

American Baptist Churches of Nebraska
Leadership Team Meeting
February 3, 2018
Second Baptist Church, Lincoln

Present: President Orin Clinger, LaVonna Cline, Craig Erickson, Bob Fairchild, Larry Harvey, Bob Howe, Brian Jenkins, Kathy Krough, Zau Sam, Steve Wisthoff, Secretary Janis Berry, Executive Minister Robin Stoops, and Associate Executive Minister Greg Mamula.

Opening: Orin Clinger gave Devotion from Romans 5:3-5, Romans 8:28 and prayer.

Minutes: Minutes from November 17 – 18, 2017 were submitted and accepted.

- Motion made by Bob Howe
- Seconded by LaVonna Cline
- Motion passes

Finance Report: Finance Chairperson, Bob Fairchild, presented financial report from January – December 2017 for the Region and Camp on behalf of the finance team.

- Investments better than normal. 4100 Missions - \$25,000 shortfall. 4200 Rental - \$21,000 cut in half to \$11,606. Need to show loss in budget rather than cover. 7700 Big Hit. Loss on rental of bus to Columbus for 2017 Annual Convention.
- 2018 budget recoup – 7220 No more real estate tax. Salary support decrease. Marge retiring. Working with Insurance Broker to save \$10,000.
- Hoping to rent out part of the building to another church.
- 2018 budget will end closer to breakeven.

Camp

- \$8,000 in the black.
- We are where we need to be right now.
- Trying to get numbers more realistic.
- 2017 - \$3,000 under income \$10,000 down expenses

ABC Investment Report

- Good news.
- We are in Index Funds.
- Highest in awhile.
- Blessings for us.

MHC – Everything is completed.

Cash Flow – Disbursements take place in April/September. May need to move up to March.

- Motion made by Lavonna Cline to accept Financial Report.
- Seconded by Bob Howe
- Motion passes

Mission Report: Executive Minister Robin Stoops presented mission report on behalf of Mission Team.

- Kearney group will go to Hungary. Several churches have expressed a desire to go as well.
- 5 Pastors went to Bolivia in November 2017. The goal is to enhance the connection to IM missionaries.
- The Palmer Grant has given the Region \$150 - \$200,000 for projects/events over the past five years

- ABMen planning a trip to Puerto Rico this summer.
- Mission trip also planned for the Houston area. ABMen in contact with someone in Houston to assist with arrangements. ABHMS also going. First Baptist Norfolk expressed wanting to go to Louisiana. No success in doing a Region mission trip. Better if a church says they will organize a trip.
- Update – letter sent to all churches generated some contributions. Camp also sent a letter. \$20,000 received.
- Rhonda Reed will come in a week before the Convention. She will travel around the state speaking at various churches.

Camp Report: Executive Minister Robin Stoops gave the report on behalf of camp. He presented the attached report and shared the following:

- Bev Pacas is working with Susan Gillies and Kathy Brown in securing stories for Lodge Rooms.
- Cabin Remodel was reviewed. Robin suggested we start with first cabin right after Camp season. Four cabins are being paid for.
- A company has been contracted to start work on the east gate in the next few weeks. Work will be done on fence on east side as well.

Professional Ministry Report: Associate Executive Minister Greg Mamula gave report on behalf of department.

- Meeting with John Sievering. In process of doing Baptist history. Will complete soon.
- Rev. Dr. John Wymer new pastor at Gibbon Baptist February 18th. A week away from being full ABC chaplain. Excited about being American Baptist.
- John Ball resigned from Ansley. He's in Goodland, Kansas.

American Baptist Men: Craig Erickson gave the report.

- The Conference will be Friday and Saturday ending at 5:00 p.m. with supper.
- Firefighter Ministry of Scottsbluff very busy with their mission.
- Caleb has everything mapped out. Some changes need to be made. Zip line new break system can do 30 rides vs. 6 in an hour. Inspected once a year.
- Will move Prayer Walk to Memorial Garden this spring.

American Baptist Women: LaVonna Cline

- Nothing new to update.
- Conference 1st week in June.

ABC/USA General Board: Executive Minister Robin Stoops gave the report on behalf of Mark Harvey.

- Nothing new to report.
- Hired two new Associate General Secretaries.
- Invited to go to China in May for one week Goodwill Tour with National Board.
- Statements from leaders have coming from our National body. Policy has been – do not pass on. Like-minded people will find information if they are interested. OK not to pass on.

Nebraska Minister's Council: Executive Minister Robin Stoops gave the report.

- Brian High moved to Illinois.
- Members will get a card.
- Will meet once a year and at the Region Convention.

- Steve Wisthoff reported Council is local now vs. National.

Executive Minister's Report: Robin Stoops

- Received a letter from Columbus First Baptist Church stating that they had voted unanimously to leave the American Baptist Church affiliation and convention, both regionally and nationally. They also voted unanimously to identify and join the Southern Baptist Convention. A response has been written, but has not been mailed. Will remove Pastor's Ordination. Discussion.
 - Motion made by Bob Howe to take off Roll and send letter.
 - Second by Craig Erickson
 - Motion passes
- Comunidad Cristiana Verdad y Vida Church and Primera Iglesia Bautista Latina Kearney Church submitted their plans for 2018.
- Labor dispute filed by part time maintenance staff, dropped age discrimination. Will meet with agent to review case, maybe 4 – 6 weeks closure.
- Visited and preached at a Kachin Church in Houston, Texas. Conducted three workshops.
- Visited Truet Seminary. Conducted interviews and met with staff.
- Preaching at a Latino Church in Yankton South Dakota, first of March.
- Alliance has been in the Search process for a while.
- John Ball gone from Ansley.
- Secured grant for Pastors to attend Fresh Expressions event in Washington, DC.
- Annual Meeting, Second Baptist Church, Lincoln, April 27 – 28.
- Proposed list of officers presented. Have not heard back from some people contacted. La Vonna Cline – yes, Steve Wisthoff – yes, Orin Clinger – yes, Abe Montalvo – consented to be a member of the Leadership Team, Beth Gregory – no, Paul Marine – yes, Jane Gangwish – yes
 - Motion made by Larry Harvey to approve candidates for Leadership Team with the exception of those that have not responded.
 - Second by Bob Howe
 - Motion passes
- May be able to present Slate at Annual Meeting.
- Volunteer of Year Award will be presented to a deserving person or couple at the Annual Meeting.

Other Business

- Larry Harvey shared concern over a possible issue on a Board he serves on being blindsided by a person who is the Executive Director. Board is not asking questions about who they hire. Must do fiduciary duty to stand up for values of the organization. Discussion
- Secondly, fear is in the community. People are afraid. What to do? Discussion.
- Discussions focused on bringing various ethnic groups and others together to begin to create a dialogue to combat some of these issues and stereotypes.

- Greg Mamula talked about Pod Cast Mission in 5. 5 basic questions will be asked.
- Grant for Pastors received for Pastors to go through Discipleship training.
- Orin Clinger asked the question – How do we use Preferred Path? Discussion where we have been and where we are going.
- Scott Jones working on Retreat. Good participation.

Brian Jenkins closed in Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Region Convention
 April 27 – 28, 2018
 Second Baptist Church
 Lincoln, Nebraska

Respectfully submitted,

Janis Berry

American Baptist Churches of Nebraska
Leadership Team Meeting
April 28, 2018
Second Baptist Church, Lincoln

Present: President Steve Wisthoff, LaVonna Cline, Orin Clinger, Caleb Cornelius, Craig Erikson, Larry Harvey, Mark Harvey, Bob Howe, Brian Jenkins, Scott Jones, Kathy Krough, Abe Montalvo, Bev Pacas, Todd Ray, Zau Sam, Janis Berry, Robin Stoops and Greg Mamula

Opening: Steve Wisthoff opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes: Minutes from February 3, 2018 were submitted and accepted.

- Motion made by Bob Howe
- Second by LaVonna Cline
- Motion passes.

Finance Report: Executive Minister, Robin Stoops, presented the Financial Report from January - March 2018 for the Region and Camp on behalf of the Finance Team.

- United Missions down 25%. Pulled from Endowment. Will recover.
- Endowment not reflected in budget. If reflected, would be on the plus side.
- Income the only thing out of sort.
- Working with various insurance companies to cut insurance cost by \$10,000.
- Brotherhood has decreased premiums some.
- In 2017, spent less than budgeted amount. Still had deficit.
- New streams of income/Assist outside congregations with Searches- conflict Mediation
- We are considering welcoming a new independent congregation in search of denominational affiliation. Looking at joining ABC NE or the Diciples of Christ.
 - Motion made by Craig Erickson
 - Second by Bob Howe
 - Motion passes.

Mission Report: No Report

Camp Report: Bev Pacas gave the report on behalf of Camp.

- Gate has been installed.
- Orin will be dropping off barbed wire.
- Next step setting up a camera., at entrances.
- Work week May 14-17.
- Holiday at the Merrill's. Time to change focus. Changing date to November 3rd to support Camp.

Caleb reported on the following:

- Summer Camp planning going well.
- Hired 9 staff. Received a lot of interest from high schoolers 7 high school girls applied. Need to make selection soon.
- Registration in line with last year.
- Mission Camp most registrations received.
- Adults want to attend Camp with their youth.
- People have signed up for each Family Camp. Still planning.

Professional Ministry Report: Associate Executive Minister, Greg Mamula gave the report on behalf of the department.

- 7 – 8 new Pastors. Pastor Blake Wilkes, Arthur Baptist Church, Arthur, Nebraska; Rev. Dr. Bill Prather, First Baptist Church, Omaha; Rev. Dr. Jon Wymer, Gibbon Church, Gibbon; Rev. Darren Theesen, First Baptist Church, Holdrege; Pastor John Sievering, Benson Baptist Church, Omaha; Rev. Gary Bell, First Baptist Church, Alliance and Rev. Shawn Daugherty, First Baptist Church, Kearney

ABMen Report: Todd Ray, chairperson, gave the report.

- Clergyman of the Year – Mike Kidder
- Taking nominations for Laymen of the Year for ABMen Conference.
- Raising funds for Zip Line update at Camp. See fund raising chair to donate.
- Golf Tourney May 5 at Mahoney Golf Course in Lincoln. These funds are used for scholarships to be given annually for Seminary students. \$1,500 each year.
- Annual Men's Conference, July 27-28. Dr. Clayton Ford (Holy Spirit Revival Ministry) will be the keynote speaker
- Encouraging men to join.
- Memberships are \$10. Goal to have 150 men.
- Take Better Together, convention theme, to your men.

ABWomen Report: LaVonna Cline, chairperson, gave the report.

- ABWomen have a new name. American Baptist Women Ministries.
- Upcoming – June 1,2,3, Annual Women's Conference at Camp. We've a Story to Tell To The Nation. We'll look at Past – June 1 or 2 Moses and Eliza Merrill's Wedding Anniversary. Present – Kathy Brown, speaker, will tell stories, witnessing of what God has done. Future – Mission projects, White Cross, Table Favors for Maplecrest.

ABC/USA General Board: Mark Harvey, representative to the National Board, gave the report.

- Elected General Secretary.
- Trying to figure out what to do with Mission Center. Goal is to be out by September.
- Very diverse group of 30 well educated, challenging people.

Nebraska Minister's Council: Executive Minister Robin Stoops gave the report.

- Was a member of the National Minister's Council.
- Two years ago decided to create the Nebraska Minister's Fellowship.

- No dues.
- Business cards printed.
- Can join National group as well.

Executive Minister's Report: Executive Minister Robin Stoops gave the report.

- July 20– 21. Preferred Path at MHC Region Office.
- Planning Fall Worship Leader Conference Training. 24 hour – Friday night through Saturday afternoon.
- Summer, Sturgis Ministry first week in August.
- Mugs celebrating 160 years, ABC NE. Given just for e-mail address.
- Pastor's Conference in Fall at Camp Moses Merrill.
- 130 attended the Prairie Pastor's Conference.
- Clergy Person – Mike Kidder
- Hornberger Award – Orin and Becky Clinger.
- Continue to work with Churches who do not have Pastor's
- Recommend changes be made regarding the Personnel Committee.
- Add Personnel Committee as a section to the Membership Team to become part of the Board. Require a by-law change.
- Rev. Caleb Lind, Norfolk, added to the Personnel Committee and Leadership Team.
- Two more individuals need to be identified to serve on the Personnel Committee.
- Discussion.
- No vote today. Think and pray about this. Will vote on this at the next meeting.
- Need to explore our future as a Network vs. Association over the next few month. We also need to brainstorm to see what this may look like.
- The following comments were made regarding the 2018 ABC NE Convention: Things that went well – Diversity in Worship, Amazing Speakers, Cost Value, Flowed well, Second Baptist great facility for convention. Things that need improving – Need to know the audience we want to attract, Speaker's time schedule. How Can We Encourage People to attend?: Change name from Convention i.e. – Gathering, Change Campaign approach in terms of marketing, develop workshops for younger generation, let people know they don't have to commit to the entire convention, better communication, develop 90 second videos.
- NOTE: Not productive to have Men's meeting in the afternoon. People begin to leave after lunch.
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Other Business

- Larry Harvey is still concerned over fiduciary duty of Board. We are responsible. Discussion regarding the responsibility of board to hold ministry & staff accountable.
- Steve Wisthoff thanked Orin Clinger for his service as past President on behalf of the Leadership Team.

Steve Wisthoff, closed in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: September 14-15, 2018
 Camp Moses Merrill

Respectfully submitted

Janis Berry

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Nebraska Baptist Churches of Nebraska

Leadership Team Meeting

September 15, 2018

Camp Moses Merrill

Present: President Steve Wisthoff, Orin Clinger, Caleb Cornelius, Craig Erickson, Jane Gangwish, Larry Harvey, Brian Jenkins, Kathy Krogh, Paul Marine, Bev Pacas, Zau Sam, Janis Berry, Robin Stoops and Greg Mamula

Opening: Steve Wisthoff opened the meeting with prayer and cited Galatians 2:11 and Acts 10. He also asked Board Members to introduce themselves.

Minutes: Minutes from April 28, 2018 were submitted and accepted.

- Motion made by Craig Erickson
- Second by
- Motion passes

Finance Report: Executive Minister, Robin Stoops, presented the Financial Report from January –August 2018 for the Region and Camp on behalf of the Finance Team.

- **ABC/NE United Missions Monthly Summary reviewed.**

United Missions Basics down 17.8%

Love Gift (ABWomen) down 33.3%

United Missions Designations eliminated

- **Other Offerings**

America For Christ up 13.1%

One Great Hour of Sharing up 40%

World Mission Offering up 2371.9%

R.M.M.O down (2.5%) (Arthur Baptist Church received their Annual Award)

Region Offering 0

Institutional Support down (36.5%)

Specifics down (3.3%)

Targeted Giving down (6.9%)

Overall Mission support down (4.6%)

Only funds (\$26,000) we receive from United Missions are the America For Christ Offering

- **ABC/NE Budget**

Short on cash flow.

Summer Camp expenses increase in May. Funds come in, in August, September, October.

Something happened that was a real blessing. Received Hail damage check for \$143,000.

Trying to cut back where we can.

Annual Meeting expense \$4,400. Budgeted \$6,000. Received \$4,200. Less expense for staff due to lodging and gas

- **Camp Budget**

Right where we need to be at this time.

Problem – cash flow

Large chunk of cash dollars will be in first of September (Bev).

\$10,000 coming in from a large group in a couple of days.

Another \$3 - \$4,000 coming in from churches for Camp

Need to do more to encourage full payment first day of Camp. It would help (Robin).

Most people write a check. Larger places are billed (Bev).

Hunting Camp has not sent money in yet (Bev).

Discussion-How do churches pay for campers with scholarships – They find out who went.

Only billed for who shows up.

Camp and Conferences Report: Program Director, Caleb Cornelius and Camp Director, Bev Pacas gave the report on behalf of the Camp Committee.

- Caleb distributed the Summer Camp brochure and highlighted successes.

Summer was very powerful. **32** Campers accepted Christ for the first time.

33 Campers recommit their lives to Christ.

3 high schoolers apply for LIT+ Camp for next year

1 Cabin Leader enrolled in Bible College for Degree in Ministry

Jr. Cabin Leaders exceeded expectations

Staff improvement over prior years. **9** staff, **5** were high school youth, **9** Pastors came out,

40 volunteers

Lot of support from rural communities. Most Campers from Omaha.

288 Campers attended

Half of all Campers received assistance.

Average 50 youth per week.

Average fee per Camper **\$250**.

Collected almost **\$60,000** in fees for Camp.

- **Mission Camp (new)**

Partnered with Rebuilding Fremont and North Bend. Completed several projects in North Bend. **8**

Campers participated. Cap is **20** participants.

- **Family Camp (new)**

Open for all family.

Changed date to end of summer.

Went very well.

2017 – **310** Campers enrolled.

2018 – **290** Campers enrolled.

The Report, a thank you and a list of youth that made a commitment will be sent to participating Churches.

- **2019 Summer Camp Proposal reviewed**

Combining Jam Camp into one.

13 summer staff increase from **4**.

Will have more specialized training.

Phase out Coordinators in **2019**.

Budget cost – Health Aide @ **\$300** per week

Jr. Cabin Leaders will not impact budget much.

- Motion made by Craig Erickson to accept 2019 Summer Camp proposal as written.
- Second by Brian Jenkins
- Motion passes

- **2019 Projects Reviewed**

Zipline Renovation – The goal is to rework the existing system to allow quicker rides and more riders an hour.

Camp Snack Shack Donations – continue to take donations at summer check out to assist with summer camp projects. \$300 was raised.

Waterslide Renovation – in planning phase of rebuilding our waterslide.

Snack Shack Move – moved to the valley last summer. Plan is to continue to develop that area in 2019.

Focus on Missions – continue to have Campers from our churches learn and get involved with our Missionaries.

- **Bev reported on Camp Activities.**

Holiday with the Merrills – November 3, 2018

Ways to Support...

Silent Auction Items/Attic Treasures

Decorators

Cookie Bakers – donations for 2 dozen

Cobbler Bakers on Friday

Buy Lunch

Volunteer day of – this has dropped in last couple of years

Cabin Remodel

Waiting on 2 plumber bids

Jay compiling materials list

Check with Don Charleston on plumbing fixtures & HVAC unit. May donate or sell at cost.

Plan to have one done this fall.

Volunteers completed fencing the east side of camp with 2 gates

Craig is working on fencing the lagoon area

ABC Camp Leadership Gathering – next week

2019 additions to our calendar..

Church Youth Leaders workshop

Young Adult Retreat

Marriage Encounter Retreat

Eagle Scout Project –Peter Mamula ROTC referral

Improve Campfire site behind Conference Center with benches or build Star Gazing area.

Other...

Reached out to other AB Camps to do Leadership Camp in are. Theme “Better Together”

Roofing all done. Some guttering work still needs to be done. Power wash and re-staining also needs to be done

Craig Erickson stated Camp needs a van to transport counselors and campers. Pick-ups are not good. \$35 - \$40,000 for new van. Need to start getting rid of old van. . Two pickups needed. Projected cost is \$150,000 new. AB Men may be able to pick up % of the cost (Steve). Discussion. Good time to buy is November – January (Robin). Mini van, car and pick-up needed. Maybe buy 1 or 2 now. Replace 3 in a year. Craig will work with Robin to bring forth a proposal in November.

Orin suggested we rent a dump trailer to see what works and what doesn't work.

Mission/ABC/USA: Larry Harvey the report on behalf of Mark Harvey

Enjoys the Board. Appreciates the people.
May meeting in Green Lake
Involved in Finance Committee. Shared Financial Report.
Different groups report to the General Board
60 American Baptist Pastors and Muslims met at Green Lake to discuss
how to work together. Jeff Woods facilitated.
The culture is changing and we have to address that.

ABMEN Report: Paul Marine gave the report on behalf of Todd Ray.

Clergyman of the Year – Pastor Mike Kidder . Awarded at the Region Convention
Layman of the Year – Bob Slechta. Awarded at the ABMen Annual Conference.
Spring Golf Tournament raised funds for Seminary scholarships. One double scholarship
awarded. Another scholarship will be awarded in the Fall.
45 men attended Conference held in July
111 Members
\$5,000 donated to Camp for Zipline Renovation
Built boundary fence and installed 2 6ft. gates
ABMen National Conference was held at Green Lake last weekend. 10 of our men
attended. Sunday morning service was great.

ABW Ministries Report: Robin gave the report on behalf of LaVonna Cline

Women's Conference was held June 1-3 at Camp Moses Merrill Camp and Conference
Center. Kathy Brown was our guest speaker all three days. Jae Stockton, a newly
Commissioned missionary was a surprise guest speaker.
Attended the American Baptist Women's Ministries National Board meeting in Elgin,
Illinois, July 16-19. Met our new Executive Director – Gina Jacobs Strains. Primary
Focus is to increase the number of Vita Partners to cover our operating expenses.
Women's Retreat will be October 26-28 at Mose Merrill Camp and Conference Center.
LaShawnda Woods, Gina Slechta and Shannon Wallace will be our guest facilitators.

Professional Ministry Report: Greg gave the report on behalf of Larry Harvey.

No one is going through the Ordination process at this time. Gary Belk would like to go
through at some point.
Pastor Blake Wilkins at Arthur will go through Ordination process in the next few
months.
Church updates – Albion – close to hiring a Pastor; Judson – collecting names; Miracle
Hills – Todd Bellamy has been called; First Baptist Lincoln – chose to remain a
Congregation. Will go through the search process; all of Custard County has no
Pastors. They are not working with the Region.
Recent Hires – First Baptist Church Kearney-Associate Pastor; Second Baptist –Lincoln
and First Baptist-Fremont sharing Associate Youth Pastor.

Sabbatical – graduated with DMin.

Spent all summer with the kids

Spent time on spiritual development with Tim Geoffrion.

Wrote 5 chapters of a book. 2 chapters left. Extension of thesis. Book for the church about why we eat, pray and read scriptures together.

Larry Harvey hired Associate Pastor. Ordained Southern Baptist. Does not want to transfer Ordination.

Executive Minister's Report: Robin gave the report.

November 9-10, First Baptist – Norfolk has partnered with Northern Seminary to conduct Worship Conference. Registration is \$39 per person. \$99 for 3 people to attend.

Pastors are free. Working with 10,000 Fathers. Team of 4 people. Conference is focusing on worship, song selection, order of service, etc.

February 2, 2019 in Lincoln the United Methodist Church and Fresh Expressions will do a Vision Day. More information to follow.

Just returned from Beirut/Cairo. Toured Sat 7 Satellite Channel which has 4 stations on 24 hours a day 7 days a week. 30 million users. Live worship programming. Cost \$15,000 per year. If each of the 3 Regions that attended would raise \$5,000 each, we could cover the cost for one year. Will send out an appeal letter to churches in January requesting a donation of \$100 each towards Sat 7. Want permission to do this.

- Motion made by Craig Erickson to accept program proposal to support Sat-7
- Second by Jane Gangwish
- Motion passes

Structure change regarding Personnel Committee

Struggle to have someone at meetings to share information back and forth. Recommendation to fold committee into Leadership Team and add 2 more members. Total of 3 to be involved. Steve concerned about confidential issues. Discussion. Can go into Executive Session.

Craig, Orin and Bob to meet and present recommendations/budget at next meeting.

- Motion made by Craig Erickson for the Personnel Committee to become part of the Leadership Team adding 2 spots.
- Second by Paul Marine
- Motion passes

Development of the Nebraska Mission Network

It will be tested January – March and Kicked off at the Convention. Through this Network individuals will be able to share (3 minutes) with other congregations about their church, Region, Camp and Missions on the 5th Sundays. A church would choose where to go. One person 4 times or a different person each time. Time-line would be up to Region staff to get started.

- Motion made by Larry Harvey to proceed with Mission Network
- Second by Craig Erickson
- Motion passes

2019 Convention Structure Change

Friday Evening – Culture Fair

Focus on worship and food

Saturday Morning - Men/Women's Breakfast and workshop

Saturday Afternoon – Business Meeting/Lunch

Discussion. Staff will work on different name for Convention

- Motion made by Larry Harvey to conform to new format for 2019 Convention
- Second by Orin Clinger
- Motion passes

LIT Plus class to be held in November. 4 students and 4 mentors.

Invited to travel to Burma in January

Group working with staff there

No grant funds available. Can cover \$1,000 of cost. Might send out letters for rest of funds.

Total cost - \$1,700 travel/\$1,000 expenses. Discussion.

- Motion made by Craig Erickson to allow Robin to attend Conference in Burma as a learning opportunity for this group
- Second by Jane Gangwish
- Motion passes

Idea – Board Meeting Discussion

Board meeting , November 2nd, members stay over for November 3rd to assist Holiday with the Merrills.

- Larry Harvey made the motion to have the Board meeting November 2nd at Camp to assist with Holiday with the Merrills on November 3rd
- Second by Craig Erickson
- Motion passes

Rubin Grant Submission

A grant in the amount of \$25,000 was submitted by the Region and ABMen geared towards Disaster Relief connected with a group in Virginia. This could result in a trip for volunteers to Kodiak, Alaska. Will know in October.

Other

Two churches, one in Norfolk and one in Chadron going to Puerto Rico in October, January and February to help rebuild. Looking for a certain skill set. Chadron also going to Bolivia (Steve)

At the ABMen Conference, Puerto Rico was named the 14th Region. Pastors And Laymen were there (Craig)

\$20,000 grant with Maine and Rhode Island submitted to work with churches on How To Do discipleship Different. Will meet 6 times per year. Will get together in February to set meeting dates.

