

Service Ministries Area Annual Meeting Minutes **December 11, 2006**

The Service Ministries Area met on December 11 at the Conference Center.

Attendance:

Present: Robyn Hays, Ray Leonard, Nelson Price, Gerald Rehkugler, Pat Curtin Excused: Bob Sherburne, Thom Fassett. Absent: Joyce Woodcock, John Fulton Note: We were not aware that Carl Johnson is assigned as Cabinet Representative to the Service Ministries Area. We will be sure to invite him in the future.

Lee Mount opened the meeting with a devotion on the subject of Control. We should not be afraid to lose control and let the Holy Spirit take care of problems, frustrations and headaches.

2007 Budget

The approved budgets were reviewed, no changes are required. Our Finance Department has been able to earn some additional interest income, 810-8-483-000, due to the improved cash flow of the Conference. The additional income from 2006 will be combined with the increased expected income for 2007 and 2008 to underwrite the purchase of a new general ledger system. This carryover of interest income is appropriate since these funds are not Shared Ministries funds.

Personnel requested that funds not spent in 2006 be carried over to 2007. Pat explained that it is Conference policy that Shared Ministry funds not be carried over from year to year. If additional funds are needed in 2007, the budget should be adjusted appropriately. If there is an urgent expense that is unanticipated, funds can be made available.

There was some discussion of using a reduced mileage allowance for volunteers. Archives and History only accepts \$0.25 per mile. The IRS rate for volunteers is around \$0.14 per mile. Many other conferences have a dual rate.

2008 Budget

We reviewed budget requests for 2008 for Finance, Archives and History and Personnel. The Trustees do not receive income from Shared Ministries. The Board of Pension and Health Benefits does not receive income from Shared Ministries except for the Director of Ministry Support. We did not receive proposed budgets from Sessions and Ministry Interpretation and Communications.

2008 Request for Funding

We reviewed the Requests for Funding from the Finance Department and Archives and History. In both cases, there should be some specific Action Items added to the Ministries with target completion dates.

Team Staffing

Staffing levels were discussed. We need to let the Nominations Committee know when additional team members are needed. Nominations really appreciates having suggestions of people who have an interest in participating in a particular team. The Dan Dyck Spiritual Gifts inventory of three years ago was suggested as a resource for finding people to serve. Following the meeting it was learned that there was not much follow-through on this front. It was intended that attendees of Annual Conference would return to their churches and conduct inventories of members. For the most part, this has not been done. There is also no database available for those who participated at Annual Conference. Darryl Barrow feels there might be some help in this area by the middle or end of 2007.

Archives and History could use more people, especially with computer skills. Pension and Health Benefits will have a large number of persons rotating off in the next 3 years or so. There needs to be some additional people on this team now as it takes 2 or 3 years to understand the complexities of this task. Trustees are limited to 12 members by Discipline. They do not want additional help, preferring to work with the existing group.

2007 Annual Conference

Possible items for inclusion in the agenda of Annual Conference: Archives and History is researching Asbury's trip through our area of New York. If this is complete, there could be a presentation to Annual Conference. The latest Igniting Ministry ads should be included in Annual Conference.

Open Items

Proposed budgets:

Annual Conference Sessions – Joyce Woodcock
Ministry Interpretation and Communications – Nelson Price / Sharon Fulmer
Board of Pension and Health Benefits – Robyn Hays / Vicki Putney

Requests for Funding:

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Personnel – Thom Fassett

The above teams are requested to submit their requests **ASAP** so that they can be forwarded to Debbie Burnett.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Mount