Darrell Weimer, Nick Beam, Mary Jo Shleck, Todd Hammond, Jim Oren, Ivan Patterson, Jerry Dunlevy, Mia Dunlevy, Kristen Dohner, Kathy Dohner, Brenda Shiverdecker, Nancy Weimer, Dave Barnes, Keith Weimer, Jim Baker

1. Welcome to West Milton Church of the Brethren: Given by Todd Hammond, interim pastor at West Milton
2. Worshipful Work introduced: Larry Tyner, District Board Chair
3. Introductions, Community Sharing, and Prayers
4. Neutral Committee Report and Recommendations: Tony Price and Curt Ankeny
 1. Written report provided.
 2. Recommendations:
 1. Programming
 1. To reorganize and rename our current Outdoor Ministries to encompass a larger scale by changing the name to Camping Ministries (which can include both outdoor and indoor ministries).
 2. To combine the newly named Camping Ministries, Shared Ministries, and Disaster Ministries under a new ministry title called Connection Ministries.
 3. To hire an Associate District Executive of Connection Ministries (see Job/Position Description).
 2. Facilities
 1. To cease all operations at Woodland Altars as of September 1, 2013.
 2. To sell the property and facilities at Woodland Altars.
3. District Board members were given times to voice questions, comments and concerns. Then the same opportunity was given to guests.
 1. Programming clarifications:
 1. Reorganizing Outdoor Ministries would mean re-envisioning camping ministries in the district and its leadership.
 2. Renaming Outdoor Ministries would require a change of language in our Code of Regulations.
 3. The committee envisions a year round camping ministry.
 4. Disaster Ministries already comes under Shared Ministries, so the reorganization really involves merging two groups, Outdoor Ministries and Shared Ministries.
 2. Facilities clarifications:
 1. The District Conference and/or District Board would decide how the proceeds from the sale of Woodland Altars are used.
 2. We do not know what the market for camps is at this time. The consultant has said that camps are not selling right now. There may be buyers interested in alternative uses for the property (such as environmental groups).
 3. If we did not sell the camp, we would need \$518,148 total to maintain it in 2014. After total income is figured, we still need \$346,117 total. This does not include Major

Maintenance, Renovation, and New Construction. If we had 800 campers in the summer of 2014 (the 80-85% capacity recommended by the consultant), we would only make \$479,139, not enough to meet the maintenance expenses, much less improving and expanding the camp.

4. The District leased the camp to Robin Waddell because we were not making ends meet before the lease. Robin has not been able to either.
5. Final plans for the camp will need to be made based on the District Conference decision. Nothing can be done officially until that decision has been made. If operations cease September 1:
 1. We will need to winterize the facility and make it secure.
 2. The District Board will have the responsibility to maintain the safety of the campers in the camping circle and will make plans accordingly.
 1. Camping circle leases are through Robin. As of September 1, leases with him will be up. The District Board, Robin, and the people renting space at the camping circle will need to work together to decide how to proceed.
6. The projected figures presented in the consultant's report are based on a blending of Outdoor Ministries expenses and Robin's.
7. An alternative recommendation was put together by Ken Oren and shared with Larry Tyner and Dave Shetler prior to the meeting. The task for this meeting was to consider the recommendations of the Neutral Committee, not those from other sources. Copies of the recommendation were distributed to District Board members to consider before District Conference.

5. Prayers of Discernment: Julie Hostetter, District Moderator

6. Consideration of the Neutral Committee's recommendations (see above)

1. The District Board voted on the recommendations by silent ballot. The Programming recommendations were voted upon separately from the Facilities recommendations. Both results were shared at the same time.
 1. Programming: 100% of the District Board present affirmed the recommendation.
 2. Facilities: 9 District Board members affirmed the recommendation. 2 Board members did not affirm the recommendation but stood aside.

7. Other concerns, announcements, etc.

8. Prayer and Dismissal

Respectfully Submitted,
Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh, District Clerk