

Mission Board Meeting – Jan 11, 2010 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Gina Chamberlin, Doug Hindman, Teri Mehler.

Guests: Jeff From, Kent Gilbert.

Opening Devotional: Gina read Mary's Magnificat as an example of radical spiritualism and mission.

Good news was shared by all.

November Minutes. Gina notes that we discussed funding for Sustainable Berea, MCHEIP, and Re-entry Partners. No one recalls that decisions were made. No checks were sent. Minutes approved as amended.

Financial Report. Doug provided a summary of 2009 expenditures and 2010 resources. He knows there are errors in it. Most importantly, he shows we had a 2009 budget surplus of \$1305 and we asked it be rolled over into 2010. However the trustees report we slightly overspent our 2009 budget. Kent reports the church finished 2009 with a surplus so we will get about \$1400 extra. Also the Mission Outreach Fund will get a new infusion from the Lambert Fund. He will attempt to get better financial figures.

New Business

Re-entry Partners. Jeff reports two COSAs (Committee of Support and Accountability) are functional. Demetrius is building relationships with re-entry programs in Louisville and Lexington and is reaching out to the Richmond Ministerial Association. A college intern is researching other programs in the country. Jeff took a group to Luther Luckett congregation on Jan 1. This is an active group despite prison restrictions and lack of funding. Kent suggests we take other groups and offer financial support on an ongoing basis.

Alternative Giving Christmas Market. Gina reports the event brought in about \$6500 and had costs of about \$40. There is computer software for about \$75 that automates recording donations, sending letters, etc. That would bring expenses slightly over the \$100 we allotted earlier. BFCO could use the software for other donations. We agree this seems reasonable. Gina will submit a written report and financial request soon.

MCHEIP. Gina reports the Fall Repair Affair was a success. They plan an expanded repeat, probably in early Fall. Our earlier contribution exceeded costs for the homes we helped repair by about \$250. We agree that MCHEIP can use the excess for their program as they decide.

Back Bay Mission. Annriette sent a written report. The trip was a success and inspired one trip member to go back and help their family finish rebuilding. The group hopes to present a program on Back Bay at a Wed. Nite Live soon. The group had a surplus and asks for guidance on what to do with it. We agree this is the group's money so they should decide.

Mission Board Task Force. Presented a written report on a future vision for the Mission Board. Gina notes it is similar to the long term vision committee's views and adds criteria for evaluating proposals to the Mission Board. (All board members in attendance participated in this report so we received little new input.) It suggests the proposed small (or "parish") groups could be a source of new mission initiatives. Kent notes it is consistent with views of other current planning groups.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Feb 8. However we knew we would need to re-evaluate meeting dates for the Spring. Demetrius cannot make Monday meetings this semester. Doug will send everyone an e-mail and try to find mutually agreeable dates for us.

Submitted
Doug Hindman