

# New Church Development Board

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

## **Minutes of meeting held March 3, 2007 at the Decatur Church of the Brethren**

Members present: Lois Snyder, Dennis Metzger, Terry Link, Paul Kohler, Kay Weller, Dawn Blackman. Others present: Apostle: Lynda Lubbs-DeVore, Moderator: Joyce Person, District Executive: Kevin Kessler, LT Liaison: Fletcher Farrar.

Devotions: Lynda shared “He let it go” from Jesus as CEO, about how His greatest act of faith was in leaving earth. She related this to the experience of letting go of CCCC.

Approval of minutes of 3 February: The minutes were corrected for the spelling of DiMarco, then approved by consensus.

Audit: Jane Bixler has agreed to audit our 2006 books.

Apostle: Verbal report received, email has not been working lately. Lynda has been busy, lots of activity and contacts.

Joyce, Kevin, and Fletcher: Each briefly shared, and we are glad to have them with us.

Goals for 2007: There is a need for rewriting and updating. Lynda will work on revising dates, making goals realistic, measurable, and separating board from apostle goals. It was decided to use the District newsletter instead of trying to produce one of our own. Ideas for articles included, prayer letter summary, characteristics of a church planter “You might be a church planter if...”, perhaps a continuing story format.

Review of documents: What we bring to the table, Expectations interview, and Steps to Church Planting in the IL/WI District. Discussion included non-negotiables needing to be clear, preventing rocks and shoals, as worksheets for use when sitting down with a new planter to check-off and initial items, not for internet posting, no major changes seen as needed and a few updates were received. The documents were approved by consensus with the understanding they are subject to review as conditions change and we come into new understandings, and make such editing as the board might approve.

Lunch: Thank You Dawn and Paul.

Start-up Budget: The sample startup budget was reviewed. It was decided to bring specific line item updates next month and to make the best template we can at this time.

Financial procedures for a new plant: Discussion included fundraising avenues, fundraising coaching (Dennis and Paul have fundraising experience), handling donations, recordkeeping sub-systems, reimbursements, reporting beyond project status, and visioning of some possible scenarios.

Upcoming meetings: April- none, May 5- w/LT at Lanark. A meeting on May 19 may not be needed.

Minutes kept by Terry Link

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