

New Church Development Board

The NCDB is a ministry of the II/WI District of the Church of the Brethren

Minutes of meeting held March 25, 2006 at Christ Connections

Present: Voting Members: Dennis Metzger, Paul Kohler, Tom DeVore, Lois Snyder, and Terry Link. Absent: Rob Tevis.

Present: Ex Officio: Vernon Showalter, Treasurer

Devotions: An opening meditation on maintaining the proper relationship based on John 3:29 was shared by Tom and followed by an opening prayer.

Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and approved by consensus.

Treasurers report: Vernon Showalter. Reports were distributed that reflect activity in February, YTD and breakout for history of income and administrative fees. Some income sources are not identified as some deposits were posted from the bank statement. Vernon will contact Jim Mack about getting a detailed breakdown of the sources as deposits are compiled. The February report was received with thanks.

Motion: Paul moved, Terry seconded. That we accept the year end treasurers report. Approved by consensus.

Naming of an Auditor: It was agreed to ask Jane Bicksler to audit our 2005 financial records. She served us well the prior year. The invitation will include an offer for compensation for this service.

Moderator, Leonard Matheny had requested time to address the board but was absent due to work related travel in the country of Turkey.

Liaison to LT: The leadership team has requested we designate a liaison. Terry volunteered to represent us and to attend LT meetings as schedules allow. The next month our two groups do not meet on the same day is in June.

Workshops: Mt. Morris, we are open to presenting and are ready. A date may be firmed up after the new pastor arrives in April. A fine workshop on Natural Church Development (NCD) was presented Sunday March 19th at Girard. They are reviewing the NCD materials in consideration of taking the personal and congregation analysis surveys.

Lunch break: We ate and watched the NCD “mini-seminars” presentation which was shared at Girard. This material on the website www.ncd-international.org.

Apostle Ad: An inquiry was received from the Northern Ohio District regarding our structure,

role and activities. Also, the name of a potential candidate has been forwarded to us and Dennis will make contact to gauge the persons interest.

Report on Bloomington/Normal: Individual meetings to establish working relationships are taking place. Terry has met with Stan Gilbert, and is scheduled to meet with Paul to review plans to date on April 11th.

Coaching movement: Names of nine potential coaches were presented. Discussion on proceeding was without consensus. It was agreed that Paul and Terry need to meet and come to a resolution on coaching. Coaching will be back on the agenda next month.

Toms paper on Church Multiplication: Feedback was given as previously requested. Discussion centered around it being a good framework, incorporating principles, need to remove detail expectations of outside financial support and requirements on the new group, difference in principles taught from required performances. Some specific updates: military connotations, financial expectations, apostle duties. Note was made to revisit in three months.

Agenda items which were not covered: Visioning, Calling Church Planters, Triads, and Review of Board Goals.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting – April 22th – 10 am to 3 pm – at Cerro Gordo Church of the Brethren

Minutes kept by Terry Link

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