

New Church Development Board

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

Minutes of meeting held February 3, 2007 at Chicago First

Members present: Lois Snyder, Dennis Metzger, Terry Link, Paul Kohler, Kay Weller, Dawn Blackman.

Others present: Apostle: Lynda Lubbs-DeVore, Moderator: Joyce Person, Treasurer: Vernon Showalter.

Devotions: Kay shared about a book she is currently reading "Christianity for the rest of us" and a devotion "Casserole Theology" on maintaining tradition, projecting images and what we really feel is important.

Approval of minutes of 16 December: The minutes were approved by consensus.

Treasurers report: Report received for calendar 2006. Reviewed income sources from congregations and noted that interest income was good. Reviewed expense lines and noted training conference fees, and that professional services reflects cost of Percept demographics data.

Audit: Motion - Lois moved and Kay seconded: That we ask the previous auditor to perform the audit of the 2006 books. Approved. Dennis will make the contact.

Apostle: Report received. Lynda has been busy, a lot of activity and contacts made since our December meeting.

Moderator: Joyce shared of positions the LT is seeking to fill, her transition plans at the Polo CoB and the new pastor coming, Anthony DeMarco.

Review of office startup equipment: Paul brought the laptop PC, printer, blue tooth presentation items and gave them to Lynda.

It was noted that the name "Great Harvest Church Planting" for our planting movement was registered as an NCDB alias, due to the phrase "Greater Harvest" being in use as code words for Baptist work and in numerous church names. There is a \$30 annual fee to the Secretary of State IL.

Volunteer to write NCDB articles for District newsletter: Leonard has issued an appeal for articles, the newsletter is published monthly dependent upon articles received.

Review of board goals 2007: Some assignments were made and it was agreed to block out some time next meeting to detail out action items. Specific section assignments: Dennis - Board Members and Nuture a climate of expectation. Terry- Articles for district newsletter. Lynda and Paul- Recruiting church planters and Coaching and support.

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Board support for planters: Lynda has seen a sample startup budget from CoachNet which outlines a first year cost of \$100K, we grant funds to the project and not a pay package, health care is needed and how it is covered should be decided by the planter as part of their plans in an overall project funding scenario. Lynda challenged the board to personally contribute to the NCDB. After discussion of potential funding options, it was decided that a sample startup budget would be prepared along with a list of potential fundraising avenues and methods for next months meeting. Fundraising is also one of the protocol items which the Study Committee will be addressing.

Lunch – yum. Thank You Chicago First volunteers for serving and joining in the meal.

Expectations interview: Lynda received input on specific items throughout the pages to clarify and update.

Financial procedures: Subject involves how to handle funds of a new project. (NCDB sub account or project planter, who and how, basic separation of duties, controls and reporting, etc). Item was deferred due to time until next month.

Study Committee: Dennis shared an update from their conference calls and subsequent emails, range of items to address has been compiled as dot points, apparently some expressions made were not germane to the charge given the Study Committee by District Conference. The group is off to a good start and we have confidence in the leadership of Mark Karasek.

Other questions Lynda: Clarification is needed with the LT on revitalization work and the church health (NCD) Natural Church Development program since existing churches are on their table yet we have been the resource. We will begin by making sure all LT members are familiar with NCD and then begin conversation. The CD we distributed at Dist Conference contains NCD automated presentations that explains the program.

An update was shared by Lynda on Christ Connections and New Beginnings, a number of transitions are coming about, both joys and concerns.

Upcoming meetings: March 3 at Decatur CoB, April- none, May 5 – possible joint meeting w/LT, May 19 at New Beginnings a Church of the Brethren.

Minutes kept by Terry Link

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings, for driving directions and so we can count you for lunch, contact us via our web page at WWW.NCDB.ORG