

New Church Development Board

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

Minutes of meeting held December 16, 2006 at First CoB Springfield

Members present: Lois Snyder, Dennis Metzger, Terry Link, Paul Kohler, Kay Weller.
Others present: Apostle: Lynda Lubbs-DeVore, and Moderator: Kevin Kessler

Devotions: Kevin shared a devotion Mercy Comes based on Luke 1: 57-63.

Annual Organization of Officers: Kay stated she did not want to be called to a position this year. Kevin led us in the process of prayerful discernment using written ballots. Called and affirmed to serve were – Chair: Dennis Metzger, Vice Chair: Paul Kohler, Secretary: Terry Link.

Approval of minutes of 4 November: The minutes were approved by consensus. It was noted that the discussion notes of October 28 did not need approved since a quorum was not present. Appreciation was expressed to the secretary for doing a fine job this last year.

Apostle Start-up Status: Written report of activities since we last met was received. Due to struggling financial status of CCCC and mold problem, her office will temporarily be a home office. Phone number will be 630/675-9740. Laptop computer has been ordered by Paul.

Moderator: Kevin shared hi-lites from the last LT meeting.

Vacancy on the board: Dennis has received a resignation from Tom DeVore. Discussion of a replacement ensued and how to seek. A person was identified who has expressed interest, and by consensus we agreed that Paul will extend the invitation to join the board. This will fill the second year of an unexpired three year term, to be either replaced or reaffirmed at District Conference 2007.

District Study Committee: We reviewed minutes from the November 20 conference call. It appears they are off to a good start with a lot of clarifications to be made.

Workers Comp: The policy is in place and an invoice received. There are inserts for a three ring binder which needs located. It is most likely with the Treasurer or in the District office.

Lunch Break

Liability Insurance and Bonding coverage: The LT also approved the proposed changes and the policy as revised is now in effect. Bonding coverage has been increased as we proposed to \$25,000.

Apostle Goals and Sharing: Lynda's goal for 2007 is to plant churches. The name "Greater Harvest Church Planting, IL/WI District Church of the Brethren" was adopted for our church planting movement. Paul will file necessary papers with the Secretary of State for this name to be a d/b/a of the NCDB. We reviewed and discussed handouts outlining 11 steps in a process of becoming a church planter (CP), what can CP's expect from the NCDB, draft Expectations Interview and Questions to consider in developing the expectations interview. Concern was expressed that we need to first look into any formal assessment for potential CP's and the different vendor programs before sending anyone. Three readily available assessment tools were identified which could be used now, the 13 category CP profile based on Ridley, an online Jung personality profile, and the 3 Colors of Ministry for gift assessment. The 20,000 piece mailer for New Beginnings Fellowship cost \$6,000. It is apparent that multiple sources of financial support will need to be identified and developed as part of any mission/project plan. Fund raising is also an issue which the Study Committee will address.

Meeting dates for 2007 were identified: For some months our calendars did not allow a quorum to be present.

January – none, February 3, March 3, April- none, May 5 – possible joint meeting w/LT, May 19, June 23, July 21, August 25, September 15, October 6, November 17 – reorganize & possible joint retreat w/LT, and December 15.

Coaching Reports and Billing: These are sent monthly to the board Chair to approve expenses and forwarding to Treasurer for payment processing, also for distribution via the NCDB email sharing. Lynda advised that the Coach will edit out any personal or otherwise sensitive information.

Minutes kept by Terry Link

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