

Minutes New Church Development Team
November 8, 2008
Peoria Church of the Brethren

Present: Jack Flores, Dawn Blackman, Kay Weller, Lois Snyder, Paul Kohler Also Present: Vernon Showalter, Lynda Devore, Michelle Kohler, Peter Kohler, Herman Ware and Herman's associate.

The Minutes for the September minutes were approved.
The financial report was approved.

The group agreed that we will wait until the resolution of the Astoria lawsuit before any discussion of distribution of proceeds will be pursued.

Lynda did not have a report ready for this meeting but will send us a copy via e-mail. Items that she wanted to share with us included:

- 1 There is a prospective planter for the south side of Chicago . More information will come later.
- 2 The Sarpiya's were strongly recommended as church planters with the provision that they go to First Steps Training
3. A multicultural coach for Herman is being sought. Lynda will speak to Reuben about this.
4. An attempt at sharing the facilities at Douglas Park with a new church start was not successful. A 7 month lease for an apartment in the neighborhood has been secured for Herman and Richard to house their ministry. Richard will be living there and paying the utilities. The rent is \$700 a month.
6. Rockford has offered to share their building as a home for a new multi-cultural church start. Lynda is asking us to pray about this as a possible site for Samuel and Gretchen Sarpiya.

Jack Flores gave a report of his role as assessor at Green Lake. He was very excited about the process and the blessings he received. Jack and Lynda would like for the denomination to develop an assessment process geared to Brethren Church Planting.

It was brought to the group's attention that a second signer be designated to write checks when Vernon is not available. The chairperson of the team was suggested as the second signer. It was agreed that the treasurer and the Apostle be asked to modify the financial reporting format to enable reporting details of the financial actions of the various church planting operations. We asked Jack Flores, financial secretary, and Vernon Showalter, treasurer, to train someone to fill in for each of them in the event that they are unable to fulfill their duties.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 6 at 9:00 a.m. in Champaign.

Kay Weller, Acting Secretary
Acting Secretary.