

New Church Development Team

Minutes of meeting held March 8, 2008 at Highland Avenue Church of the Brethren

Members present: Jack Flores, Kay Weller, Paul Kohler, Terry Link, Lisa Fike, Dawn Blackman.

Others present: Apostle: Lynda Lubbs-DeVore, and District Moderator Jerry Sales.

Dawn opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of minutes of 26 January: A couple of items were raised then minutes were approved by consensus. Paul clarified that the agreement on board member non-attendance as cause for removal was an expectation, and cause for the board to vote to declare the seat vacant per current By-law provisions. It is not meant to be a rule in itself that precludes excused absences nor a courtesy phone call to a brother or sister. It was also pointed out that Lynda's evaluation lists full-time objectives and that the board needs to set part-time objectives with Lynda for the position. Lynda indicated her primary emphasis is to work with the current planters and to continue recruitment.

Treasurers report: No report. Paul shared the latest BBT report shows earnings at 6.3%. Budgeting: Discussion centered around the past budgeting process that draws down investment principle and which will use up the investment funds. An option to consider is to move towards a balanced income/expense budget that uses investment interest as income along with individual and church giving. The option for giving to the NCDT via PayPal was discussed and it was agreed that Paul will establish an account and set it up on our website. There is no monthly cost and processing fees are only assessed on giving. We will also include on the website the address to direct mail donations.

Apostle report: Report received with lots of good discussion. There has been a surge in inquiries due to Lynda placing postings for church planters on two websites: pastorfinder.com and christiancareercenter.com/jobs. She is working on criteria to filter inquiries to allow us to eventually help. Other tasking: Lynda made assignments to assist in the cause. Dawn will learn and train fundraising coaching. Lisa and Jack will be a team to do church planting presentations in the district. We have three natural geographical teams already on the board. Paul will accompany a potential planter to assessment in June and learn about the process.

Next meeting: It was decided to hold the May meeting during the Church Planting conference at Bethany, May 15-17, since 5 of 6 members will be present there. Lisa will not be attending but is willing to be called concerning any action requiring a vote.

Assessment process: Lynda shared the need for a denomination-wide assessment process for church planters and has sent information to the brotherhood from a company (Praxis) who develops denominational specific assessment processes. It was agreed that she can make an offer of cost sharing for the training with the expectation that Bethany would coordinate and host.

District Executive meeting: Work continues on details of an agreement to provide cooperative resourcing between the NCDT and LT for Projects and Fellowships. Lynda is seeking input and is working on a core values and basic beliefs document to share with inquiring new church planters. More discussion to be held on sharing.

Meeting with GDCC: Paul shared that GDCC will help identify additional persons to help with NCDT tasking. This has the potential of NCDT board members in training.

NCD gift assessment results: Paul distributed and explained the Three Colors of Ministry gift assessment results. This shows our interest and awareness of God's calling for various types of tasks.

Plan for Coaching: Terry distributed and shared of a cost effective plan for training a pool of coaches using available resources and organizing triad groups to gain experience. The process is similar the one presented in an insight session at last Annual Conference which is being used in another district as peer coaching for pastors. It was approved as a good idea and Terry will lead with information to begin and recruiting will be developed.

May 15-17 meeting: during the Church Planting conference at Bethany

Minutes kept by Terry Link.



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