

PNMC BOARD MEETING
April 28, 2012
Portland Mennonite Church

Members Present: Linda Dibble, moderator; Jeryl Hollinger, moderator-elect; Charlotte Derksen, Secretary; Harold Nussbaum, treasurer; Jennifer Sottolano, Isaac Hooley, Joseph Penner,

Staff: Barb Buxman

Absent: Jack Swaim, Mario Bautista, Dave Stutzman, Jerry Barkman

1. Dwelling in the Word – Jeryl led us from John 20:19 – 23
 - a. Prayer requests were mentioned and prayer time followed
2. Consent Agenda and Minutes – Linda
 - a. Jerry will join by phone for the by-laws section
 - b. Next meeting – Jack will lead book study for chapters 11-13
3. *Strengthening the Soul of your Leadership* – chapters 9 – 10 – Linda
 - a. Moses was one of them, but raised outside among Hebrews –
 - b. Leader – some complain about being leader – but don't want to give up authority
 - i. Interceding for the people – significant in leadership
 - ii. Be present to God on another's behalf – join God in prayer
 - c. Loneliness of Leadership – the buck stops here – point person
 - i. Don't feel that with this board – we work together
 - ii. Board members were encouraged to add to their life charts
 1. Times you faced loneliness/aloneness
 - a. gray – loneliness/aloneness
 - b. blue – known others interceded on your behalf
 - c. pink – times you have interceded for others
 - iii. God shows his goodness as well as his glory
 - iv. God extends grace to us – we need to extend grace to others
4. Budget Discussion: \$10K question –
 - a. Harold reviewed printed reports
 - i. Everence is offering an on-line financial course.
Recommendation to match ½ of audit price– for up to 10 people. m/s/c – Isaac/Jeryl . Account #320803 will be used.
 - ii. Capacity Campaign – To begin the board suggested to move some of the balances in existing accounts so there is money up front to start the ball rolling.
 - b. Linda reviewed IN-MI and OHIO reports. New kind of reporting talking about narrative reporting and visuals – pie charts

- i. Board members would like to know how much PNMC churches give to MC USA. Barb will request information to be shared at our next meeting.

- 5. By-Laws Proposal – Jerry – joined by phone
 - a. Send to churches so they have it 30 days before annual meeting
 - b. This is a recommendation needed to proceed with the 501 (c) 3
 - i. Entire piece of conflict of interest would be article VII
 - ii. Amendment – would change current #VII to VIII – The Conflict of Interest Policy would be #VII. The formatting needs work. Barb and Jerry will work with it.
 - iii. Changes in how we currently operate: When we have discussions about particular items, and there is potential or real conflict of interest, it needs to be listed in the minutes. The board is not limited in how we act, but the conflict needs to be revealed. The person/s with the conflict of interest cannot vote on the issue.
 - iv. Recommendation that we include the conflict of interest policy and insert into our by-laws. m/s/c – Jeryl/Joseph

- 6. Value Proposition – Jeryl led discussion about responses from the various churches.
 - a. Discussions in each group were beneficial – but just a beginning.
 - b. Drift Creek response was asking for persons to be camp pastors to promote Mennonite/Anabaptist views at camp
 - c. Camps may be a way to connect the churches with Conference, also Western School.
 - d. It was agreed that the presentation be made available to DP’s to get input from the congregations in their care.
 - e. Linda and Joseph agreed to attend a CIHAN meeting to get feedback.
 - f. The committee will review results and bring a presentation to the delegates at Moses Lake

- 7. NW Mexico Relationship – Curt & Phyllis Dorsing, Simon Rendon joined the board
 - a. Linda reviewed the history of the relationship of PNMC with CIEMNM and what we call the NW Mexico Ministry
 - b. Curt read the PNMC mission statement and shared a visual of the NW Mexico reality.
 - a. Construction –
 - b. Consejo – group of pastors who represent a change in the economy and the church. The pastors are aging, changing the dynamic of the church.
 - c. Simon would like to update the covenant as it is set to expire in 2013
 - a. Refers to submitted document and suggestions. PNMC –has worked with NW Mexico approximately 50 years. The situation remains

fragile. Simon suggests the board make a decision to continue the financial support for CIEMNM.

- b. The board affirms the need for pastoral training/ education
- c. The board affirms collaborating with the broader church, and local resources. There are 5 conferences of Mennonites in Mexico. The board suggests communication and collaboration with the existing Mennonite groups in Mexico. Economics involved in meeting together obstructs this happening.
- d. Leadership training is the key for success and long term health of the Mexico churches. Church leaders who would benefit from training, also work for a living.
- e. This appears to be a sister conference relationship. We are not aware of another model among the Mennonites to give direction in how to be a sister conference. The board is interested in continuing the relationship as a sister conference relationship, in collaboration with other Mennonite groups working in Mexico.
- f. The board discussed this as a Passion Based Ministry. Curt and Simon have the mandate to appoint a committee. Mexicans appreciate when someone from the board comes. Nov. 10 will be next conferencia.

8. Property Management Team – Joseph gave an update on the progress.

- a. The group is working on non-profit status
- b. Getting Articles of Incorporation ready to turn in
- c. New signs are up
- d. Meeting scheduled for this afternoon

9. Annual Meeting

- a. Linda talked about delegate sessions for annual meeting
 - a. Mexico relationship discussion first came about in delegate body – needs to ratify at delegate level.
 - b. Need something to present to delegates – it's too soon this year
 - c. Jeryl, Linda and Katherine need to meet with Simon and the NW Mexico representative at annual meeting and talk about what we can agree upon
 - d. Covenant needs to clarify conference to conference exchange
This will be an agenda item for June 2 board meeting.

11. Gifts Discernment Team

- a. Moderator-Elect – have not been successful in finding a candidate
- b. Secretary – nominee: Wanda Dorsing
- c. Gift Discernment Team – need 2 nominations
- d. CIHAN – need nomination

Next meeting will be June 2 - Joseph will check to see if we can meet at Sanctuary.
Minutes submitted by : Barb Buxman