

New Church Development Team Minutes  
December 6, 2008  
Champaign Church of the Brethren

Present: Paul Kohler, Dawn Blackman, Jack Flores, Lois Snyder, Kay Weller, Gil Crosby (District Moderator) and Lynda Lubbs DeVore

Absent: Vernon Showalter

Gil Crosby gave a devotional for the group prior to the selection of officers for the coming year. Officers chosen were Chairperson- Paul Kohler, Vice-Chair Dawn Blackman, Secretary-Kay Weller, Treasurer-Vernon Showalter, and Financial Secretary-Jack Flores.

The minutes from the November meeting were approved.  
There was no financial report

It was agreed by consensus that a smaller computer with XP will be purchased for Lynda.. Her present computer can be used by the secretary if needed. Paul is in charge of finding the best deal to meet her needs.

It was agreed that the Chair, Vice-chair and Treasurer should be approved signers for our bank account transactions. Any approved transaction up to \$5,000 will need only one signer. Any transaction over \$5,000 will need 2 signers. Lynda will go to National City Bank in Oswego to get a new signature card for signers.

Paul would like for us to get church directories for each church we visit, if one is available. This will give us names for fundraising. We are to try make a point of seeing or contacting someone specifically for this purpose. A general letter or request often is unproductive.

An effort to get articles in our district newsletter as well as individual church's newsletters is encouraged.

Lynda challenged us to select one planter to contribute to on a monthly basis.

Jack and Vernon are to discuss the possibility of direct deposit payments for the apostle and church planters as well as for any other committed expenditure (rent for example).

Lynda is to be given a debit card for the checking account. After much discussion about safeguards and procedures, it was decided that there will be a \$3,000 monthly limit for the card. The card will eliminate the need for her to use her personal credit card to pay for NCDT expenses such as assessment training and transportation. The group agreed unanimously

Lynda gave her monthly report. She had conversation with one prospective CoB planter from the East Coast.. She believes that he needs more time to explore, pray, listen, and attend a church planting conference before he proceeds.

Herman Ware continues to network in his area of West Chicago. The apartment is in use now and hopefully a Bible study will begin soon. Chad Huff is Herman's new coach.

The Sarpiyas have accepted the invitation to start up in Rockford using the Rockford CoB as their new base. Visa issues have been resolved and YWAM (Youth with a Mission) their present employers, have pledged to help him with paper work to assure that his Visa is secure. It was recommended that the Sarpiyas attend First Steps Training. This is held in Gray's Lake, WI in March, so hopefully they will be settled in Rockford at this time and ready to attend. Prayers for housing for the family and appropriate transportation that will meet their needs are requested.

Benjamin and Dawn are continuing to wait on a visa for Benjamin. He is currently in Ghana and wants to become a permanent resident. Permanent residence visas take much longer than religious visas so prayers for him are requested.

Lynda recently attended a denominational New Church Development Committee in Arizona. It was a great meeting. The committee has a goal of 250 projects and 20 new congregations by 2015. Also plans are underway for there to be a Brethren Assessment Center for church planters in place by 2010. The site for this has not been determined. However it is great that IL-WI has Lynda on this committee and our successes will encourage other districts.

We broke for a lovely lunch at noon and then joined the Leadership Team for a joint time of sharing. We plan to meet again on May 30 in Naperville for a joint meeting. December 5, 2009 will be the date for the organizational meeting of both teams and is planned to be in Peoria.

The NCDT then returned to continue our meeting. We all agree that conversations, communications and planning with the leadership team is crucial. Lois proposed that we continue to have a place on our agendas for a representative from the LT. We would hope to have a place on the LT agenda as well. Rather than a person being appointed to do this, we will try to send a member that lives relatively close to the location where the LT is meeting.

We worked on scheduling future meetings. We hope to meet at York Center on January 10, 2009

The meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Weller, Secretary.