

Miami Valley Baptist Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2010

I. Call to order

Shawn Watson called to order the quarterly meeting of the Miami Valley Baptist Association at 10:00 AM on January 25, 2010 at Springboro Baptist Church in Springboro, Ohio.

II. Roll call

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

Dennis Back	South Valley
Karl Chadrick	Edgewood Baptist
Greg Cox	First Baptist Trenton
Chuck Cotton	Calvary Baptist
Diana Cotton	State Women's Ministry
Connie Hancock	Springboro Baptist
Larry Lambes	Hillcrest Baptist
Doug Morgan	Edgewood Baptist
Jim Mousie	Riverview Baptist
Andy Powell	Germantown Baptist
Keith Risner	Edgewood Baptist
Keith Schraub	Lifeway
Keith Spencer	First Baptist Trenton
Dwaine Tilford	Eastview Baptist
Shawn Watson	Northside Baptist

III. Opening Message

Shawn Acrey delivered the opening thoughts from Acts Chapter 7 – Relational Ministry – Talked about a paradigm shift from the “building” to the “people”. He left us with a challenge to bring up God in a conversation every single day.

IV. Administrative Team Report and Recommendations

Approval of financial statements and minutes from last meeting:

Financial Statements for October 2009, November 2009, December 2009 and Year-End 2009 were distributed and approved with some date changed noted.

Note: Although they were approved as written, it was noted that total expenses exceeded income by \$20,000 for the year.

Minutes from the last meeting (annual meeting) were distributed and approved as written.

Welcomed and Introduced New Pastors/Staff

Karl Chadrick – Church Planter/Pastor of a new church that Edgewood Baptist is Sponsoring...to be named ...Covenant Life.

The plan is to have this new church located along the SR 127 corridor...somewhere between New Miami and Seven Mile.

They have already identified their 5 core values and have started on the administrative responsibilities.

Doug Morgan – Worship Leader, Children and Youth Pastor from Edgewood Baptist

V. Open issues

a) Administrative Team Recommendation for Administrator Position

There was much discussion on whether this Administrator position was even needed. Some felt that there was an overlap in responsibilities against the Church Planter Strategist position. Others felt that there was not a conflict because using the Strategist to perform secretarial-type functions was taking him out of what he is meant to be doing. Eventually, there was a conclusion that the leadership position a Church Planter Strategist would have when facilitating the teams was not secretarial in nature, instead, it was more of a facilitator position. However, there is still an administrative component (updating web pages etc.) that will need to be addressed by the association.

A verbal vote was taken on whether we would approve the job description. The result was NO...recommendation FAILED.

b) Administrative Team Recommendation for NewLife Funds

There was an error in the amount listed on the recommendation. It stated \$98,330.41 and it should have stated \$89,157.35. (This bulk of this difference is due to the \$10,000 donation to the Community Pregnancy Center.)

There was some discussion about whether we wanted to designate all of the monies to be used solely for church starting. A suggestion was that some of the money be designated for church strengthening. It was mentioned that recommendations from other associations that had faced this circumstance had overwhelmingly been to designate it all to starting. It was also mentioned that if a church needs our help, we still have the option to be generous without using these funds.

A verbal vote was taken on whether we would approve the recommendation for the designated money. The result was YES...recommendation CARRIED.

VI. Church Strengthening Team Report

Andy Powell reported on the meeting held by the Church Strengthening Team.

He stated that our association is made up of 16 churches, with very diverse needs. There are 10 full time pastors, 4 bi-vocational pastors and 2 with no pastors. There are six churches whose average attendance is less than 100, and there are 10 with attendance of 100 or more (some of those much more)! With such diversity come very different needs. The team is looking to determine the characteristics of a healthy church, then to hone in on 3 or 4 of those characteristics each year and offer assistance to the churches (differing by size) in those areas.

In addition, he mentioned that the team is working to develop more structured monthly pastor get-togethers. Once per quarter this will occur in the evening to allow the bi-vocational pastors to participate. The other 8 months, will be a brown-bag luncheon meeting. Each meeting will have a structured agenda discussion.

Finally, he mentioned that the team is looking to break down their \$5,000 budget into smaller components so it isn't all used for the same type of function, training or activity. We want to consider, youth, ladies, leadership etc.

The team invites your ideas...(Diana Cotton, Chuck DeGlow, Andy Powell, Dwaine Tilford)

VII. Starting Churches Team Report

Keith Schraub gave a report from LifeWay Church.

Their average attendance is about 25 per week. Financially, they're holding their own.

They are starting a January Bible Study on Sunday evenings (they currently don't meet on Sunday evenings, so this is an exciting event).

In their planning meeting they set a goal to reach 3 new families in 6 months. They're gearing up for GPS.

NOTE...during a door-to-door campaign he was stopped by the police and told that (in the city of Middletown) he couldn't continue without a permit. When he tried to get a permit issued, he ran into some problems. However, after further investigation, it was determined that religious organizations are exempt from that law.

Dennis Back gave a report from South Valley

During their 2009 fiscal year (Jan – Dec) they baptized 15 people and 2 families joined by letter.

Financially, they are doing very well. In addition to their normal offerings, they took in \$6400 for Christmas giving (approximately ½ of this was given to Lottie Moon).

There was discussion about the new Church Starting Policies and Procedures Manual.

Dennis stated that he had solicited feedback from the team...generally, the consensus was that it was a good rough draft.

Concern was expressed that pastors still do not know what their process will be for starting a new work.

Pastor Chuck Cotton stated that the team will get together and have the document ready to pass out (in a format that is easy to follow) at the next Executive Board Meeting.

VIII. New business

a) Plans for transition of Church Planter Strategist

Pastor Keith Risner made a motion that we use the same job description that we currently have...but use the administrator job description as an informal addendum as we begin an immediate search for a replacement. Motion seconded by Pastor Keith Spencer.

A verbal vote was taken on the motion. The result was YES...motion CARRIED.

b) Secretarial Function

Pastor Keith Spencer made a motion that we allow the Administrative Team full power to hire a temporary administrative assistant, within the confines of the current budget and with the understanding that this is an administrative not a leadership role. Motion seconded by Pastor Keith Risner.

A verbal vote was taken on the motion. The result was YES...motion CARRIED.

IX. Adjournment

Executive Board Meeting adjourned the meeting at Noon.

Minutes submitted by: Diana Cotton