

**Present:** Ty Pyles, David Shetler, Susan Fitze, Trent Smith, Tom Bowser, Heather Fullen, Julie Stickler, Phil Dell, Art Fourman, Steve North, Mary Boone, Linda Brandon, Carl Eubank, Char Foster, Gary Crim, Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh, Judy Boles, Jim Moore, Mark Bowman

- I. Opening prayer and Lighting the Christ Candle
- II. Welcome to the Cedar Grove Church of the Brethren – Tony Price
- III. Community sharing
- IV. Worshipful work
- V. Minutes of the March 7, 2015 meeting – Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh
  - A. Draft of the minutes provided online.
  - B. Minutes were approved.
- VI. Staff reports
  - A. Brethren Retirement Community – John Warner
    - i. Written report provided online.
    - ii. Report accepted.
  - B. Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries – Karen Dillon
    - i. Written report provided online.
    - ii. Report accepted.
  - C. Treasurer’s Report – Susan Liller
    - i. Written report provided online.
    - ii. Report accepted.
  - D. Director of District Communications – Mary Boone
    - i. Written report provided online.
    - ii. Report accepted.
  - E. District Executive – Dave Shetler
    - i. Written report provided online.
    - ii. Report accepted.
- VII. District Commission Reports
  - A. Gifts Discernment – Tom Bowser
    - i. Have not met since the March District Board meeting, but are meeting this week.
    - ii. Report accepted.
  - B. Ministerial Leadership – Larry Tyner
    - i. Written report provided online.
    - ii. Report accepted.
  - C. Missional Renewal – Trent Smith
    - i. Written report provided online.
    - ii. Report accepted.
  - D. New Church Development – Steve North
    - i. Written report provided.
    - ii. “Oakland” in Letter C of the submitted report should read “Poplar Grove.”

iii. Report accepted.

E. Shared Ministries – Jim Moore

i. Leadership of the ministries this commission oversees is very enthusiastic.

ii. Commission meets every second Monday.

iii. They have worked on bringing the EYN choir to Salem.

iv. Looking at how to revitalize youth ministries in our district, building on the excitement generated by NYC. Invitations are going out to NYC attenders from our District to discuss how the district might move forward.

v. Report accepted.

F. Resource Development – Carl Eubank

i. Written report provided online.

ii. Report accepted.

VIII. Old Business

A. Update on Woodland Altars

i. The Negotiating Team shared the Friends of Woodland Altars letter of intent regarding the purchase of the Woodland Altars property.

ii. Recommendation from the Negotiating Team: That the District Board reject the April 28<sup>th</sup> offer of the Friends of Woodland Altars to purchase around 250 acres of the property in Adams County for \$25,000.

a) A time for discussion followed.

b) Action: The District Board approved the recommendation without dissent.

B. District name change

i. Dave shared the process required for changing the name of the District.

ii. Tabled until next meeting so that Gary can bring amended Articles of Incorporation.

IX. New Business

A. Ordination approval for David Rusk

i. Recommendation: Ministry Commission recommends that David Rusk's ordination be reinstated, pending his rejoining a Church of the Brethren congregation.

a) Action: The District Board approved this action.

B. Cristo Nuestra Paz

i. Recommendation: A letter from West Charleston Pastors Nancy and Irvin Heishman and Board Chair Maureen Tayse detailing the present status of Cristo Nuestra Paz was provided online.

a) Recommendation: Dave Shetler brought the recommendation that the District Board disband the Cristo Nuestra Paz fellowship and center district Hispanic ministries at West Charleston.

• Action: The District Board approved this action.

C. Historical Committee

- i. Recommendation: That the Historical Committee be allowed to use some of the income from their account to hire an editor to finish it's most recent history of the Southern Ohio District.
  - a) Action: The District Board approved this action.
- D. Mid-Atlantic Query
  - i. The Mid-Atlantic District Query to Annual Conference was provided online.
  - ii. A time of discussion followed.
  - iii. No action was needed.
- E. Other
  - i. Pastor to pastors
    - a) David Shetler shared a recommendation brought by Burt Wolf:
      - Since Dave is not always in a position to minister to pastors when conflicts arise between pastors and congregations, Burt recommended that a team of 3-4 retired pastors fill the role of volunteer pastor to pastors.
    - b) The board requested a job description outlining what pastor to pastors would do by the next board meeting.

X. Announcements

XI. Closing prayer

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh  
District Clerk