

## NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT TEAM MINUTES

February 13, 2010

Conference Call 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Dawn Blackman, Jack Flores, Vernon Showalter, Harold Traughber, Lois Snyder. Ex-Officio: Lynda DeVore. Other: Fletcher Farrar, Paul Kohler,

REFLECTIONS AND PRAYER: Lynda read 1 Corinthians 3:6 which is a significant scripture for planting churches. The scripture speaks about Paul, planting, Apollos watering, but it is God who gives the growth, just as the Leadership Team is working with NCDT to grow our new church plants.

MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING: The minutes were approved with the correction of the date which should have been January 9, 2010.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lynda met with Vernon and they made some changes re-arranging account numbers and putting items in their proper place. Vernon could not tell from the minutes that it was only undesignated fund were to be split into thirds between the planters and the team which was done from the beginning of last year. In the future, Vernon will send the financial reports to Paul and he will put them in pdf form and send them to the team through the end of the year.

Market Losses last year were \$9,751.91; investment interest, \$10,976.80, plus market fluctuations amounted to \$35,492.10. Total expenses for the year were \$128,884.26 with a loss of \$81,934.56

MOTION: Lois/Harold moved the acceptance of the treasurer's report. This was passed.

2010 BUDGET REVISITED: Fletcher raised questions on withdrawals from investments as market loss. Vernon, along with Paul and Fletcher will contact Elgin regarding our investments.

Both planters now have treasurers with Jack serving in this role for Douglas Park. Fletcher raised caution concerning our rapidly diminishing reserves. He wondered if we and the District were aware that the funds will be gone in 20 11. This has been stated at the last two District Conferences, but perhaps the consequences have not been comprehended. As we plant churches, we are going to need more money. A lengthy discussion followed on the use of our funds and our faith vision for future funding. If we are faithful and plant churches, we have faith that God will provide the funding for them.

The possibility was discussed of writing grants to support some of the specific social services to the community which is now one aspect of our plants' ministries. Dawn has experience in grant writing using the President's faith based funds which can also include an amount for salaries. We could put a request in the District Newsletter for assistance in grant writing.

ASSISTANT TREASURER: Debbie Ringer from the Virden Church has agreed to provide the IRS training necessary for our church planters. At a later date (after tax season) Lynda will approach Debbie to serve as assistant to our Treasurer. The assistant should be informed of Vernon's work, have some accounting knowledge, and be able to

bank on line. They should have experience with *Power Church* and perhaps have assisted with newsletters.

*Financial Secretary:* Jack is resigning as financial secretary. He collects checks, deposits them in the bank, and sends reports to Vernon. It should be easier now that each plant has its own treasurer, We will ask the Gifts and Discernment Committee to make suggestions from their files to fill this spot.

FUND RAISING COACH: Lynda spoke with Bill Dillon from “People Raising” about coaching our planters. Normally he would potential coaches attend one of his seminars before engaging in the coaching process. We could buy his DVD for \$300 and have our plants use it before they work with Dillon’s coaches. The cost for coaching would be \$50 a week per planter which, would come under “planter training” in the budget. The planters already have a fund raising manual.

It was agreed that having promised them financial coaching, Lynda should buy the DVD and have them view the DVD’s and do the workbooks seminar. We will make an agreement for the professional coaching in three month blocks, then evaluate where they are in raising their support.

#### APOSTLE’S REPORT:

\*Dena McNeal has declined to serve on our board.

\*Registration is available on line for the May Church Planting Conference; brochures have also been mailed. We will pay the registration cost for Sam Smith, and Jeff Foster a Bethany student should they agree to attend.

\*We have an insurance bill from Brotherhood Mutual of \$100.88 which is due to MAA for the 2751 building. NCDT’s name is on the lease, so NCDT will pay the bill and Lynda will send a copy of the bill to Jack (Glory to Glory treasurer) who will see that Glory to Glory Church of the Brethren reimburses NCDT. Rent for the annex at Douglas Park will work is the same way. “Glory to Glory” will reimburse NCDT from their Work Fund Grant money.

Taxes: Lynda asked why there was not Social Security amount on her W2. . No social security is withheld for pastors.

The new Expanded District Directory is in print and will sell for \$8 or \$10.

CLOSING PRAYER: Lois thanked God for our meeting and asked grace for each of us.

NEXT MEETING: March 13 at Starved Rock.

