

Minutes of the National Association of Brethren Church Elders

Tuesday, July 19, 2007

The meeting was opened with prayer by President Diana Teusch. She emphasized the lack of leadership in the church, and challenged us to mentor young people in our churches to develop new leaders

A new member, Richard Hagopian was received into the organization, and guests were introduced.

The minutes of the 2006 meeting and the budget for 2008 were presented and approved.

BYIC representatives presented the SALT program for discipleship of young people and the development of leadership skills. The program is designed for youth in grades 7-12, teaming them with an adult mentor to nurture their spiritual growth. Packets of materials were distributed to pastors for use in their churches.

Commission reports were called for, but none of the commissions had a report to present.

The 2008 Pastors' Conference Committee passed out information on the 2008 Pastors' Conference, to be held March 25-27 with the theme: "Color Your World With NCD." Resource books were available for purchase.

Emery Hurd presented the report of the National Ordination Council and explained the revisions in procedures. The council plans to request funding from the districts to help cover the council's costs. There are also new procedures for reinstating elders and for elders moving into a district. It was moved and seconded to accept the report, and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Thursday, July 14, 2007

The meeting was opened with prayer by President Teusch

New members were received by unanimous vote.

The question of funding for the National Ordination Council was raised, and following discussion it was moved and seconded to fund up to \$1500 for 2008. The motion passed.

Luke Dowdy was nominated for the 2008 scholarship, and it was moved and seconded to award the scholarship to him. The motion passed.

Lynn Mercer provided an update on Pastors' Conference.

Memorials were presented for association members who passed away this past year.

Ken Hunn reported on denominational opportunities for ministry: oversees trips, adopt-a church-plant programs, gift-based ministry, stewardship possibilities, and ways to find areas of need.

Billy Hesketh appealed for help supporting the mission in Spain.

Tim Garner moved to give \$500 to each of the entities for which we were taking up special offerings this conference. The motion was seconded and carried. (*The checks were written and sent to the National Office.*)

Arden Gilmer spoke about the success of the Faith Promise, and encouraged other churches to use the Faith Promise for missions.

John Shultz offered the seminary as a resource for churches.

The newly elected officers are: President—Lynn Mercer, Vice President Jim Kirkendall, Secretary Treasurer—Gerald Barr, Asst Secretary—Treasurer—Richard Craver, Nurture and Support Commission—Jim Koontz, Study and Research Commission—Dale Stoffer, Benevolence Commission—Billy Hesketh.

The meeting was adjourned by President Lynn Mercer.

2007-2008 NABCE Officers

President – Lynn Mercer
Vice President – James Kirkendall
Secretary- Treasurer – Gerald Barr
Asst Secretary-Treasurer – Richard Craver

Commissions

Study and Research

Vicky Taylor (2008)
Emery Hurd (2009)
Jim Koontz (2010)

Benevolence

Ron Spyker (2008)
Lynn Mercer (2009)
Billy Hesketh (2010)

Nurture and Support

Tim Garner (2008)
Scott Soden (2009)
Jim Koontz (2010)

Treasurer's Report – 2007

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| Balance | | \$13,625.02 |
| Income | | |
| | Dues | \$5,175.00 |
| | Interest | \$97.50 |
| | Other | \$125.00 |
| | Total Income | \$5,397.50 |
| Expenses | | |
| | Scholarship | \$1,250.00 |
| | Benevolences | \$3,000.00 |
| | NOC Expenses | \$0.00 |
| | Pastors' Conference exp | \$125.00 |
| | General Conference exp | \$0.00 |
| | Postage & Telephone | \$78.00 |
| | Office supplies | \$74.52 |
| | Secretary's fee | \$100.00 |
| | Executive Committee exp | \$0.00 |
| | Other | \$2,743.63 |
| | Total Expenses | \$7,371.15 |
| Balance | | \$11,651.37 |

2008 Budget

Anticipated Income

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| Dues | 7,500.00 |
| Interest | 80.00 |

Total Anticipated Income **7,580.00**

Anticipated Expenses

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| Scholarship | 1,250.00 |
| Benevolences | 3,000.00 |
| Pastors' Conference | 100.00 |
| General Conference expenses | 100.00 |
| Postage | 100.00 |
| Telephone | 50.00 |
| Office supplies | 100.00 |
| N O C expenses | 1,500.00 |
| Secretary's fee | 100.00 |
| <u>Executive Committee expenses</u> | <u>50.00</u> |

Total Anticipated Expenses **6,350.00**