

Minutes of the National Association of Brethren Church Elders

Tuesday, July 19, 2005

The meeting was opened with prayer by President David Stone.

Brad Weidenhamer announced that he was gathering information on Brethren elders and asked all present to see him during the week to update the information on file.

Tim Garner announced an inquiry into group medical insurance. Those interested should contact him.

Emery Hurd announced the updated Brethren Documents CD, available during conference.

The meeting was then turned over to Miguel and Sonia Antuñez who talked about their experience and how God brought restoration to them and about their ministry to other hurting couples.

Following the presentation we broke up into small groups to discuss the issue and to consider options for us.

The meeting was dismissed following the small group session.

Thursday, July 21, 2005

The meeting was opened with prayer by President David Stone. The floor was opened for nominations for association officers. The following nominations were made: President—David Stone, Vice President Arnold Owens; Secretary-Treasurer—Gerald Barr; Asst. Secretary-Treasurer—Richard Craver; Nurture & Support Commission—Tim Garner; Doctrine & Research Commission—Vickie Taylor; Benevolence Commission—Ron Spyker. It was moved and seconded to close nominations and declare all nominees elected. The motion carried.

Ken Hunn, Executive Director of the Brethren Church, challenged us to be out front leading the church where she should go. The pastor is the leader of the church. Our people want to be taught how to evangelize, and we need to set the standard and pattern—and then do the training.

The budget was presented and its adoption moved and seconded. It was moved to add \$3000 to the budget for benevolences, and the amendment was seconded and carried. It was moved to raise the death benefit to \$1000, and this amendment was seconded and carried. *[The amended budget is attached to these minutes.]*

A memorial for Elder David Oligee was presented by Tom Schiefer.

New members were received by motion: Rob Keck, David Lance, and Alan Schmiedt.

Fred Finks, President of Ashland Theological Seminary nominated Matt Black for the 2006 scholarship. That motion was seconded and carried.

The 2006 Pastors' Conference was announced for Ashland, Ohio. Specific date and theme to be announced.

Emery Hurd reported for the Study & Research Commission. He recommended further work on our positions on social issues and solicited suggestions for facilitating development of positions on social issues and review of current positions. He requested that the Commission be asked to facilitate discussions on social issues such as homosexual marriage and stem cell research. It was moved, seconded and carried that the commission do so.

It was moved that the Doctrine & Research Commission be authorized to bring to our attention issues they feel should be addressed for our consideration. The motion died for lack of a second.

The meeting was adjourned by President Stone.

2005 Budget

Anticipated Income

Dues	\$7,500.00	
Sales	20.00	
Interest	80.00	
Total Anticipated Income		\$7,600.00

Anticipated Expenses

Scholarship	\$1,250.00	
Benevolence expenses	3,000.00	
Growth Partners	100.00	
Pastors' Conference	100.00	
General Conference	100.00	
Postage	200.00	
Web P	150.00	
Telephone	50.00	
Office supplies	350.00	
NOC Expenses	250.00	
Secretary's fee	100.00	
Executive Committee	50.00	
Total Anticipated expenses		\$5,700.00