The meeting was called to order by Pastor Tassey at 7:08 p.m on April 24, 2015. The board used TGB Teleconferencing for the meeting.

Names of Participants: Pastor Tassey, Pastor Nehrt, Rebecca Nehrt, Pastor Kirby, Pastor Jacob Mueller, Roger Schafer, Jennifer Krupp, Nathan Nehrt, and Lauren Sperry. Not participating were Paul Schlake, Sandra Hernandez, Gabby Mitchell, Collin Coats, Aaron Fosse and Brittany Jennett.

Agenda Items

1. Executive Director’s Report (at the end of the minutes)
2. Business Manager’s Report (at the end of the minutes)
3. Finance Report

OAFC Account Balance Bradford Bank- $25,082.42 LCEF ~36,000

1. Old Business:
2. Nomination’s committee – Letters asking nominees to accept the nomination were sent out by Pastor Kirby.
3. Board Nominations –
   1. Pastor – Dan Smith, Mark Triplett, Loy Schlote (Declined), Andrew Ratcliff
   2. Adult Male – JR Townsend (Accepted), Kevin Wudtke, Nathan Ruppert, Ben Debrick
   3. College Male –Nathan Nehrt, Collin Coats, Craig Gooding
   4. College Female – Dana Baker (Accepted), Lauren Sperry (Declined), Gabbie Mitchell (Declined), Rebekah Eddy, Lara Scheutz
   5. Youth Male – David Eddy, Ethan Brammeier (Accepted), Ethan Boester
   6. Youth Female – Rebecca Prince, Devin Brammeier, Mackenzie Wells, Jamie Martin, Rebekah Schoenfeld, Kaley Bales
4. Commissioning Revision – no discussion or action taken
5. New Business:
6. 2015 Summer Training Planning
7. Theme for 2016 Summer Training – The One Who Showed Mercy – Motion by Pastor Kirby, 2nd by Roger, motion passed.
8. Pastor Tassey brought up that he would like to put on the Annual Meeting agenda that the group discuss the summer training schedule.
9. Registration opened on January 3. Deadline is May 1
10. Hosting Congregations – 3
11. ABOA will be given to all registrants
12. Travel Team planning
13. Plan to go to Wisconsin – Pastor Mark Triplett, Andrew Wilson, and Martin Herzberg’s churches.
14. Summer Training 2016
15. Location – possibly St. John’s, Seward, NE
16. Theme – “The One Who Showed Mercy”
17. Travel Team 2016
18. Working with Rev. Mark Wood to do an outreach event during the 2016 Youth Gathering.
19. OAFC received a grant for $1500.00 Eutychus Youth Gathering Grant for summer training
20. Int’l Travel Team Report
    1. 2 Weeks of Training through "Go To Meeting"
    2. Purchased all of the travel tickets
       1. Visas and Liability forms completed/processing
    3. Continuing to communicate with LHM Cambodia about Schedule
       1. 4 days of Training – with each individuals taking on a specific training component
    4. Canvassing probably not usable in that context – using digital/mobile outreach
    5. Make payments to LHM of $4,000 in May
       1. In country expenses of about $4,700 in first week in June
       2. Fundraising is coming along – about $6,000 raised with more on the way
          1. Total expenses around $14,800
    6. Time at Summer Training for final prep
21. Spring Break Travel Team
22. Adam Fosse, Becca Eddy, Sarah Hettig, Roger Schaefer
23. Will apply for Thrivent Grant

Actions or Tasks

1. The sexual misconduct policy was tabled for further discussion. (Motion by Pastor Kirby, seconded by Roger Schaefer)
2. Pastor Tassey was asked to send reconfirmation email to last year’s summer training registrants to encourage them to register.

**Executive Director's Report**

* 1. *Was very sick throughout February and March with Sinus Infections, Flu, and Bronchitis* (affected much of what I could get done)
  2. Summer Training
     1. Opened Registration for ST through the Website Jan 3; As of 4/24/15, 30 people are registered for Summer Training
        1. Priority Registration closes May 1st – and I have announced through the Crier that after May 1st I won't be able to coordinate their housing, because that's a month and a half out and that's simply not fair to the congregations or to me. If there is space available, we will fit them in, but it will not be a priority of mine.
        2. Send reconfirmation email to last year's registrants
     2. T Shirts –
        1. The individual in KC who was recommended for the shirt printing has never responded to my repeated emails, phone calls, messages, and even Facebook messages.
        2. Online, it's appr. $10 per shirt.
        3. Ocean Breezes – the one we previously worked with
     3. Hosting Congregations
        1. 3 Confirmed so far (with only 30 registrations, that's plenty)
     4. *I would like to give a copy of Another Book of Acts to every attendee of Summer Training (as a mission resource and to clear the older stock so we can move forward working on an update)*
  3. Travel Team
     1. Applied so far –
        1. Aaron Fosse, Kathryn DePaola, David Eddy, Hannah Dunse
        2. Waiting for response from Dana Baker, Brittany Jennett
        3. Asked Kaley Bales, she submitted application
     2. Going to Wisconsin to encourage growth with Mark Triplett, Andrew Wilson, and Martin Herzberg's churches
  4. Conferences
     1. ALMA (Association of Lutheran Mission Agencies) Conference in St. Louis, Jan 29-30
        1. Purpose was for learning and networking
           1. Learned that it's better to send donation thank you letters based on frequency of giving – had been merely seasonal.

Began this in February with a 1st Time Donor Letter (General Information about our ministry plans and needs this year), then added a 2nd Time Donor Letter (Encouragement of ways to gather ongoing support through Church Budgets, Thrivent Choice, etc…), and am currently working on how to do a 3rd Time Donor Letter (Ambassadors Circle).

* + - * 1. Networked with the people of Family Shield ministries – a family focused Lutheran ministry aimed at sharing resources with members and congregations to strengthen families

Was then invited to do an interview with their radio program – to be broadcast and stored (linkable) on their website

Recorded Tuesday Apr 28 @ 1pm, will air in May

* + 1. Nebraska District Pastors Conference Apr 13-14
    2. Upcoming Conferences –
       1. Summer Training and Travel Team
       2. National Youth Gathering Conference in July for LCMS
       3. Rural and Small Town Ministry Conference in October
       4. Nebraska District Fall Pastors' Conference
  1. Local Weekends
     1. Had one church cancel on us because of football and another cancel because they were partnering with another ministry at the time, Transforming Churches Network, which is heavily pushed here in Nebraska by our District mission board, and couldn't foresee being able to coordinate both.
     2. St. John Seward Weekend
     3. St. Paul's Malcolm weekend – decimated by the NU Spring practice
     4. Penciled in weekends for August, September, October
  2. Summer Training 2016
     1. Solid lead with St. John's, Seward – they're looking at their calendar to find which weekends they have open, July 22-26
     2. Possible Theme: "The One Who Showed Mercy"
  3. Annual Meeting Agenda – No items were submitted for consideration at the Annual Meeting
  4. Submitted a Grant request to LCMS for their Eutychus Youth Gathering Grant for Summer Training cost defrayment and supplies for Travel Team – Received $1,500 and a request to join us at Summer Training (Yeah!)
  5. Working with Rev. Mark Wood about incorporating some kind of OAFC or OAFC-like outreach event during the 2016 National Youth Gathering (Yeah!)

**Business Manager's Report**

1. We have given quite a bit of time to switching the contact information from the Ruppert’s to ours. (Paypal, Vanco, Constant Contact, GuideOne Insurance) The Ruppert’s had been paying insurance for the OAFC trailer on their insurance, so we had to add insurance for the trailer on OAFC’s existing policy.
2. Tax time came and went. We used a professional to do Pastor Tassey’s W-2. Jeremy has filed an extension for the group’s 990 and will finish it in the next 90 days.
3. Our tax exempt status expires on June 1, 2015. I have sent the paperwork to have our status renewed. We are waiting for a response.
4. We have not purchased a laptop yet. And when we do, we will have to purchase internet protection for both computers. Right now the computer is on our families internet protection, but with 2 computers, I will have to buy a separate plan.
5. We need for board members to use our home phone more for contacting us with questions and comments. The number is 618-664-4056. We have a great answering machine. When Nathan asked me what phone number to put for the business office, we thought we would be getting more phone calls and it would be too much for our home phone. The reality is that with the phone reception we get in Hookdale, sometimes I don’t get a message for a day or two, depending on what our schedule is. If you call on our home phone, we will always get the message the same day or even answer the phone.
6. We have a date scheduled with the Ruppert’s in May to go through plans for Summer Training.
7. Interacting with Amazon to finalize system donations
8. Paypal issues resolved and discussed
9. Future Monetary reports to include account balances