

We were led in devotions by Pastor Marilou Brook. “The gifts of Christ are blood-bought!”

**Present:** Lisa Peterson, Paul Larson, Don Karger, Tom White, Alan Knoke, Amy Little, and Dean Pastor Daniel Powell.

**Excused:** Ethel Briggs who is recovering from illness. We keep her in our prayers.

**Personal Sharing and Prayer Requests:**

Don Karger’s sister, Karen Gibbs, at the death of her husband. Prayers for Alan’s son and future daughter in law; and pregnant daughter in law.

Prayers for Dan’s wife’s family in their grief.

**Treasurer’s Report and Secretary’s Report:**

Presentation of the report from Don Karger, Treasurer.

Total current assets as of December 31, 2012 is \$16,349.05.

(Jan. 4, 2013) A gift of \$933.78 was given for the Seminary Scholarship Fund by Good Hope Lutheran Church, Boardman, Ohio. **Thank you!!**

Current balance in checking account as of Feb. 4, 2013 is \$19,202.31.



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Church  
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Summary of Contributions by Region as of December 31, 2012

Region #	# of cong.	# contributing	% contributing	\$ contributed	% of total \$'s
1 Southwest	8	3	37.5	\$650	4.8%
2 Southeast	11	4	36.4	2302.94	16.8
3 Northeast	10	5	50.0	915.00	6.7
4 North-central	14	11	78.6	5965.73	43.6
5 Northwest	7	7	100	3850.00	28.1
Totals	50	30	60%	13,683.67	100%

Motion to accept Treasurer’s report was made by Lisa, seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

Discussion about what to do with our funds in terms of investments and endowments as we look to the future. Amy Little made a motion to create an endowment fund for Seminary scholarship (dedicated fund). Seconded by Don Karger. Discussion: Dan Powell brought up the point of it being a line item for now until we discern more reliable patterns within the mission district. Vote: Yay= 4; Nay= 3; Abstain= 1.

A sub-committee will be formed with Paul Larson, Don Karger and any others they choose to come up with a plan for how to fund seminarians and what to do with this dedicated fund/how much/and other details concerning this item.

We will bring it to the mission district in May, at the very least to say that we are working on a process to help seminarians with their education. We are not trying to raise funds to fully support any seminarians as that is not our purpose or intent. **We want to encourage congregations to develop a relationship with a seminarian and help them directly.** There is an application on the website for the grant. We will make a few policy changes to the application to be reviewed by email right after this meeting. We will put the \$2500 that we earmarked in 2012 to the fund along with the gift from Good Hope Lutheran Church, Boardman.



Do we wish to help missions outside of the OMD? Our policy is that we will not be sending OMD monies (benevolence) outside of the district. We will continue to encourage our congregations to use their benevolence dollars to fulfill these needs. Motion made by Paul, seconded by Alan. Motion carried.

**Working Lunch** with Mike, Jeff and Brian from Merrill Lynch investments. We explained what our needs were for the Seminary Fund and heard about how their team works. We want to do something in the present (line item) and build for the future with an endowment.

#### **Dean's Meetings:**

Resource Library is being compiled by the Dean as he makes visits this winter to each region of the OMD. Information about our congregations including numbers and annual budget. Pursue/provide education and support for church leadership through our OMD resources, clergy and staff. List seminarians and available ministries on OMD website.

**Annual Convocation** May 3-4, 2013 at Holy Trinity, Mansfield  
Theme: *Congregations in Motion: The Cloud is Moving!* The cost of this year's convocation will be \$25, moved by Matt, seconded by Lisa. We will use both email and snail mail. Bishop John Bradosky is keynote.

Theme scripture: Exodus 13: 9-21

Publicity: Amy will do brochure and evaluation and mailings.

Registration @ 8:30am (Ethel and Tom)

Convene: 9am / Adjourn: 4pm

**Program:** Have testimonies from people who went to Lay Preacher's Academy, Renewal Conference, Reformation Service, CORE Evangelism and Discipleship Conference at First English. Lisa and Amy will come up with the schedule and will ask others to assist. Will ask Pentii Maki to plan and lead worship with Dean Powell preaching. Focus: Congregationally Focused. Have a map available so folks can know which district they are a part of and become more familiar with that.

**Lunch:** Time to meet with regional groups.

Matt Kohler will be in charge of ballots and voting.

**Mission congregations** will be encouraged to attend as guests of the convocation. Motion made by Paul, seconded by Lisa. Motion carried. (House churches, prayer groups, etc. as long as they are not an established congregation but will have no voting privileges.)

Installation of officers.

Wrapping up we said goodbye and Godspeed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Amy Little, Secretary

