

Miami Valley Baptist Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2010

I. Call to order

Pastor Shawn Watson called to order the quarterly meeting of the Miami Valley Baptist Association promptly at 7:00 PM on April 27, 2010 at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Carlisle, Ohio.

II. Roll call

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

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| Dennis Back | South Valley |
| Chuck Cotton | Calvary Baptist |
| Diana Cotton | State Women's Ministry |
| Larry Lambes | Hillcrest Baptist |
| Doug Morgan | Edgewood Baptist |
| Jim Mousie | Riverview Baptist |
| Andy Powell | Germantown Baptist |
| Keith Risner | Edgewood Baptist |
| Keith Spencer | First Baptist Trenton |
| Dwaine Tilford | Eastview Baptist |
| Shawn Watson | Northside Baptist |

III. Opening Message

Pastor Larry Lambes delivered the opening thoughts from Matthew 7:7-8. Ask, Seek and Knock. Larry talked about reevaluating the "asking" portion...how it is appropriate it is to ask and seek in a continuous circle...until you get to the right place...before the knocking.

IV. Administrative Team Report and Recommendations

Minutes were received and approved as written.

Financial Statements were reviewed. It was noted that the projected total on the Income Statement needs to be corrected...otherwise, approved.

Note: Although they were approved, it was noted again that year to date through March total expenses exceed income by \$4,519. Pastor Shawn mentioned that last year more income was received from the individual churches.

No new Pastors/Staff were present.

V. Open issues

a) MVA Ministry Assistant Position

At the last meeting, the Administrative Team was tasked with creating and filling a temporary Ministry Assistant Position within the confines of the current budget. This has been completed. The job description was passed out during the meeting. A note was made to take out the reference to an hourly wage and change the compensation to simply read \$182 twice per month.

The position has been filled by Diana Cotton.

b) Church Planter Strategist Position

The Administrative Team has talked to Bruce Smith at the state office about our Church Planter Strategist position. As most of us are aware, the Great Commission Resurgence (GCR) preliminary report suggests an end to all NAMB partnerships. (Note: The full report is scheduled to be released on May 3rd.) It would be difficult to find a quality person with this uncertainty about continued financial support. At this point, the state is only willing to guarantee support through 2011.

It was determined that we should all be in prayer about this situation and come back with a recommendation at the next meeting after the final report is published.

c) Block Party Trailer Policies and Procedures

There was a good deal of discussion on the Block Party Trailer.

New Policies and Procedures have been written and posted on the MVA site. Any church desiring to use the trailer (which is being housed at Calvary in Middletown) must go onto the site, verify availability against the calendar and fill out a request to forward to Diana Cotton. Once the trailer has been used, the user must again visit the site, fill out a form and forward to Diana. Any issues with the equipment must be noted on this form...otherwise, the church will be liable for the equipment repair expense. Any questions should come to Diana Cotton (either through the MVA e-mail account at mvbaohio@yahoo.com or by cell at (513) 312-3682).

NOTE: It was also determined that the Projector (currently at Edgewood) and the Screen (currently at Eastview) also need to be housed at Calvary.

VI. Church Strengthening Team Report

Pastor Dwaine Tilford reported on the progress of the Church Strengthening Team.

He reviewed new guidelines for providing assistance with training. All seemed to be in agreement.

He discussed the calendar of upcoming events which includes a June 5th training called “Double your Sunday School Class” taught by Josh and Missy Hunt to be held at Riverview. (Conference promotion materials can be found on the Josh Hunt website.)

VII. Starting Churches Team Report

- a.) Since Pastor Keith Schraub was unable to make the meeting, Pastor Doug Morgan gave the report from LifeWay Church.

They seem to have hit a ‘bump in the road’. There were 12 people last Sunday.

In addition, there seems to be a ‘problem with the books’. Pastor Keith has found out that his taxes have not been paid...and he actually owes back taxes...due immediately in the amount of \$1,132. He is asking that the association help him out with this.

A motion was made by Pastor Doug Morgan and seconded by Pastor Andy Powell that the Miami Valley Association write a check for the full amount directly to the Treasurer of the State of Ohio and that this money be deducted from the monies set aside for new church plants. Edgewood Baptist will be taking up an offering for these funds and the entire offering will be reimbursed to the association to be deposited into the new church plant fund.

It was noted by Pastor Keith Spencer that we are on a ‘slippery slope’ with this money which was set aside for new church plants. This is twice we have dipped into it for items not directly related to new plants.

- b.) Pastor Dennis Back gave a report from South Valley

Pastor Dennis reported that their church is doing well. They are running in the high 30's / low 40's. This up about 10. They are regularly having visitors at the church.

They are gearing up for a May 8th Block Party they're calling "End of Winter".

- c.) New Works – no discussion
- d.) Pastor Jim Mousie reviewed the Potential Strategic Ministry Plan for MVBA Plants. Although the plan was good, the Starting Churches Team was tasked with returning with specific guidelines for MVBA Church Starts.

VIII. Women's Ministry Report

Diana Cotton talked about several events that are occurring for the women within the association.

She talked about having started a "Leadership Team" made up of one or two women from each of the churches within the association. Women contacted to serve on this team have felt honored and excited. They have had one meeting and although only Calvary and Hillcrest were represented, several others expressed interest.

She talked about a state leadership event that she attended in Woodfield, Ohio (in the Muskingum Valley Association). She shared that the women's emphasis for the next two years will be around "Exploitation of Human Kind" which can include anything from teaching children about bullying in school to addressing human trafficking and prostitution with adults. This is a big task for the women to undertake...but the word "Unhindered" will be their mantra.

She talked about an upcoming dinner event for the MVBA women to be held at Hillcrest on May 21st. Cathy Pound from the state office will be coming down to speak to them. She is encouraged with the response so far.

She talked about an idea for the women to plan and coordinate the Pastor/Spouse dinner this year (which is scheduled for December 3rd at Hillcrest).

IX. New business

None

X. Adjournment

Executive Board Meeting adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Diana Cotton