

NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT TEAM MINUTES  
December 5, 2009

PRESENT: Dawn Blackman, Jack Flores, Vernon Showalter, Lois Snyder, Harold Traugher.

EX-OFFICIO: Lynda Devore, Fletcher Farrar, Paul Kohler, Orlando Redekopp, District Moderator.

Orlando led in prayer and served to facilitate the Team reorganization. The election results are:

Chairperson: Dawn Blackman, Vice Chairperson, Jack Flores, Secretary *pro tempore*, Lois Snyder. Lynda will check with Lois in mid year to see how it is going.

Chairperson Dawn Blackman called the meeting to order.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 17: Jack/Vernon moved the minutes be approved. Passed by consensus.

TREASURERS REPORT: Vernon presented us with a quarterly review. Our planters have spent more than anticipated and is shown in our budget. In the 2009 budget, we allowed \$25,000 for the planters. So based on what has happened in 2009, the 2010 budget needs adjusting in order to remain balanced. In the quarterly report, the \$3,000 coaching item should be removed from Lynda's budget and placed under planting churches since her coaching is finished. Lynda had corrected this in a previous e-mail. We requested that the treasurer present us with a monthly financial report rather than quarterly which he agreed to do. There was a discussion on the method of sending contributions to NCDT. We feel we are making progress in our fund raising as the District is becoming more missional.

The treasurer's report was approved by consensus.

APOSTLE'S REPORT: There is a possibility of a church plant in Des Plaines with Jeff Foster, a Bethany student, as planter. But currently in order to fulfill his Bethany requirement, he is being considered for an internship at New Beginnings. Jack is delighted with Jeff's interest in Des Plaines, because his heart is there also to plant a church.

Lynda's certification is completed, but there is no paper certificate as yet. Benjamin Amakwa is not yet in the country. She has been meeting with the Denominational Advisory Group. CP.T. is moving out of the building adjacent to the Douglas Park Church earlier than expected. They would like for NCDT to place their name on the utility bill as soon as possible so that the utilities will not be turned off. NCDT will pay rent for the Annex at 2751 W 16<sup>th</sup> St. and none to the church, so the church is free to rent the apartment in their building.

Lynda gave Evonne the "60 day notice" November 21, so on January 15, we will pay a half month's rent of \$350 to the District of Illinois and Wisconsin and \$700 on February 1. The church building's insurance, currently including the Annex, will be split between the IL/WI and the church although the policy will need to be updated. We will

be covered by the church's liability insurance, but we will need to pay a portion for the Annex. The Douglas Park Church and Annex leases have been signed.

Lynda has been busy finalizing the May Church Planting Seminar at Bethany and working on the denominational assessment process which is basically following our design. For now they are thinking it would be more cost effective and advantageous to use current assessment centers.

**LYNDA'S SELF EVALUATION:** She feels the need for a fund raising coach is primary. We can help Lynda by actively seeking a fund raising coach a role Dawn was going to fill, but now is unable to do so because she is our chairperson. Dawn Amakwa's husband may be coming to the U.S. soon, but feels he should spend a year reintegrating with his family and securing fund raising for the church they intend to plant in O'Claire Wisconsin. His visa is being delayed because it will be for an "intentional immigrant" meaning in one year he will be eligible for citizenship.

**NEXT MEETING:** January 9, 2010 at Douglas Park. They will provide food and we will take up an offering to pay for it.

February 6	Teleconference
March 13	Rockford or maybe try Freeport
April 10	Starved Rock –Dawn will arrange; cost \$20
May 15	Batavia
May 21-25	Church Planting Seminar Bethany, Richmond, IN, cost \$149
June 5	Mt. Morris
July 3-7	Annual Conference-Pittsburgh, PA
August 14	Decatur
September 11	York Center
October 16	Viriden—ask for overnight arrangements
November 5-7	Yellow Creek--District Conference
December 4	Canton—Kevin said OK

NCDT will pay for our Team and anyone that wishes to attend the Church Planting Conference in May.

**TASKING:** Fletcher suggested a balanced budget. We need to start the budget in January. January 17 is Dr. Martin Luther King Day when there will be a celebration in his honor at Chicago First to which the whole District is invited.

**LYNDA'S FINANCIAL PACKAGE:** It was suggested that the \$3,000 for Lynda's coaching be removed from the 2009 budgeted amount of her remuneration and she be paid the remaining amount. The car reimbursement will also need to be adjusted. It was noted that Kevin rents a car for his District traveling and thereby saves money. The District per mile reimbursement rates is going down to \$.50 a mile, but if we keep her travel reimbursement the same, it will be adequate because of the added miles she now has to drive.

**DISTRICT DIRECTORY:** The first draft is completed and Lynda has sent it out by e-mail to those fourteen churches who have participated. She has asked for their return by

the end of December. She hopes to have the completed copy out by e-mail in January; paper copies will also be available.

DISCUSSION ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE: One response to our report was that it was interesting and helpful. There were positive comments about Lynda's pregnancy example. There was the feeling that Sam held a great Insight Session on Sunday morning.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Snyder, Secretary *Pro Tem*.

Meeting Dates for the Leadership Team as I recorded them:

January 2  
March 6  
May 6  
June 5  
July 3-7 Annual Conference  
August 17  
September 25  
November 5-7 District Conference  
November 19-20