

## New Church Development Board

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

### **Minutes of meeting held September 23, 2006 at Peoria CoB**

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

Absent: Tom DeVore.

Others present: Leonard Matheny, Moderator and Stanley Gilbert.

Devotions: Leonard shared a reading and reflection of Psalm 46: 1-11.

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

Moderator sharing: Leonard offered a Thank-You to the board for our service this past year with this most needed work. A return thank-You was made in appreciation of his leadership.

Apostle position: Email from Lynda advises that she is currently in NCD training and will have two surveys to conduct before taking the next level of NCD training. Paul expressed the need to contract with congregations entering into the NCD process, to ensure clarity of the overall process, responsibilities and expectations for congregational follow through in developing and implementation of action items in the identified areas of need. She is researching costs for equipment needs and would appreciate assistance with tech items. Paul agreed to help identify and acquire the appropriate items. Lynda is working on a start date to transition into the Apostle position. Tom Nebel has been identified as a potential coach for Lynda as Apostle. Work continues with Batavia on the restart. Dennis will send an email reply.

Bloomington/Normal: Stan voiced concern over last months report in that work on B/N is at a standstill until the first of the year. He expressed the need to continue making contacts, to affirm the three who are willing to meet and to keep them informed of our activities and plans. Discussion revealed that all three of the persons who have expressed a willingness to be involved are people with whom Paul is in regular contact. There is interest to hear more plans and specifics. Paul shared details of the situation and agreed to prepare a letter of update. The board expressed a Thank-You and appreciation to Stan for his ongoing interest in B/N and for continuing to help us to keep it on a burner. (Please pray for a new Church of the Brethren plant in the Bloomington area)

Apostle negotiations: We reviewed and updated a draft start-up agreement.

Christ Connections Community Church: No update was received as Tom is absent.

Batavia: We understand the new name is, New Hope Fellowship a Church of the Brethren. A grand opening is in planning, a five question community survey is underway, new logo, website, looking to hire musicians, lots of activity. They will be acknowledged and affirmed at District Conference, as instead of closing, having stepped back from church status to project status.

NCDB liaison to Batavia: A representative to Batavia from the NCDB is needed. Rob shared that he is unable to continue in this role due to activities scheduled at Neighborhood. The needs have been the weekly Wednesday night planning meeting, helping in the community and as resource person to help Tom get ready. The Board determined that service by the Apostle on the Batavia leadership team would present a conflict of interest. No current member of the Board other than Rob is able to serve due to the distance of travel. Names of possible persons to be our liaison were prioritized. Dennis will send a letter and make follow up via phone to advise Tom.

District Conference report: A variety of topics, presentation detail, handouts, and display table items were discussed.

Liability Insurance and Bonding: We are covered for liability under the policy maintained by the district. It appears that bonding was previously suspended.

Motion: Rob moved, Terry seconded. That we acquire quotes and reinstate a policy that bonds the positions of treasurer and financial secretary. Motion approved. Terry will pursue quotes.

Percept: Advanced demographics data known as Ministry Area Profile, which is a step above the First View data, is available at \$175 per report for those who request it. The M.A.P. reports on the ministry area, a number of miles, surrounding the meetinghouse address.

Motion: Lois moved and Paul seconded. That we pay for M.A.P. profiles from Percept for any of our congregations that requests the data at the cost of \$175. each.

Rob recused himself from the vote. Motion approved.

A request was made for a M.A.P. report for the Neighborhood CoB by Rob Tevis, Pastor.

Board members: A discussion of future board makeup and district representation was held.

Next meeting is – October 28<sup>th</sup> at 1<sup>st</sup> Church Chicago

Minutes kept by Terry Link

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