

O AFC Fall Board Meeting Agenda



Opening Prayer: Pastor Tassey

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Adult Female	Jamie Louderback	2016-2019	Jamie62359@hotmail.com	217-430-4760m	CID
College	William Whitener	2016-2017	w.whitener@hotmail.com	314-920-5993	MO
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Youth Female	Devin Brammeier	2015-2017	devinMbrammeier@yahoo.com	618-314-6069 m	IL(S)
Youth Female	Kathryn Depaola	2016-2018	bbbkathryn@gmail.com		TX

Reports:

Executive Director's Report –

Ministry Picture: *Tuesday of Summer Training, I tore the meniscus in my right knee – took 2 months to recover (not having to sit with knee elevated and iced/braced). I have also taken on the vacancy ministry at our sister parish on Sunday mornings until they call a pastor.*

National Publicity

- NYG Follow Up – Contacts, Mailings, etc...
- Summer Training Report sent to all on our mailing list
- KFUE Radio Interview – Sept 7, 8:45-9am "Witness Wednesday" under the "His Time" heading
- Rural and Small Town Ministry Conference – Nov 3-5, Wichita, KS
 - Exhibit Table
 - Saturday Session Workshop
- (Considering) CTSFW Theological Symposia Exhibit – If we can host Training there
- Crier Services – I'd like to switch from Constant Contact to the new email newsletter service offered through our website provider, Weebly, to create a more streamlined Crier process. *(I have lately been creating the Crier on the Weebly site – because of ease – and then sending out a link our contacts through Constant Contact, because the layout features of Constant Contact are not as easy to use, and you're only allowed 5 pictures you can include in your media library, unless you pay for a higher package.)*
 - Plans
 - \$8/mo basic package – includes up to 5 emails per month & lead capture form, up to 500 addresses per email, maximum of 2,500 email addresses sent to /mo
 - \$25/mo package – includes up to 20 emails per month and the ability to schedule and automate emails, up to 2,500 addresses per email, maximum of 50,000 sent to /mo
 - Comparison
 - Constant Contact is \$28/mo for 501-2,500 contact database and unlimited emails
- **ACTION NOTE:** We'd need to (or I would appreciate the Board to) approve this switch in the budget and process if they deem it good.

New Year's Gathering

• Info from Jamie:

1. Location: St. John's LCMS, Champaign, IL
2. Dates: December 29th, 2016 – January 1st, 2017
3. Attendees: 5th Graders with assigned Adult, mature 6th grade and up
4. Cost: \$30
5. Theme: "Cast Thy Burden," Matthew 11:28
6. Registration through the Website (Added 9/22/16)

Summer Training 2017 Planning

- I have contacted folks at St. Louis and Ft. Wayne and gotten no response, yet.
 - Rev. Mark Triplett volunteered to work on his contacts in Fort Wayne to get more responses
 - Rev. Jeffrey Nehrt volunteered to work on his contacts in St. Louis to get more responses
 - Barnhart, MO contacted (in vacancy) - awaiting responses from area pastors
- I have in my back pocket the option of a more institutional Summer Training
 - Either we host on site at one of the Seminaries
 - Or we host on site at a retreat/camp center

ACTION NOTE: I'd really like to look into moving registration for Summer Training from the Spring to the Fall prior to Summer Training for the sake of planning. This was agreed to last Spring, but I want to double check.

In the past, it was generally assumed that we would reach the same number of registrations each year, some years even having to cap registrations. In recent years, we have struggled to reach 80. Especially during NYG years, registration drops. But this year, is that going to be a drop of 10, 20; will we have 50 or 75 or maybe even 100 people at Training? Planning with this uncertainty is not helpful or efficient. In my nearly 20 years in OAF, we've done registration in the Spring. So this would be a big change. But I think we need it.

Local Groups:

- I've been working on resources and schedules for a module approach to weekends (as introduced at Summer Training).
 - Reasons –
 - To promote more ongoing activity in local groups
 - To allow more flexibility with youth's schedules by having a shorter block of time commitment
 - To enable a single base congregation and leader to host ongoing activities
 - To allow more in-depth training and application in all of the OAF methods (which, currently, time doesn't seem to allow for in the schedule)
 - Because hosting has become a problematic issue for local groups
 - Because some congregations struggle with one or some of our witnessing methods but not others – (for example, Canvassing)
 - Because some congregations don't want/allow outside participation in their Sunday worship services or Bible Studies
 - Schedule
 - 1 Saturday 9am-6pm spends a day learning and applying ACTS (dramas & puppets)
 - 1 Saturday 9am-6pm spends a day learning and applying BIBLE (Bible study & personal witness)
 - 1 Saturday 9am-6pm spends a day learning and applying CANVASSING (survey)
 - Morning as the time for Training, Afternoon as time for Application
 - Each module stresses going out and using each method actively during the weekend.
 - Option for using the 6-8:30p time to plan approved participation in the Sunday Service/Bible Studies

Committee Work

- Sexual Misconduct—Assigned to Jennifer Krupp at Spring Conference

ACTION NOTE: As part of our RSO application, we need to create and approve a fundraising policy.

Business Manager's Report –

October 1, 2016

Bank Accounts

Bradford Nation Bank – checking
Balance – (8/31/16) - \$29,350.65
Church Extension Fund – Savings
Balance – (6/30/16) - \$56,365.20

Cash Flow - Year To Date - 1/1/2016 through 10/1/2016

INFLOWS

2015 TT

2015 TT:Sales 140.00
TOTAL 2015 TT 140.00

2016 Purchase 127.43

2016 Summer Training

2016 Summer Training:Offering 1,242.00
2016 Summer Training:Registration
1,672.53
2016 Summer Training:Sales 60.00
TOTAL 2016 Summer Training 2,974.53

AmazonSmile 16.70

Church Donation 4,286.64

Individual Donation 8,865.48

LCMS Foundation 8,782.07

Memorial Donation 5,140.00

Paypal

Paypal:Individual Donation 5,533.80
Paypal:Purchase And Shipping 186.57
TOTAL Paypal 5,720.37

Thrivent Choice 2,055.00

Vanco

Vanco:Individual Donation 700.00
TOTAL Vanco 700.00

Weekend Door Offering

Weekend Door Offering:Illinois 418.10
Weekend Door Offering:Texas 276.50
TOTAL Weekend Door Offering 694.60

Zion Lutheran Church 1,476.88

TOTAL INFLOWS 41,179.70

OUTFLOWS

2016 Director's Salary 10,080.00

2016 ST(Summer Training)

2016 ST:Food 629.84
2016 ST:Materials 766.59
2016 ST:Shirts 640.00
2016 ST:Site 250.00
2016 ST:Speaker 500.00
TOTAL 2016 ST 2,786.43

2016 TT

2016 TT:Exhibition Booth 500.00
2016 TT:Expenses At Youth Gathering
1,755.76
2016 TT:Food 222.51
2016 TT:Gas 311.11
2016 TT:Recreation 158.04
2016 TT:Registration Fees 1,950.00
2016 TT:Rental To Get Van 266.48
TOTAL 2016 TT 5,163.90

Bank Service Charge

Bank Service Charge:Vanco 5.50
TOTAL Bank Service Charge 5.50

Business Expense

Business Expense:Corporation Fee 10.00
Business Expense:GoToMeeting 14.70
Business Expense:Mailing Supplies 49.00
Business Expense:Post Office Box 60.00
Business Expense:PrinterInk 75.00
Business Expense:Tax Preparer 32.50
Business Expense:Website 483.99
TOTAL Business Expense 725.19

Insurance

Insurance:Church Mutual Van 776.00
Insurance:GuideOne 1,714.24
Insurance:Lutheran Trust 213.00
TOTAL Insurance 2,703.24

Money Transfer From Checking To LCEF20,000.00

Publicity

Publicity:ConferenceMaterials 698.45
Publicity:Conferences 992.92
TOTAL Publicity 1,691.37

Shipping 2.33

Team Supplies

Team Supplies:Good News Cards 276.80
TOTAL Team Supplies 276.80

TOTAL OUTFLOWS 43,434.76

OVERALL TOTAL -2,255.06

(We transferred \$20,000 to Savings)

TOTAL (Not including \$20,000 transfer to

Savings: \$17,744.94)

Business:

Old Business –

1. Mongolia Travel Team with Pastor Kirby –

- a. From Pastor Kirby's post to the O AFC facebook group: " We have the go ahead for an international travel team to Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia for VBS/Sports Camp leadership. We can take a team of 10 from O AFC. Dates will be late June 2017, with exact dates still to be determined. Total costs approximately \$2760 per person, to be fundraised. Details in attached PDF. Preference given to those with travel team experience. Contact me for application if interested, kirbypc4@gmail.com Pastor [Peter Kirby](#)"
 - i. Update as of 9/27 – Costs, etc.
 1. Project Costs - \$3,500
 2. Individual costs for travel – appr. \$1,600
 3. Individual costs for in-country expenses – appr. \$800
 4. For the Cambodia team, O AFC covered the Project Costs and offered matching funds for donors from our savings surplus to help defray costs. Pastor Kirby is asking us to at least consider covering the project Costs of \$3,500 for this trip.

ACTION NOTE: We need to vote on what support O AFC National Office will supply to the Mongolia Travel Team.

- ✓ Board approved covering the \$3,500 project costs for the Mongolia Travel Team 2017
- ✓ Provide matching funds for donations to the general O AFC Mongolia Travel Team fund up to a limit of \$4,000

Report on fundraising activities from Mrs. Nehrt - Joint fundraising & receipts issues.

- Local fundraising groups need to better specify the cause and effect of that which is sent.

New Business –

1. Fundraising Policy – Options provided as examples from the RSO director of Synod

- Option 2: "All fundraising activities of O AFC, if conducted, will be gathered and used in a responsible, good-stewardship manner."
 - i. Followed up by Pastor Tassej and Rebecca w/ Deac. Kranz
 - ii. To form a committee to create a fully fleshed fundraising policy at New Years Mtg.
 1. Rev. Ratcliffe volunteers to serve on the Fundraising Policy Committee
- 2. Crier Server switch from Constant Contact to Weebly.
 - Passed
- 3. O AFC Ministry Review - Pastor Ratcliffe
 - a. Perceived overall focus is the Neighborhood Survey
 - i. Effectiveness?
 1. For Youth - Are we being effective in Training youth through this?
 2. For Churches - Are we being effective in Training Churches through this?
Should we make this a part if it is lacking?
 - b. Is O AFC about the Training or the Canvassing?
 - c. Can O AFC do training without the Canvassing?
 - i. Tabled until New Years or further
- 4. New Years Board Meeting
 - a. Considerations: New Years Gathering in Champaign, IL, Dec 29-Jan 1 (Thursday through Sunday)
 - b. Should we do a video meeting or seek to piggy-back off of the New Years Gathering?
 - i. O AFC Business Mtg Agenda
 1. Reports (at least an hour)

2. Summer Training 2017 Planning
 - a. In-depth Details Planning (typically about 4 hours)
 3. Summer Training 2018 Pre-Planning (typically about 1 hour)
 4. Budget Planning (typically about 5 hours)
 5. Nominations (typically about 1 hour)
 6. Ministry Reviews/Brainstorming (typically about 4-5 hours, currently)
- c. Schedules for school means people need to be back to school Monday 2nd
 - d. Those who are able to meet Either during specific times during the New Years Gathering, itself, or the 2 and a half days prior to the New Years Gathering
 - i. Kathryn, Sandra, Ted (29-1), Ben (29-1), Rev. Ratcliffe (29-1), Jamie (29-1)
 1. January 6-7 videoconference

Adjournment –

Closing Prayer: *(Pastor Ratcliffe could you please lead this)*