

## New Church Development Board

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

### **Minutes of meeting held May 27, 2006 at First Church of the Brethren Springfield**

Present: Voting Members: Lois Snyder, Tom DeVore, Dennis Metzger, Paul Kohler, and Terry Link. Absent: Rob Tevis  
ExOfficio: Leonard Matheny

Devotions: An opening reading of "The Coat" by John L. Ruth was shared by Terry along with a reflection on giving up on things/ relationships and on staying open to what God may want us to reclaim or renew.

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

Audit/Treasurers report: A date in June has been set to perform the audit.

Moderators sharing: Encouragement was given to take the energy and good things happening and to share them. There has been progress with a *protocol study committee* and a Chair has been called. Names were given to forward to GD&CC to discern a person to serve on the NCDB starting this fall. Two positions will need action (one called, one appointed). An informational handout was shared on the new *Bricks and More* fund being proposed to the LT.

Bloomington/Normal: Paul shared that the first batch of six letters has been sent and sample copies were shared, an initial meeting place has been identified, four persons are interested at this time, 3-color NCD assessments will be given with a plan to develop two groups, a meeting schedule will be distributed to encourage visitors, an article for the IL/WI Dist newsletter should include a progress update as well as prayer needs for this new church development.

Christ Connections Community Church: Tom shared a new outreach ministry called "Bread for Life" in conjunction with a new area company, Great Harvest Bread. CCCC members wearing yellow t-shirts with CCCC logo and "The church has left the building—Gone Serving" distribute a sample bread product, vendor literature and information on CCCC. It is a win/win arrangement for outreach and marketing as approx 30-40 families per week move into the area. More information can be found at [breadoflifeblog.blogspot.com](http://breadoflifeblog.blogspot.com). Tom is continuing conversations on a regional church concept to share resources and reinvigorate local congregations.

Newsletter and Cerro Gordo visioning: Updates not available as Rob was absent.

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Coaching Movement: Discussion included the script, calling lists, and overall value of coaching as an infrastructure of support. It was agreed not to call from the lists, instead we will each work to speak with and bring back names of three interested persons to next months meeting. A copy of the script will be forwarded to Leonard.

Lunch break was taken.

Apostle position: Review and discussion of an application received revealed no enthusiasm to pursue and as such a Thank-You letter will be sent. Another letter of inquiry has been received requesting more information and the information has been sent. The ad in Messenger for the Apostle position has run two months with two more months to go.

District Conference: Discussion was initiated of items we might present of which we are presently involved in and of activities to celebrate.

Review of Board Goals: Goals were reviewed and activity to date noted. Board members are to bring, to the June meeting, input to update board goals and a budget for next year. Terry reminded that any costs associated with the goals need be reflected in the budget, as budgets also point to goals.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meetings are –

June 24<sup>th</sup> – 10 am to 3 pm – at Peoria Church of the Brethren

July 29<sup>th</sup> - 10am to 3 pm - at Chicago First Church of the Brethren

Minutes kept by Terry Link

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