

New Church Development Board

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

Minutes of meeting held May 19, 2007 at New Beginnings Fellowship a Church of the Brethren, Batavia, IL www.newbeginningsfellowship.cc

Members present: Lois Snyder, Dennis Metzger, Terry Link, Kay Weller.

Absent: Paul Kohler, Dawn Blackman

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

Devotions: Terry shared an old Jewish myth of the unknown faithful 40 and how our success may rest on actions and prayers of others who are faithful even though they are as unknown to us as their role is to them. The meeting was opened with prayer.

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

Treasurer: Vernon presented a year to date report, thru March, which was accepted by consensus. Discussion centered around the need to receive names of churches and individuals who make donations to the NCDB so that Thank-You acknowledgements may be sent. Question arose, if giving statements for tax purposes are being sent to the individuals. Dennis will contact Jim Mack.

Audit: Completed, with no issues noted, per letter received from Jane Bicksler.

Software upgrade: Vernon advised on a version upgrade available from www.powerchurch.com. Kay moved and Lois seconded. That we purchase the software upgrade. Motion approved.

Apostle: Written report received, activity and contacts are expanding. A number of church planting inquiries were received from individuals. Some requesting information, others expressing interest to be involved in any future church planting activities in the areas of Madison, WI and Minooka, IL.

District Moderator: Joyce updated us on her activities. She is enjoying her role as moderator, and we are glad to have her with us.

Appointed members: Our two appointed board seats were identified as those of Paul Kohler and Dawn Blackman (who replaced Tom DeVore, who replaced Barb Gilbert).

Report of CCCC closing: It is felt that a joint statement by NCDB and LT should be prepared for the district at large and for district conference, with a fuller explanation of the closing of Christ Connections and the ongoing status of the congregation members.

Contract for demographic data: Will take this up at a future meeting when Paul is present. There are other demographic options, some less expensive, some free. A decision to renew with Percept is not needed until September.

Great Harvest Church Planting website: Paul is working on cleaning up fonts. It may be viewed under construction at www.ncdb.org/ghcp. When it comes online the site will be www.GreatHarvestChurchPlanting.com.

Study committee: Dennis shared hi-lites of a first draft report. Some good realistic ideas are being discussed on protocol. Potential for a board name change and a defined role in recommending people into the existing ministry stream structures of the district.

Lunch: Thank Y'all to Ginger, Lynda and the Batavia congregation.

Start-up Budget: The sample startup budget for a new church plant was reviewed. Specific line item changes were identified. Dollar amounts are arbitrary and will have to be made site specific for each project. Terry will make updates and redistribute.

Financial procedures for a new plant: Designated funds given for startup will be held for that specific church plant project. Additional line items will be added into our existing accounting system for tracking and reporting. Funds will be deposited in the common account as now.

Request from Neighborhood CoB: To fund a salaried worship-leader position at Neighborhood with possibility for a future church plant. We declined and agreed to suggest the proposal be presented to the LT, as a salaried position does not fit with our grant criteria which funds projects. Lynda will advise Neighborhood CoB.

Upcoming meeting: June 23 proposed for Normal, IL at the campus ministry building. We need to begin considering presentation items and submission deadlines for district conference.

Minutes kept by Terry Link

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