

Annual cnyba meeting – October 10, 2015

At the Clyde Baptist Church, Clyde, NY

Attendance. 25 messengers from 10 churches and 6 visitors attended the meeting.

Scripture Reading & Prayer. CNYBA Moderator, Bonnie Novak, opened the meeting with a scripture reading from John 1:14, 16-17. We then had a season of prayer in which several people prayed and Bonnie Novak concluded the season of prayer.

Call to Order of the CNYBA Executive Board Meeting. Bonnie Novak called the meeting to order.

Music. Some congregation singing was led by John DePugh and a men's trio from his church, the Newark Baptist Church.

Welcome. Roger Knapton, pastor of the Clyde Baptist Church, welcomed everyone to the church and gave some directions for the facilities in the church.

Approval of the Minutes from the 2015 Mid-Year Meeting. Waylen Bray made a motion and David Hunt seconded the motion that the minutes of the 2015 CNYBA Mid-Year Meeting, which were printed in the Book of Reports, be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

Close of the CNYBA Executive Board Meeting. CNYBA Moderator, Bonnie Novak, closed the meeting.

Call to Order of the CNYBA Mid-Year Meeting. Bonnie Novak called the meeting to order.

Music. Pastor John DePugh and a group from his church shared some special music.

Missionary Speaker – Tim Kunkle (IMB Missionary to Paraguay). Ed Hart introduced Tim and Iracema Kunkle. Iracema shared some things about herself. She grew up in Brazil and her mother was saved under the ministry of the Bagby's, Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil. She went to Nursing school but she felt a call to be a missionary as her mother had been praying that she would become a missionary. Tim came to Brazil after they had been corresponding and they were married. They have been married for 38 years. Iracema works with autistic children and with AIDS patients who are under hospice care. Tim was a church planter for the North American Mission Board in San Francisco and completed his D.Min. degree at Golden Gate Seminary. They first went as missionaries to Uruguay and for 26 years they have been in Paraguay. They want us to pray for them as they have been offered

early retirement as the IMB is in a financial crisis and needs to reduce their missionary force by 800 to 900 missionaries.

Tim shared Genesis 12:1-4 and shared a message on we are a part of the family of God. God said “I will bless you” to Abraham in this passage. We need to bless others because God has blessed us. We are called to be a blessing. Tim shared some stories about how God is saving people through their ministry. He uses the Spanish version of “Steps to Peace with God” and has even witnessed to the President of Paraguay and given him the tract. He again asked us to pray for them.

Music. John Depugh led in some congregational singing.

Some Guests Shared. Dr. Dan Rathmall shared about Davis College and Dennis Leo shared about Guide One insurance for churches.

Associational Business.

1. The CNYBA Leadership Team presented the 2016 CNYBA Budget, which is on pages 7-8 of the Book of Reports, for approval. The 2016 Budget was unanimously approved.
2. The CNYBA Leadership Team presented the 2016 CNYBA Calendar, which is on page 9-10 of the Book of Reports, for approval. The 2016 Calendar was unanimously approved.
3. The Ad Hoc Committee recommended the following people for the Leadership Team: for 3 year terms ending in 2018 – Steve Sallis, Lary Hyde, and Cindy Shallmo; for officers for 2016 – Steve Sallis, Moderator, Lary Hyde, Assistant Moderator, Harold Lefler, Clerk, Cindy Shallmo, Assistant Clerk, Billie Winskie, Treasurer, and Jeff Bisher, Assistant Treasurer. These were unanimously approved.

Testimonies from the Churches.

Tim Bissell shared about some new church plants in Dewitt with Dan Studt, a Naptali work with Stephen Amonger, a possible Naptali church plant in Scanton, PA, and Agape with John Jablonski.

Roger Knapton asked for us to pray for Mary and they have a new Director of Outreach, Michael Hunsinger.

Paul Bodner introduced their new pastor at Grace Baptist, Trent Williams.

John Jablonski said there were 7 children saved in their VBS.

Waylen Bray said they had a good VBS and several people have come to help winterize the camp at Maryland.

Carl Novak shared that they have a new youth leader at Lakeshore, Terry Dexter.

Bill Lower shared that they have had an attendance of 100 at West Hill and the church has been challenged to give 33% to missions.

Tim Bissell shared that on October 2 North Syracuse gave an award to the Renovation Church.

John DePugh said they are praying for God's direction and they have a goal of giving 20% to missions.

Billie Winskie shared that the Owego church had a good VBS, which was held in the morning, with 1 saved. They are also getting ready to do some remodeling.

David Barrows said the Clyde church had some roof damage in a storm and they now have a new roof which was paid for by their insurance, Guide One.

Director of Missions Report and Challenge. Ed Hart shared that he has been our Director of Missions for 19 1/2 years. We will probably go over our 2015 budget but we still have 6-7 churches who are not supporting the association.

Ed shared that we have 3 areas of associational work.

1. Church Planting. We have 47 churches, 25 of which have begun in the last 19 years. We have 3 more about to begin and we support 6 church planters. Ed has started a new group near where he lives. We need church planters out of our churches.
2. Church Strengthening. Ed is doing a lot of seminars of various things in our churches. There are Leadership Forums in the Spring and Fall in our association and we have a missionary speaker at our Annual Meeting.
3. Cooperative Ministry. We have a pole barn at North Fenton to store the association's tents, block party trailer, and scaffolding. We have associational missions trips. Ed is going to St. Croix next spring. We have had a Peru project for 8 years and Rick & Donna Martin are now in Peru. We have Baptist campus ministry at several colleges including Syracuse University.

Ed challenged us for 3 things: 1) Be fully available where you are, John 5 the fields are white to harvest, 2) Have church strengthening events in our churches to help equip our people, and 3) Send at least 1 member of our church on a mission trip this year.

Dismissal. John Jablonski made a motion and John DePugh seconded the motion that we adjourn the CNYBA Annual Meeting. The motion was unanimously approved. Bonnie Novak dismissed the meeting with prayer and a blessing for the lunch to follow.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold Lefler, Clerk