

Minutes of the National Association of Brethren Church Elders

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Mercer. The minutes and financial report for 2008 were approved as printed.

The ballot was then presented with these nominees:

President—Scott Soden
Vice President – (no nominee)
Secretary-Treasurer – Gerald Barr
Assist Sec-Treas – Richard Craver
Study & Research – Emery Hurd
Benevolence – Rich Hagopian
Nurture & Support – Lynn Mercer

The budget was also presented at this time.

Brad Weidenhamer announced that he was developing a workbook on Brethren missions for 3-4 graders, and that it would be available for anyone who would like to make use of it.

Lynn Mercer made a presentation on Intentional Relationships as a tool for enhancing our personal relationships and developing spiritual growth. The Nurture and Support Commission will oversee this.

The Benevolence Commission reviewed its purposes for our information.

Brethren Church Executive Director Ken Hunn spoke regarding relational issues. He emphasized the need to carefully define our doctrines based upon challenges facing the church and he stressed the need for consistency across the denomination.

Gary Diehl addressed the coach certification program. The program is continuing and developing and we were encouraged to participate in the program

Memorials were presented for Ken Solomon, Bill Anderson, and Charles Munson.

It was announced that Bob Grover continues his recovery, but there is still a long road ahead.

We were dismissed with prayer.

Thursday, July 14, 2009

The meeting was opened with prayer by Lynn Mercer. Brenda Colijn was presented for membership in the association it was moved and seconded to receive her and the motion passed.

Guests were introduced.

The ballot was presented. T.J. Mclaughlin was nominated or Vice President. It was moved and seconded to close nominations and declare all nominees elected. The motion passed.

The budget for 2010 was then presented and was adopted by motion.

The question of travel subsidy for Pastors' Conference was introduced and referred to the Nurture Commission. It was then moved and seconded to add \$1000 to the budget for travel expenses for Pastors' Conference. The motion was seconded and carried.

It was moved that the benevolence balance in the budget accumulate from year to year, and that motion was seconded and carried.

Jayne Wilcox was presented for membership in the association. It was moved and seconded to accept her, and the motion carried.

Adam Geaslen was nominated for our 2010 scholarship, and was approved.

The Benevolence Commission reported on the Retirement Fund. Smith Barney is now administering the Retirement Fund. Representatives of Smith Barney advised of procedures for transferring to the new program.

Harold Walton reported on the Pastors Retreat Network.

Phil Lersch updated us on the Brethren Peace Initiative and requested email address from all who were interested in receiving updates.

Emery Hurd reported on the National Ordination Council. The NOC Manual is now online and will be updated regularly. He also reported that data was being collected for an evaluation of pastors' salaries, and a task force was needed to rewrite the Pastors' Handbook.

Dale Stoffer reported regarding the Communion issue and moved that the Study and Research Commission study the concept of national certification of elders including annual certification of good standing, accountability and discipline of elders, and determination of active/inactive status. Recommendations to be brought to the 2010 NABCE meeting at General Conference. The motion was seconded and carried.

Dale Stoffer moved that the Study and Research Commission develop policies and procedures in the case of elders who become divorced or divorced and remarried. Recommendations to be brought to the 2010 NABCE meeting at General Conference. The motion was seconded and carried.

Memorials were again presented. It was announced that Ken Solomon's memorial service was available through Ustream, and that Charles Munson's memorial service was available from the Winding Waters church.

Tim Garner announced preliminary plans for the 2010 Pastors and Spouses Retreat.

It was moved to adjourn, the motion was seconded and carried.

New officers were installed and we were dismissed with prayer.

2010 Budget

Anticipated Income

Dues	6,500.00
<u>Interest</u>	<u>40.00</u>
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	6,540.00

Anticipated Expenses

Scholarship	1250.00
Benevolences	3,000.00
Pastors' Conference expenses	100.00
Pastors' Conference travel	1,000.00
General Conference expenses	100.00
Postage	100.00
Telephone	50.00
Office supplies	100.00
N O C expenses	250.00
Secretary's fee	100.00
<u>Executive Committee expenses</u>	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENSES	6,100.00

2009 Ledger

Balance on Hand. 1/1/2009	10,791.16
Income	
Dues	3400.00
Interest	40.00
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>3,440.00</u>
Expenses	
Scholarship	1,250.00
Mercer Scholarship	1,000.00
Memorial (Ken Solomon)	1,000.00
Memorial (Robert Keplinger)	1,000.00
Memorial (Charles Munson)	1,000.00
Secretary's Fee	100.00
<u>Postage</u>	<u>168.00</u>
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 5,518.00
Balance on hand, 12/31/2009	8,713.16

2009-2010 Officers

President Scott Soden
Vice President T. J. McLaughlin
Secretary-Treasurer Gerald Barr
Asst. Sec-Treas Richard Craver

Commissions

Study and Research

Jim Koontz (2010)
Vicky Taylor (2011)
Emery Hurd (2012)

Benevolence

Billy Hesketh (2010)
Ron Spyker (2011)
Rich Hagopian (2012)

Nurture and Support

Jim Koontz (2010)
Tim Garner (2011)
Lynn Mercer (2012)