

New Church Development Board

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

Minutes of meeting held October 6, 2007 at Decatur Church of the Brethren

Members present: Lois Snyder, Dennis Metzger, Terry Link, Paul Kohler.

Absent: Dawn Blackman and Kay Weller.

Others present: Apostle: Lynda Lubbs-DeVore, Moderator-elect: Jerry Sales, and Martha Lattimore of the Decatur congregation.

Devotions: Terry shared a couple of sermon illustrations on following Christ regardless of the cost and on being a realist who jumps in! The meeting was opened with prayer.
Approval of minutes of 25 August: The minutes were approved by consensus.

Apostle: Written report received. An enthusiastic discussion took place; networking and inquiries even from outside the district are increasing. A third church planting application from within our district has been received and Lynda will distribute copies to board members. Discussion of accepting on-line donations. Motion: Lois moved, Terry seconded. That we empower Lynda and Paul to work out details of electronic fund transfer for donations to NCDB and it's projects through our website. Motion passed.

Review of coaching contract: This is the one year anniversary of the agreement. The process is working well, it is useful and we wish to continue. The contract is somewhat self-monitoring with a combined monthly activity report and invoice. The coach has also been an excellent resource person.

District conference display: Lois is preparing a display board, pictures of church planters with map of church locations and project areas, Paul is preparing a diskette of Percept demographics data for distribution. Jerry is checking on internet access at the conference site.

Lunch: Thank You Paul for the superb Tuscan cuisine.

Planning for evaluation of Apostle: Lynda will self-evaluate her work activities of the past year. We will then discuss and evaluate with her. A work plan will be projected for the coming year.

Other issues:

- A locking 2-dwr file cabinet will be purchased to secure the personal information in applications, and other documents from the church planter process.
- Discussion of a planter applicant having dual-roles in conflict. A future time of decision will have to occur. The time is seen as being closer to project status, when location/coaching/fundraising begins and no later than step #7 Call to Project.
- Coaching training for Lynda, available April 2008 in California with Bob Logan's organization. Lynda will get more information for consideration.
- Study Committee report to conference. Discussion of the report and their good work.
- Healing Conference update, conversations continue with potential for next year.

Nov 17- organizational retreat with LT.

December 15 meeting at New Beginnings Fellowship in Batavia. Meeting time is from 10am to 3pm, visitors always welcome. Minutes kept by Terry Link.