

Southern Ohio District Board Meeting
September 16, 2017
Bradford Church of the Brethren

Those present: John Shelton and Pat Krabacher visitors to the board.

Opening Prayer & Lighting of Christ Candle Ty Pyles opened with the calling of Christ to be light in our midst

Welcome by associate pastor, John Shelton. Bradford is a growing congregation of young families. They purchased the local bar and are broadcasting their service each week there as well live.

Community Sharing:

John Kinsel had a hip replaced, Heather Fullen is at a reunion, Deb Oskin was not feeling well and could not do the drive. Pat Krabacher is just back from Texas where she served with the Children's Disaster Ministry. Happy Corner did 3rd annual picnic in the park and thanked the district for the 3K grant toward it. Pleasant Hill is getting ready for district conference. Judy Bole's granddaughter is doing better in K this year. Ty Pyles shared how difficult the summer has been nationally, internationally, and personally.

Reflection and Feedback:

What keeps us going through the storms in life? What helps us? It is hope and love. I Corinthians 13

Minutes of July 29 Meeting were accepted with the recommended corrections

Brethren Retirement Community: John Warner

Report on the website. Carl Eubank added a thank you to those who supported the gala last evening at BRC. Bradford has been taking away the "leftovers" from the BRC to distribute to the community. (15K meals)

Director of Camping and Retreat Ministries: Karen Dillon
Report online

Treasurer's Report: Scott Fitzgerald
Report online

Director of District Communications: Mary Boone
Report online

District Conference registration is coming in to Mary. Mary passed out preconference brochures for us to take to churches.

Mary has been talking to the Messenger staff to learn how to make the new publication a success.

Christy Shoup (Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren)

Christy reported from the Refugee Resettlement Taskforce. They have been working with Catholic Social Services. Among other things, they collected fans, collected backpacks and supplies (Prince of Peace). Just met again to brainstorm additional ways to serve. Opportunity to serve: 1. help with the warehouse for everything other than furniture. The need is for help with a onetime event to organize the warehouse. 2. Sort through future donations and have an inventory. 3. When a new family moves into town, have a team go in and pull what is needed for the family. They get 24 or 48 hours' notice to get a house setup. Question is does the Southern Ohio COB want to help with these three things. If the board will support this, the taskforce will proceed with establishing volunteers. Board approved this request.

District Executive: Dave Shetler

Report online. Dave is challenging us to be seen as working for Jesus even though we may have theological differences.

All reports approved.

District Commissions:

Gifts Discernment: Judy Boles

There is still an opening on the program and arrangements committee as well as an open board position for the slate for District Conference.

Ministerial Leadership: Sheila Shoemaker

Missional Renewal: Trent Smith

Met past Monday continue to monitor ways to work with the congregations. Waiting for information from Jonathan Shivley and the vital ministries.

Shared Ministries: Jim Moore

Report online.

Resource Development: Carl Eubank

Report online. Donor appreciation dinner was well attended. Delegate to District Conference briefings start today.

Second attachment was discussed. Recommendation #9: Congregational ethics as ways to reach out to non supporting congregations

Connections: Linda Brandon

Report online

District Conference Update: John Kinsel

Final touches are being added as we look forward to a great experience. John still needs 4 discussion leaders.

All reports approved

Other

Old Business

1. Budget for 2018 ready for the district conference
2. Online Auction working with shared ministries. Pat requested this be put on the January agenda.

New Business

1. Handling of Query from West Alexandria congregation query that stays in our district not one that goes on to annual conference.

What is the process for getting a query to the district? District Board uses the process that is outlined in the Annual Conference process. The query is asking for the Board to answer the question. Dave suggests we accept the query and answer it since it is directed to the Board. Then we would present it at district conference as a query and response. Recommendation is to describe the process for looking at ministerial conduct as the response, present it at district conference 2017. Dave and the Ministerial commission will provide a draft, it will be emailed to the Board and then it will be presented at District Conference as a report but does not require the approval of the conference. This query has been received and the report will be distributed by email for approval of the board members and be given in a report as requested in the query. Approved by consensus

Announcements

Next Meeting is Board Retreat November 10-11 at BRC

Reflection and Feedback

Closing Prayer Revelations (the revelation of Jesus)

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