

## **New Church Development Team**

### **Minutes of meeting held January 5, 2008 at “New Beginnings Fellowship a Church of the Brethren” in Batavia, IL.**

Members present: Jack Flores, Kay Weller, Paul Kohler and Terry Link.

Members absent: Lisa Fike, Dawn Blackman.

Others present: Apostle: Lynda Lubbs-DeVore, Treasurer: Vernon Showalter, Tom DeVore lead pastor of New Beginnings.

Opening/Training: Lynda gave a power point presentation which she has prepared and is offering to present at every CoB church in the District. Title: “Why is Church Planting Imperative to our District?” The presentation ended with prayer and opened our meeting time.

Approval of minutes of 17 November: The minutes were approved by consensus.

Note: The December 2007 meeting had been cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

Treasurers report: Vernon shared income/expense amounts through November 2007 as it was too early to close out December and the bank statement had not yet arrived.

Year to Date: Income \$26,658., Expenses \$37,429., net YTD \$10,771

November: Income \$749., Expenses \$2,594., net month \$1,845.

Vernon will email monthly income/expense reports to board members. The quarterly reports will include an additional budget tracking report. It was agreed that Paul will contact our auditor of last year to see if she is available to audit our 2007 books.

Apostle report: Report received with discussion. Good follow up is taking place.

Additional inquiries continue to be received from both outside and within the District. A CoB pastor from out east is interested in family relocation and church planting in a university town with a vision focus for peace making with other faiths. An invitation will be made to attend our next meeting. Another inquiry came from an African pastor in Eau Claire, WI interested in planting to reach a growing immigrant population in that area who are primarily coming from Sudan. A face to face meeting is scheduled. Lynda is planning on taking Phase 2 NCD training in April. This will complete her Natural Church Development training and give the District a person certified in this program of church revitalization.

Lunch: A BIG Thank-You to NBF members who prepared and served a delicious meal and shared some fellowship time with us. Tom DeVore gave us a tour of the worship space and a slide show from recent events. He also shared a proposal for our input titled “A Center for Church Planting Internships”.

Evaluation of Apostle: The board went into closed session then Lynda returned. She has done an excellent job this past year in the half-time Apostle position. A sense of calling to full-time ministry was not confirmed by the board. An offer was made that included a generous salary increase, work hours from 1/2 time to 3/5 time to encourage momentum, and benchmarks based on the number of active projects that would increase time worked to ¾ time and then to full-time. She is considering and will advise.

Lynda designated a housing amount of \$4,000. for 2008 which was approved by consensus.

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Meeting dates for 2008: Additional dates set were Jan 26, March 8, May 3, June 21, August 16, September 13, October 11, and December 6.

District Conference actions: The study committee report on protocol between the NCDB, LT and district structures was passed with items for our action. Terry has identified specific wording changes needed in our By-laws. We have updated the website and begun using the name NCDT to reflect the team structure of the District. Paul advised of the need to update other portions of the By-Laws. We will continue this to the next meeting due to items needing updated throughout, these are in addition to those of the Study Committee report.

Church Planting Conference: May 15-17, 2008 at Bethany Seminary. It was agreed that as an incentive, NCDT will reimburse the registration fee for persons within the IL/WI District who attend this conference. A request form will be placed on our website, [www.ncdb.org](http://www.ncdb.org), for persons to indicate their interest and intent to attend. This will give us contact information to follow up on, a sense of reimbursement costs, a gauge of relationship to the District and level of interest. This conference is held every two years. Our offer is similar to that made in 2006.

**January 26 meeting Virden CoB, location pending confirmation.**

**March 8 meeting Highland Avenue CoB, location pending confirmation.**

Meeting time is from 10am to 3pm, visitors always welcome.

Minutes kept by Terry Link.



*Reminder: Ask the Apostle to come and make a presentation on Church Planting for your congregation. Just call: 630/675-9740*



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