

New Church Development Board

The NCDB is a ministry of the II/WI District of the Church of the Brethren

Minutes of meeting held April 22, 2006 at Cerro Gordo CoB

Present: Voting Members: Dennis Metzger, Paul Kohler, Rob Tevis, and Terry Link.

Absent: Tom Devore, Lois Snyder

Devotions: An opening meditation on confession and bringing darkness into the light was led by Rob and accompanied with opportunity for group prayer and individual candle lighting.

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved by consensus.

Treasurers report: Reports were distributed that reflect activity in March.

Motion: Paul moved, Rob seconded. That we accept the report and file it for audit.

Approved by consensus.

Naming of an Auditor: Jane Bicksler has agreed to audit our 2005 financial records. Our Treasurer will be advised to proceed and to coordinate with her.

Workshops: Mt. Morris - A date may be firmed up after the new pastor arrives in June. Planned are introduction to Natural Church Development (NCD) and Visioning. Cerro Gordo has completed these and is ready for the next step of putting vision into action. A few concerns were shared about change, moving forward and what the future holds. Dennis was asked to prepare a letter to the LT seeking recommendations on how we may fit into a comprehensive plan for the new fellowship at Christ Connections.

Bloomington/Normal: Paul and Terry met and the initial process is now clearer. Terry has taken role of Coach. Paul has contact info compiled for 41 of the 53 names, Church Planter model is being used, to be principle and quality driven from the start, plan is to begin shortly to send letters out in small batches and do follow up interviews, with two initial study groups meeting locally in B/N. Some persons who we already know in the area have been spoken too. Pray for this work.

Newsletter: Rob reminded us of the need to continue communicating across the District and will begin preparing another newsletter.

Church Planting Conference May 20-23rd at Bethany: Motion: Paul moved, Terry seconded. That we offer to reimburse the \$99.00 registration fee, plus mileage for anyone from the District who attends. Approved by consensus.

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Coaching Movement: Discussion centered around the need to start small and gauge level of interest. Persons interested should watch an introductory DVD to see if coaching is for them and take on-line training through CoachNet. The movement would then begin by having a pool of Coaches to refer those wanting to be coached to interview, select and begin a coaching relationship. To first gauge interest, Terry will prepare an introductory script and assign lists of names from the District directory for board members to contact. Names of persons we find interested in Coaching will be brought back to next months meeting for selection.

Motion: Paul moved, Terry seconded. That we reimburse, up to an initial 10 persons at \$150.00 each, their fee to access the on-line coach training. Approved by consensus.

Lunch break was taken. Thank You to Sarah Tevis for preparing a wonderful meal.

Apostle Ad: A letter of interest was received from within our District in response to the Messenger ad. Instructions and questions for the applicant will be sent for more complete information.

Visioning: Discussion centered around process. Percept demographic data defines needs, then you identify resources. NCD begins with your available gifts/resources (individual and corporate) then you identify the demographic needs in your area, and use a yearly survey to update the NCD profile. The Biblical mandate is for gifts to meet needs.

Calling Church Planters: Discussion of potential Church Planters took place along with the role of the Apostle and the need to follow up.

Triads: A group of three who relate closely. One use is in accountability as when a group meets regularly to confess sin, read scripture, and pray. Another can be in Coaching where each coaches another (#1 coaches #2 who coaches #3 who coaches #1). Potential use of Triads may be in reinforcing a coaching program by self-monitoring without a formal top-down supervisory structure.

Review of Board Goals: File copies were incomplete. Rob will redistribute for the board to review.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting – May 27th – 10 am to 3 pm – at First Church of the Brethren Springfield.
Minutes kept by Terry Link

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