

## New Church Development Board

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### **Notes of discussions held October 28, 2006 at Chicago First**

#### **A quorum was not present.**

Present: Voting Members: Lois Snyder, Dennis Metzger, Terry Link

Absent: Tom DeVore, Paul Kohler, Rob Tevis.

Others present: Lynda Lubbs-DeVore and Vernon Showalter, Treasurer.

Devotions: Vernon shared a reading and reflection based on the Together Conversations.

From Lynda Lubbs DeVore: Has read the denominational manual on New Church Development, attended NCD training at Church Smart in St. Charles, IL, doing an NCD survey at CCCC and a pre-survey presentation at Neighborhood, has conversed with Tom Nebel as a potential coach at the seminar on How to Lead a Successful Church Planting Movement.

Apostle: A start date was identified as Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Office - will be at Christ Connections Community Church (CCCC). Equipment - needs more discussion with Paul Kohler on expected use, Phone - adding a second line to her cell phone, Startup Agreement – looks fine, Business Cards – will have some prepared, Pension – looking at an account with B.B.T. Lynda is serving and being compensated as P.T. Pastor at Batavia. It was noted that this is during her time and not as Apostle. Personal – The company building and even the business may be sold. Lynda and Tom are in a crisis of faith sensing a calling to full time ministries.

CCCC: The financial distress is reoccurring with receipt of some back electric bills and landlord confusion over meters. They are doing the NCD survey to identify and address their minimum factor towards healthy growth.

Batavia: lots of activities, neighborhood awareness survey completed, performed servant evangelism distributing batteries for smoke detectors from the church, first of five pre-view worship services begins Nov 19<sup>th</sup> with grand opening service on Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, mailings planned. They have decided to stay a church and not to revert to project status. Revitalization protocol with LT is needed to be worked out.

Treasurers records: Reviewed quarterly report for period ending September 2006. Board members present examined all 2005 checks and backup, also matched end of year balance sheet totals to those on copies of the EFS bank and BBT foundation statements. All appears in order and appropriate and no issues were noted. The software “Power Church Plus” is used by the Treasurer.

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Coaching agreement: Updates and clarification needed to the proposal from Tom Nebel were identified. Agreement needs to be for “coaching only” without the consulting, mentoring, analyzing advising. Start/stop dates for persons being coached need to be independent of each other, need monthly reports with expenses submitted, allowable expense items need defined. Terry accepted the task to rewrite according to our needs and work with Tom Nebel to complete an agreement by District Conference.

New Beginnings Fellowship a Church of the Brethren: (formerly Faith Batavia) – Discussion of a liaison from the NCDB, Lynda advised that at this time there is no need for a liaison. The transition team is in full swing, another person would have to be brought up to speed and they need to just press forward.

District Conference report: Reviewed and input to oral report with Dennis. Terry will share some about coaching. Our display will include a sign out for materials/kits/books we are bringing to share. Paul prepared a CD for distribution with Percept data and NCD material. It is ready to go. Copies were given out to those present with a contents list.

Insurance: Review of liability and bonding coverage handout. Terry has been working with Mutual Aid and the LT to update the District policy. Both bodies need to review and vote on the changes recommended by our insurance carrier.

Next meeting is – November 11<sup>th</sup> at 1<sup>st</sup> Church of the Brethren Springfield

Notes of these discussions kept by Terry Link

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