

**MINUTES OF THE CNYBA EXECUTIVE BOARD & MID-YEAR MEETING
MAY 4, 2013**

at the Lyons Falls Bible Fellowship Church, Lyons Falls, NY

At least 28 messengers and 15 visitors from 14 different churches attended the meeting.

Call to Order of the CNYBA Executive Board. Dan Schallmo, CNYBA Moderator called the meeting of the CNYBA Executive Board to order.

Scripture Reading & Season of Prayer. Moderator Dan Schallmo read John 6:1-9 and briefly summarized Jesus feeding the 5,000. He shared that we are tested and we need to repent from limiting Jesus. The following prayer requests were shared: Jeff from Canastota and Rick from Grace shared that they need jobs, Ed shared that Ronnie Wyatt is ministering to a family whose house burned and a couple members of the family died in the fire, Jeff Scott at Canastota asked for peace and forgiveness for some of his church families, and Dan Schallmo shared that their church needs a new place to worship by the end of June instead of September. Several people prayed for these requests.

Welcome. Jeff Ford, pastor of Lyons Falls, welcomed us to his church and gave some directions to the restrooms. He also invited everyone to stay for lunch. Jeff shared that he has been at Lyons Falls for 2½ years and shortly after he came the roof of the church building caved in, which they had to redo.

Congregational Singing. The congregational singing was led by the pastor's wife playing the keyboard and 3 other people singing and playing a guitar, trumpet, or drums.

Minutes of the January 19th Executive Board Meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved with no additions or corrections.

Director of Missions Report & Challenge. Ed Hart, CNYBA Director of Missions, shared that our association has 3 focus areas:

1. **Church Starting.** Ronnie Wyatt is working in Northern Syracuse to start a church. Other potential church planters are: Juan Barek , who will be working in the Binghamton area to begin Hispanic work. James Pearson to work in the Elmira area. Brian Bentley, who began the church in Auburn, wants to come back to plant a new church. James Brown from Arizona wants to come to our association to start a new church. We are averaging 1 new church start per year and we are now helping to support 8 church plants in our budget.
2. **Church Strengthening.** There are 3 phases of Church Strengthening: 1. Leadership Development, 2. Discipleship Development, and 3. Structure Development. May 14th there will be a Discipleship Development Workshop on-line led by Tommy Echols. 2 churches will have group participation and other individuals can join the meeting on-line. Information will be in the next newsletter. August 31st there will be a Leadership Development Workshop led by Tom Fillinger of Ignite Us, a ministry that consults with pastors and churches in the area of Leadership Development..
3. **Cooperative Ministry.** August 15-17 there will be a mission trip to North Fenton to finish the CNYBA pole barn, where CNYBA equipment is stored. There are also possible mission trips to West Virginia and the Virgin Islands.

Ed challenged us by reading Philippians 2:1-8. He shared that this is how Jesus went about carrying out His mission and ministry. Jesus is our example and we need to follow Him.

We have now been working in Peru about 4½ years and Ed asked Rick Martin to come and share about Peru.

Rick Martin. Rick shared that people from the CNYBA have been to Peru 15 times but no church has been started and no one has been baptized even though about 80 people have been saved. In November 2011 Rick felt the call of God to as a missionary to Peru. Right now they have raised about 20% of the support he and his family will need to go to Peru. They are working with SAM – South American Missions. Rick will be going on a trip to Peru in June. He shared from

John 4 that Jesus met the woman where she was. If Jesus is alive in us we need to catch people's attention. Pedro Abreu prayed for Rick.

Close of Executive Board Meeting. Moderator Dan Schallmo called the Executive Meeting to be closed.

Call to Order of the CNYBA Mid-Year Meeting. The Mid-Year Meeting of the CNYBA was called to order by Moderator Dan Schallmo.

Congregational Singing. The music team from the Lyons Falls Church again led the congregational singing.

Campus Ministry Report. Brandon Owen, the new pastor of the University Baptist Church and Campus Minister, shared that 5 years ago he and his wife came from Florida to visit a friend in Syracuse, NY. They were touched by God and felt a call to come to Syracuse. So June 10, 2008 Brandon got a job transfer and they moved to Syracuse. Over the last year they have been raising support for themselves and their work and they have about 90% of their support now. Next year the University church will move off-campus so that they can reach the campus and the community.

Associational Business. The following recommendations from the CNYBA Leadership Team were unanimously approved:

1. That the project for our 2013 Associational Mission offering be Grace Baptist Church – to help with their reconstruction project.
2. That our CNYBA local mission trip project for 2013 be to finish the CNYBA pole barn.
3. That the date for our 2013 CNYB local mission trip be August 15-17.
4. That we increase our budget support for Campus Ministry (Line #5402) \$200 and reduce Line #5208 (Misc. Church Planting) \$200.
5. That we support Ronnie Wyatt and the new work in Syracuse in the amount of \$100 per month for May-December 2013 (Line #5208 Misc. Church Planting)

Congregational Singing. Again the music team from the Lyons Falls led the congregational singing.

Missionary Speaker. Barry Whitworth, Director of Church Planting for the Baptist Convention of PA/South Jersey, shared that he went to PA 9 years ago from Buffalo, NY. He said that we see more and more lostness in our country every year. There are at least 14 million lost people in PA/South Jersey and every 5 minutes a person dies without Jesus. In 2010 six men were asked to develop a training program for church planters. Today there are 24 Multiplying Church Centers. Barry is working with 10 church planting catalysts and 24 people in training. The key to healthy churches is starting healthy churches. He shared that we need to do 3 things: 1. Rediscover our disciple making mission – Matthew 28:19, 2. Rediscover what it means to be the church, and 3. Rediscover what it means to share the Gospel. 5 other key things Barry shared are: 1. Pray for more laborers and the field, 2. Go where the soil is being prepared, 3. Plant the Gospel, 4. Make disciples, and 5. Form the church around the disciples.

Announcements.

1. Disaster Training at Grace Baptist Church, Rome May 31-June 1.
2. Ed Hart's 50th Anniversary in the Ministry Celebration September 14 at Living Water Baptist Church, Owego.
3. May 19-25 Ed will be leading a team to cook for people working in New York in Hurricane Sandy recovery.

Dismissal for Lunch. Karl Novak led in a dismissal prayer and blessing for lunch. The Lyons Falls served a delicious lunch including some freshly caught salmon, freshly baked bread, chicken, pasta with a choice of 3 sauces, salad, and wonderful desserts.

Respectfully Submitted,
Harold Lefler, Clerk