

Miami Valley Baptist Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2010

I. Call to order

The quarterly meeting of the Miami Valley Baptist Association was called to order at 10:06 AM on August 3, 2010 at University Baptist Church in Middletown, Ohio.

II. Roll call

Diana Cotton passed around a sign-in sheet for attendees. The following persons were present:

Karl Chadrick	Covenant Life
Diana Cotton	State Women's Ministry
Duke Markley	Elk Creek Baptist
Neal McKinney	University Baptist
Dale Norris	University Baptist
Keith Risner	Edgewood Baptist
Keith Spencer	First Baptist Trenton
Shawn Watson	Northside Baptist

Opening Message

Youth Minister Neal McKinney from University Baptist Church delivered the opening thoughts from Philippians 6. It was a humbling message about how Jesus gave up his glory, he stepped down and he took on flesh when he should have been in a place of honor. Neal talked about the scandalous circumstances surrounding his life...poverty, not heralded, etc. We were reminded that this is the way of the cross and that we all need to have the mind of Christ.

III. Administrative Team Report and Recommendations

Neil McKinney made motion to accept minutes as written. Second by Keith Spencer. Motion carried.

Keith Spencer made motion to accept financial statements as written. Second by Keith Risner. Motion carried.

No new Pastors/Staff were present.

IV. Open issues

A.) Ministry Assistant Position

Shawn Watson (representing the Administrative Team) provided those present with a brief write-up concerning the temporary Ministry Assistant Position (March 1, 2010 – August 31, 2010). It was reviewed and the recommendation was made not to continue with this position.

B.) Retirement of Dennis Back as Church Planter Strategist

Shawn Watson (representing the Administrative Team) provided those present with a brief write-up concerning the retirement of Dennis Back who finished his duties as Church Planter Strategist on June 30, 2010. It was reviewed...no action was required.

C.) Search for Church Planter Strategist

Shawn Watson (representing the Administrative Team) provided those present with a brief write-up concerning the search for a Church Planter Strategist. There is still uncertainty about how NAMB and SCBO will move forward with cooperative agreements in the future. In addition, we are experiencing a large net loss at the association level this year. As a result, the Administrative Team is not making a recommendation to move forward with the search at this time.

D.) Annual Meeting

Shawn Watson (representing the Administrative Team) provided those present with a brief write-up concerning some changes that have been suggested to the team about the structure of the annual meeting. There was a suggestion that this be a larger program in order to make the time more inspiring and attractive to our church members. The Administrative Team recommended that the annual business should be held at a different time but that there would be value in joint worship where there could be reports and vision expressed for the MVBA. The meeting is to be held at Edgewood Baptist this year (we will change the location if it becomes apparent that we will need a larger venue).

During discussion at today's meeting it was determined that exciting highlights from each of the teams should be presented. In addition, we should have a guest speaker and a Vision Casting. Shawn Watson will take responsibility for moving forward with this idea.

V. Church Strengthening Team Report

Diana Cotton was the only member of the Church Strengthening Team present.

There was some discussion around accountability and stewardship in reporting back to the executive committee at the conclusion of an event (this is true for all committees and events). We need to be sure we are all informed when our monies are used toward a ministry. Who was there, what were the results, etc.

Diana agreed to contact the rest of the team to determine if we can provide an e-mail report on the Youth event which occurred early in the year.

VI. Starting Churches Team Report

There was no one at the meeting from the Starting Churches Team

There was discussion about the \$1126.00 which we had previously dipped into the Savings Fund for.

We had budgeted money from the Association to Lifeway Church for Keith Schraub's salary. However, for an extended period, Fran hadn't been paying it. In August, 2009 the error was found. (Note that Keith got his salary all along but the Lifeway church was actually short-paid by the association during this period.) The association was in the process of repaying the short-pay when the church dissolved. Since the church is no longer in existence, we cannot pay back the remainder. However, it was agreed that as a result of this short pay, that we would transfer the difference between the taxes the association paid (\$1132.28) for Keith Schraub and the amount that Edgewood collected (\$625.00) for it from the Association's Lifeway account to the Savings account...difference of \$507.28 to be transferred.

Pastor Karl Chadrick (Covenant Life) shared how their new church is coming to life. He mentioned that there were labor pains in late spring...and he still believes the 127 corridor is a place God wants a new start...however; the suggestions for partnering in that area didn't work out. In the meantime, God opened a door and on July 4th in Hamilton a new church was born. During VBS they had about 25 kids...and 15 of them were brand new. They have a core group of 21 in Sunday School and 25 in Worship. Their public launch is scheduled for August 22nd. Also, they are making use of some of Lifeway's resources and materials.

The Church Planting Team is still working on a covenant.

VII. Women's Ministry Report

No report

VIII. New business

Pastor Keith Risner (Edgewood) brought up discussion around the Church Planter Strategist. It was stressed that Church Planting continues to be really important to us...it is a strong core value. Per Bruce (State of Ohio) it would be approximately a year before we could move forward. He had suggested an interim. He had talked to Dennis Betts. Dennis is divorced and remarried so he is no longer employed by the State. He's interested and would meet with the team for policies/procedures/guidelines etc. He has a proven track record and a passion, experience and connections.

There was a request for an update by the Missions Council representatives Chuck Cotton and Jim Mousie.

There was a request for an update from Larry Lambes on the State's GCR Committee.

IX. Adjournment

Executive Board Meeting adjourned the meeting at approximately Noon.

Minutes submitted by: Diana Cotton