

CNYBA MID-YEAR MEETING – APRIL 30, 2016

Grace Baptist Church, Rome, NY

Attendance. 30 messengers and 11 guests from 18 CNYBA churches attended the meeting with a special guest from the North American Mission Board.

Call to Order of the CNYBA Executive Board. Steve Sallis, moderator of the CNYBA, called the Executive Board Meeting to order.

Scripture Reading & Season of Prayer. Moderator Steve Sallis read Galatians 5:16-23. He asked Bonnie Novak to pray for Lyn Hart who was going to have knee replacement surgery on Monday. Steve called on Dan Schallmo to lead in prayer for pastor Gary Culver and pastor Jim Hundley who are having health problems, for pastor John DePugh's family, his wife, daughter, and son who are having health problems, and health problems with David Snyder, John Bargason's wife, and Dana Collins. Wayne Sibrava prayed for Rick and Donna Martin who are serving in Peru. Tim Bissell prayed for new work pastors Ronnie Wyatt, Stephen Mangar, Harold Lefler, Bob Teachout, Bhim Rai, Tim Mathis, and Mike Mayze. Steve then lead in prayer to conclude the season of prayer.

Welcome. Trent Williams, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, welcomed everyone to the church and gave some directions for facilities in the church and an invitation for lunch after the meeting.

Congregational Singing. John DePugh and a group from his church led in the singing of the hymn, "There is Power in the Blood."

Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 CNYBA Annual Meeting. Dan Schallmo made a motion and Bill Lower seconded the motion that we approve the minutes of the October 10, 2015 CNYBA Annual Meeting (on pages 4-6 of the Book of Reports). This was unanimously approved.

Close of the CNYBA Executive Board Meeting. Ed Hart made a motion to close the CNYBA Executive Board Meeting which was seconded by Shawn Salsman and unanimously approved.

Call to Order of the CNYBA Mid-Year Meeting. Moderator Steve Sallis called the CNYBA Mid-Year Meeting to order.

Congregational Singing. John DePugh led the congregation in singing "Behold the Lamb."

Involving the Church in the Community. Phil Huber, pastor of the Inlet Community Church, shared a story about a concrete bridge in Golden Gate Park in which rebar was

used for the first time and then he asked 3 questions about the church being involved in its community. **1. What?** What is the church's reputation? In Inlet the churches are open in the summer for the tourists and closed in the winter. People in the community did not know their church was open all year around and they also thought their church was very judgmental. **2. Where?** Where can you go to connect with the people? Phil works at the Fast Trac which is the gateway to Old Forge and he is known as "Fast Trac Phil." Also Walt's Diner is a good place to meet people in Old Forge. **3. How?** How can you cause people to say "huh"? They use a lot of things like, the Ping Pong Ball Drop (July 4) using the block party trailer, Adirondack Kids Day (in the fall), Teacher Appreciation (May), snow sculpture contest, charity go-kart race, grief seminar, local newspaper adds, Inlet Area Business Association, and groups from the Word of Life.

Report from the Virgin Islands Mission Trip.

Bill Lower, pastor of the West Hill Community Church, is a bivocational pastor. Bill said missions trips can change lives as a missions trip to Chile in 2001 changed his life. St. Croix is an island 22 miles long and 3 miles wide which has desert and rain forests. They speak English and use US money but they drive on the left side of the road. No cruise ships come to St. Croix. The population is 50,000 people and it reports there are 150 churches but many of those may be closed. There are a lot of empty buildings.

Dan Schallmo, pastor of the Summitt Church, shared that pastor John Smith has begun the Shepherd's Fold Church on St. Croix. His wife and 2 daughters moved there last year from Detroit. John works with youth who are being released from jail teaching them the construction trade. 2 trips to St. Croix are being planned. One in September is a planning trip and one December 26-January 2 for VBS, a Block party, and Beach Worship Service.

Carlos Rodrigues, North American Mission Board Missionary for Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands, shared that there was just 1 Southern Baptist church on St. Croix. John Smith and his family moved to St. Croix last August and an International Mission Board missionary couple is considering coming to St. Croix. So things are beginning to move on St. Croix which is considered to be 80% lost. English is the language on St. Croix and Spanish is the language on Puerto Rico. St. Croix and Puerto Rico are about 60 miles apart.

Associational Business. (Recommendations from the CNYBA Leadership Team are on page 7 of the Book of Reports)

1. That the project for 2016 Knaptown Associational Missions Offering be CNYBA Virgin Islands Missions. After some discussion this recommendation was unanimously approved.

2. That we move all #6006 to #6013. Designated fund item #6006 Discretionary Fund of \$30 moved to #6013 Emergency Fund. This was unanimously approved.

3. That we move \$500 from #6014 to #6005. #6005 Pastors and Wives had a -\$500

balance so the \$500 from #6014 Greg Assoc. (Special Missions Fund) gives #6005 a \$0 balance. This was unanimously approved.

4. That we move all #6009, 6041, and 6043 to the 2016 Associational Missions Offering. #6009 Knapton 2014 was \$553.05, #6041 Miscellaneous Deposits was \$306.00, and #6043 Freedom Fellowship was \$3761.83 giving the 2016 Associational Missions Offering a total of \$4620.88. This was unanimously approved.

Karl Novak' Retirement. Karl Novak is retiring as pastor of the Lakeshore Church. He and his wife, Bonnie, will be moving to Mississippi. So on May 15 from 3-6pm there will be a retirement party at the Lakeshore Church. Mike McMahon has been called as the new pastor. Ed Hart prayed for Karl and Bonnie.

Introductions. Moderator Steve Sallis asked each pastor who was present to introduce themselves and for the people from his church to stand.

Congregation Singing. John DePugh and the group from his church led in the singing of "His Name is Wonderful" and "What a Day that Will Be."

Discipleship Development in the Church. Sam Macri, pastor of the Crosspoint Church, shared about his church's discipleship development. He also shared a number of stories about people who were being saved through his church's ministries. His church has 4 discipleship courses. They are **1. 101** - Learning about the church and salvation, **2. 201** – Growing toward maturity through 1) Bible study, 2) prayer, and 3) giving, **3. 301** – Biblical shape, talents, and abilities, and **4. 401** Testimony and tools for sharing the Gospel.

Director of Missions Report & Challenge. Our Association has 3 focuses:

1. Church Planting. Our association helps support 4 church planters: Jon Speed, Ronnie Wyatt, Stephen Mangar, and Mike Mayze. There are several new works including: Faith Baptist, Oneida, Bob Teachout; Fellowship Community, Norwich, Harold Lefler; Open Bible Fellowship, Catatunk, Ed Hart; The Shade Church, Scanton, PA, Bhim Rai; and Westmoreland Community, Westmoreland, Tim Mathis.

2. Church Strengthening. Ed said he was available for conferences and training sessions of all kinds for the churches.

3. Cooperative Ministry. Such things as associational missions trips (some of our churches do their own mission trips). The use of the associations equipment: tents, block party trailer, and scaffolding.

Ed called our attention to page 9 of the Book of Reports – CNYBA Church Giving by Month (Last 5 Years).

Lastly Ed challenged us to use "Non-confrontational Evangelism". To build relationships and share tracts and Gospel materials with people.

Dismissal for Lunch. John DePugh made a motion that we adjourn the Mid-Year Meeting which Jeff Bisher seconded and was unanimously approved. Moderator Steve Sallis concluded the meeting with prayer and everyone enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared by the Grace Church.

Respectfully submitted by,

Harold Lefler, Clerk

ATTENDANCE

(Messenger = M)

Bellewood

Steve Sallis – M

Bhutanese

Stephen Mangar – M

Christian Bible

David Bowman

Crosspoint

Sam Macri – M

Darlene Macri – M

Emory Chapel

Jeff Bisher – M

Faith, Oneida

Bob Teachout – M

Fellowship, Norwich

Harold Lefler – M

Jan Lefler

Tammy Towndrow

Dana Collins

Inlet

Phil Huber – M

Grace

Paul Bodner – M

Ozie Bodner – M

Trent Williams – M

Shawn Salsman – M

Jim Cabinci

Chuck Sullivan

Lakeshore

Karl Novak – M

Bonnie Novak – M

Living Water

Wayne Sibrava – M

Connie Sibrava – M

Ed Hart – M

Lyn Hart

Elton Winskie – M

Billie Winskie – M

John Sheehy

Kitty Sheehy

NAMB

Carlos Rodrigues

Lyons Falls

Sue Martin

Neighborhood

Ronnie Wyatt - M

Michele Wyatt -M

Newark

John DePugh - M

Josh DePugh -M

Rebecca DePugh M

Mike Gavin – M

Renovation

Tim Bissell - M

Stamford

Waylen Bray - M

David Hunt - M

Paul Langer

Summit

Dan Schallmo - M

West Hill

Bill Lower – M