

**District Board Meeting Agenda  
Troy Church of the Brethren  
January 9, 2016**

**Present:** Dave Shetler, Mary Boone, Ty Pyles, Trent Smith, John Kinsel, Susan Liller, Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh, Susan Fitze, Jennifer Scarr, Karen Dillon, Jim Baker, Char Foster, Sheila Shumaker, Judy Boles, Phil Dell, Ron Mack, Carl Eubank, Mark Bowman, Art Fourman, Linda Brandon, Janet Jullian

I. Opening Prayer & Lighting of Christ Candle

II. Welcome: John Keller, Pastor of the Troy Church of the Brethren

III. Community Sharing

IV. Experiencing the Vital Ministry Journey

V. Minutes from the November Board Retreat

A. Minutes were approved.

VI. Brethren Retirement Community: John Warner

A. Written report provided.

B. Carl Eubank invited attendees to refer people interested in serving as non-medical, home caregivers to BRC.

C. Report accepted.

VII. Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries: Karen Dillon

A. Written report provided.

B. Dave shared information about the sale. The website for the Adams County property is [www.campwoodlandaltars.com](http://www.campwoodlandaltars.com). Woodland Altars seems to be doing well under its new ownership. Gary Crim is still trying to get the tax lien worked out.

C. Dave asked what the relationship between the Men's Retreat planning committee and the District should be. Shared Ministries will reach out to the Men's Retreat planners to begin cultivating that relationship.

D. Art Fourman suggested having a celebration at Woodland Altars to give people the opportunity to see how the new owners are developing the camp. The Board appointed a task team to plan this event: Art, Judy, Karen, Phil, and Char. Board members can name additional task team members.

E. Report accepted.

VIII. Treasurer's Report: Susan Liller

A. Preliminary written report provided.

i. We may still have some year-end giving coming in from churches.

ii. There was an error on the first page: After the last line, it should read:

a) "Ending balance for CRC general fund 12/31: 3656.90."

iii. The only Board designated fund is the Poplar Grove Fund. Its end of the year balance: \$17,049.70

iv. The General Fund and the Camping and Retreat Commission both ended 2015 with a positive balance. We did not need to use additional funds from the Poplar Grove Fund.

v. Everything from the Timber Fund has been transferred to the CRC fund. The Timber Fund has been closed.

vi. The Timber Fund and the Extended Ministries Fund each ended the year with a \$0

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balance.

vii. Appeals have been working.

viii. Poplar Grove, Cristo Nuestra Paz, and Wolf Creek should come off of the report.

ix. When funds were running short, Susan did not pay herself the CRC part of her salary.

B. Report accepted.

IX. Director of District Communications: Mary Boone

A. Written report provided.

B. Mary has been wrapping up the year ordination review and getting licensed minister cards out. She has also been working on the end of the year appeal letter and updating District Board contact info.

C. Report accepted.

X. District Executive: Dave Shetler

A. Written report provided.

B. Several congregational openings are coming soon.

C. Daniel Fullen is serving as the interim at Olivet.

D. Queries are being brought to Annual Conference regarding the relationship between On Earth Peace and the denomination and for a reaffirmation of 1983 Human Sexuality paper. These are available online. The Council of District Executives has been and will continue to look at the issues relating to these queries and how best to lead districts through them.

E. Report accepted.

XI. District Commissions

A. Gifts Discernment: Mark Bowman

i. Written report provided.

ii. Report accepted.

B. Ministerial Leadership:

i. The commission has not met to re-elect a new chairperson.

C. Missional Renewal: Trent Smith

i. Written report provided.

ii. Report accepted.

D. New Church Development: Phil Dell

i. Had a conference call with Shayne Petty. Shayne has a passion for urban ministry and shared his vision for starting a ministry in Columbus. New Church Development mentioned the idea of a ministry start in East Dayton. Shayne seemed open to that.

ii. Report accepted.

E. Shared Ministries: Jim Moore

i. They meet this coming Monday evening.

ii. Met with Tim Heishman and Katie Cummings to talk about ministry to youth and young adults.

iii. Report accepted.

F. Resource Development: Carl Eubank

i. Have not met in 2016. Looking to have a meeting in February.

XII. Old Business

A. Status of Poplar Grove

i. Poplar Grove: Frank Marshall will get the property listed for sale. Need to pass a

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resolution as to who is are the official signers for the sale.

a) Motion: That Janet Jullian and Carl Eubank be given the authority to serve as the legal signers for the sale of the Poplar Grove property.

• Action: Motion carried.

B. Refugee Resettlement

i. At District Conference, Neil Fitze suggested the District help resettle refugees. The Beavercreek and Cincinnati congregations expressed support for this and Paula Bowser said she would serve on a resettlement committee.

ii. Dave recommended that we put together a task team to look at how we might help with refugee resettlement.

a) Action: The recommendation carried.

XIII. New Business

A. The Ministry Commission recommended that Barb Saylor be ordained. Beavercreek will be voting tomorrow.

i. Action: The recommendation carried.

B. Reconciliation process for going forward.

i. Gifts Discernment Team generated a list of names to serve as listeners in congregations. They are hoping for a total of 40 listeners (not current District Board members).

ii. Bob Gross and Carol Waggy from the Ministry of Reconciliation will train the listeners on January 23 at Happy Corner. A second training will be available.

iii. Two listeners will **go to** two or three congregations (not their home congregation). There, they will listen to the congregation's responses to three to four questions about the congregation's relationship to the District.

a) Conversations are to happen in February and March.

iv. There will be a session where the listeners come together and share what they have learned. Information will be compiled and next steps discerned.

XIV. Announcements

XV. Experiencing the Vital Ministry Journey

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Wendy Noffsinger Erbaugh



District Clerk

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