

PNMC Board Meeting
Sanctuary
July 16, 2011

Members present – Jerry Barkman, Mario Bautista, Linda Dibble, Jeryl Hollinger, Isaac Hooley, Jennifer Sottolano, Jack Swaim

Members Absent – Charlotte Derksen, Harold Nussbaum, Joseph Penner

Staff Present: Barb Buxman, Iris de León-Hartshorn, Dave Stutzman

1. Linda – welcome – Dwelling in the Word first; then introductions –
2. Dwelling in the Word – Iris read Philippians 2:1-8
3. Introductions and points of clarification
4. ECM update – IRIS – oral report
 - a. John David Thacker – mom died just before Salem 2011 – Iris met him in Pittsburgh and spent time with him.
 - b. Brad Roth – going with EMM to Peru – Larry and Duncan are working with Warden Mennonite Church in this transition.
 - c. Todd Lehman – farewell – August 28 – Iris & Wendell will be speaking
 - i. August 14 Iris will work with Zion in visioning process
 - ii. Iris gave suggestions of Consultants to work with the church. They are also looking at an interim pastor– to work with consultant.
 - d. Hyde Park has strong leadership committee – looking for pastor
 - i. Iris has set up connection of lay leadership with Zion & Hyde Park
 - e. Transition items – Iris is working with Dave
 - f. Going on Vacation next week to Southern California. Return to work August 2.
5. Pittsburgh Report – Jeryl – Printed report
 - a. Linda, Dave & Iris also attended. Don and Judy Bacher worked with children. Dave was the usher coordinator for Delegate Sessions.
 - b. Web link <MennoMedia.org> information for churches in creating new hymnal and getting response from the churches “The heart of Mennonite Worship”
 - c. Spirit of the conference was more positive
 - d. People wanting “Christian Formation” as focus for coming year.
 - e. Discussion Rooms were a success. 40 – 300 people attended these discussions. Conversations happen there that don’t need to be on the conference floor.
 - f. Dave – much less tension in the delegate sessions than at Columbus. The conversation rooms helped lower the tension in delegate sessions. Even those who disagreed with each other were more civil with each other.
 - g. Ervin was available to groups that needed to talk about issues. Iris attended those meetings. Passionate feelings, but not ugly.
 - h. What are the outcomes from Pittsburgh that affect us directly?
 - i. Encouraging congregations to model or work at becoming a discerning community instead of being a voting group.

- ii. Purposeful Plan will affect us. Resources and staff time will work toward these.

BREAK

6. Sanctuary Property – goal is to find out what our involvement is for the future.
 - a. Barb presented the financial statement from May 1, 2010 – present.
 - b. Steve Kimes joined the group and shared about Anawim and its ministries. He feels strong support from the local community and ownership of the space by the local homeless.
 - c. Linda gave history of the Peace Property and it's coming to PNMC. Jim Wenger from Portland Mennonite Church will chair the Property Management Team.
 - d. At the last board meeting the board decided we would like to work toward not being a property owner. The board does have a definite bias to work with Anawim and Bethel. It was clear that Anawim and Bethel have not worked toward getting the 501 c 3 – nor made progress in acquiring the funds to purchase the property.
 - e. Jack suggested steps for Anawim and Bethel to pursue:
 - i. Common vision/purpose/mission – what will it look like in 10 years
 - ii. Plan for leadership continuity
 - iii. Define the stakeholders
 - iv. Create a financial plan that would involve asset structures, and Profit & Loss,
 - v. Create a board or governing body
 - f. Property management team will meet with Linda, Iris, Joseph

LUNCH BREAK

AFTERNOON

1. Annual meeting – finances – Barb presented the report and explained the line items.
2. 501 c 3 – Jerry will scan the document from the attorney and send all a copy. This will be discussed at our next meeting for next steps.
3. Salem 2011 - meeting reports – there was good positive energy from the meetings and delegate sessions. People felt engaged, loved the seminars, positive things about the classes.
4. 2012 – the annual meeting is scheduled for Eastern Washington. Linda will follow up with the proposed hosts to clarify since there was not representation from Menno Mennonite at this year's convention. Ideas presented were:
 - a. Marlene Kropf will be in the Northwest next year. She would be a good resource to lead Dwelling in the Word next year.
 - b. Ron Mock from George Fox is a resource person for how to do discernment. There is a difference in consensus and discernment.
 - c. Ervin Stutzman has agreed to be our speaker for 2012. His direction with MC USA is promoting the Purposeful Plan. We will request that he suggest a theme.

- d. It would be preferable for national agency leaders to be dispersed to congregations on that Sunday. More pre-planning needs to take place for that to occur.
5. 2013 – It is not too early to think to the next convention and each was encouraged to bring names to our next meeting of nationally known speakers.
6. Dates Ahead
 - a. Board Retreat – Sept. 16-17 – working/visioning retreat. Charlotte will order book “Strengthening the Soul of your Leadership” by Ruth Haley Barton for discussion at Retreat. Nancy Kauffmann was suggested as we are in the search for ECM and she may be able to help with discernment. Barb will begin to research locations. Oct 14-15 was suggested as optional date if Nancy is unavailable in Sept.
 - b. Other Scheduled Board Meetings
 - i. August 20 (skip Sept. if Nancy can come in Oct.)
 - ii. November 12 (skip Dec and Jan)
 - iii. Feb 4
 - iv. March 17
 - v. April 21
 - vi. May – if needed
7. Search Committee – Position Description was updated to reflect the actual work. A covenant is also agreed upon by the ECM and Moderator. The annual review is based on the covenant. Linda will make the suggested updates to the draft Position Description and share with the search committee. Search committee members are: Jeryl Hollinger, Linda Dibble, Charlotte Derksen, Jeanne Rempel, Don Bacher, Lynn Miller.
8. There may need to be a board meeting in January for budget preparation with the transition and new people.
9. Closure –Specific next steps.
 - a. Finalize in August –
 - i. Property Management Team will meet with Simon and Steve
 - ii. Linda will advise Jim Wenger.
 - iii. Bring proposal to board.
10. Project director is needed for cleaning up rental in preparation for sale.
11. Meeting was dismissed with prayer circle led by Dave Stutzman.

Minutes submitted by: Barb Buxman, Administrative Assistant