

# New Church Development Board

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

## **Minutes of meeting held July 29, 2006 at Chicago First**

Present: Voting Members: Lois Snyder, Tom DeVore, Dennis Metzger, Paul Kohler, Terry Link, and Rob Tevis

Also present: Vernon Showalter, Treasurer and Fletcher Farrar, Liaison from LT

Devotions: Paul shared highlights of his sermon "No Choice" with Ephesians 1 as well as a booklet on the industrial/organizational psychological and statistical background of Natural Church Development (NCD).

Minutes from the May meeting were reviewed and approved by consensus.  
(The June meeting had been cancelled due to lack of quorum.)

Audit/Treasurers report: Reports were received for the year ending December 2005, and current year through June 2006. The auditor is unable to audit the books. Monthly reconciliations will be caught up for the current year. Motion: Paul moved, Tom seconded. That we self-audit for the year ending 2005. Approved by consensus.

Moderator sharing: Leonard was not present.

Bricks and More: Fletcher presented the proposal which has been approved by the LT. Discussion included options, protocol relationships, asking churches directly for support, assets when churches close, is this within the tasks that NCDB is officially established to carry out, how accounting and reporting might work to ensure intents, a good proposal.

Break: An excellent lunch was provided and appreciation expressed to Lois.

Bloomington/Normal: Paul shared that 18 of the 53 contacts have been made, more to go, response is minimal, finding that some are students and others are in nursing facilities. A future option is to purchase various listings that are available. Paul is pressing on with Terry as his coach.

Christ Connections Community Church: Baptisms coming up at CCCC, finances not as critical, two new groups being formed for chemical and sexual addictions, starting a coaching relationship with the new pastor at Neighborhood (Rob Tevis who is moving from Cerro Gordo as of August 20). Coordinating project with Faith Batavia, a transition team has been named, plans include closing the doors, a new name, service to celebrate past life of the church, some renovations and restarting as a project in October. Tom also shared that his business is relocating and some ideas for the old building, including transitional living ministry and the potential of a Hispanic congregation forming within CCCC and needing worship space.

A prayer request was shared for the health and finances of a member of CCCC. A training opportunity is coming up, sponsored by Church Smart.

Interest was expressed to attend various seminars sponsored by Church Smart in St. Charles, IL. Motion: Paul moved, Lois seconded. That we reimburse persons in the district engaged in NCDB work for these seminars they attend. Approved by consensus. It was agreed that since time was short, we will personally contact persons who we feel would benefit and utilize the training they receive.

Newsletter and Cerro Gordo visioning: Newsletter is almost ready to print. Cerro Gordo congregation is ready to grow. Paul volunteered to work with the congregation in continuing the NCD process.

Mt Morris presentation: (Dennis inquired of our status). We have not had contact with the new pastor.

Due to time limitations the remaining agenda items were prioritized and reordered.

District Conference: Items to be printed in the conference booklet must be submitted by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Written Report- Dennis shared a draft report for District conference and input was given. Our written report will be brief as our focus will be to share current activities to celebrate in the verbal presentation. 2007 Goals- After discussion, Motion: Tom moved, Lois seconded. That we roll-over them over into next year, as they are ongoing. Approved by consensus. 2007 Budget- After discussion, Motion: Tom moved, Terry seconded. That the 2007 budget be the same as the 2006 budget. Approved by consensus.

Consideration of inviting Duane Grady to meet with us on NCD: The importance of a united effort was felt. Paul agreed to make contact with Duane to schedule a time for him to come and meet with the board as a separate meeting to focus on the NCD process and promotion within our District.

Apostle position: Another application has been received as well as another inquiry. The application was reviewed and decision made to proceed and schedule an interview.

Meeting adjourned.

Our next meeting is –  
August 26<sup>th</sup> - 10 am to 3 pm – at Neighborhood See you there?

Minutes kept by Terry Link

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