

# MINUTES OF THE CNYBA ANNUAL MEETING

**October 19, 2013**

at Emory Chapel, Waverly, New York

**Attendance.** At least 24 messengers from 13 churches and 6 visitors and guests attended the meeting.

**Scripture Reading and Season of Prayer.** CNYBA Moderator, Dan Schallmo, began the Annual Meeting with a word of prayer. Then he shared read Psalm 38:8 and said that we need to stand in awe of God. He also read 1 Corinthians 3:6-9 and said that we want to see church growth and our state to come to Jesus. But we should not get frustrated or discouraged if we don't see the results we would like to have. Some plant and some water but God gives the increase. So we should just do what God wants us to do and leave the results to Him. Bonnie Novak then lead in prayer.

**Welcome.** Gary Culver, the pastor of Emory Chapel, welcomed everyone to his church and invited everyone to stay for lunch after the meeting.

**Praise and Worship.** Taylor Hart, a guest of the Summit Church in Cazenovia, played the guitar and led in a Praise and Worship time.

**Missionary Speaker.** Wes White, an International Mission Board missionary to Spain, Shared about his work in Spain. He said that in some areas of Asia 30,000 people per day are coming to Christ and now 75% of all believers live outside of the United States and Europe. Lottie Moon, Hudson Taylor, and other early missionaries did not see a lot of people converted but they were faithful. He called our attention to the prophet, Jeremiah, who many times wanted to quit as he had no converts and much opposition but he remained faithful. Wes thanked us for being faithful and wanted to encourage us to continue to be faithful. He shared Matthew 28:16-20 and said we need to go to every ethnos, every people group, because God has commanded us. In 2010 Wes and his family, his wife and 4 children, went to Spain from California, where Wes did college and youth ministry. When they got to Spain their team leader had left and they started language school. Also 4 relatives in their family died during their first year in Spain. They worked in an area of 800 small towns where only 16 of those communities have a gospel church or witness. There are 3 Baptist churches in their state and they work with 1 of those which is an hour away from where they live doing youth work. 12 youth have come to Christ this year. When they go back to Spain in February they will go to a new area, Valencia, which has a University and will have better medical facilities for one of their sons.

## **Associational Business.**

1. Minutes of the May CNYBA Executive Board Meeting & Mid-Year Meeting. (pgs.

4-7 of the Book of Reports) The minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Recommendations from the CNYBA Leadership Team (page 8).

1. That we adopt the attached proposed budget for 2014 (pages 9-10). The 2014 Budget was unanimously approved.
2. That we adopt the attached proposed calendar for 2014 (page 11). The 2014 Calendar was unanimously approved.
3. That we adopt the attached new policy regarding replacing Leadership Team Members between annual meetings (page 12). The policy was unanimously approved.

3. Wayne Sabrava made 2 suggestions for the Leadership Team to consider. 1) That \$600 of Peru project money be put in an account for Pastor Wilfredo. 2) That they consider that we have at least 2 times during the year that we come together just to pray.

4. Jim Hundley asked that we look into the churches that are not giving and are not participating in the Association.
5. From the Ad Hoc Committee to Nominate Leadership Team Members and Officers (page 8).

1. Leadership Team Members - three year term ending in 2016
  - \* David Hunt - Stamford Baptist Church, Stamford (SE Cluster)
  - \* Doug King - Clyde Baptist Church, Clyde (NW Cluster)
  - \* Jeff Bisher - Emory Chapel, Waverly (SW Cluster)These nominations were unanimously approved.

2. Officers - one year term ending in 2014
  - \* Dan Schallmo - Moderator
  - \* Jeff Ford - Assistant Moderator
  - \* Lorraine Goewey - Clerk
  - \* Bonnie Novak - Assistant Clerk
  - \* Bill Deckert - Assistant Treasurer

These nominations were unanimously approved.

The Business Session was closed by unanimous vote.

**Mission Peru Update.** Dr. Rick Martin said that he and Donna have now been appointed by SAM, South American Missions. Rick and Donna are planning to move to Peru in September 2014. They will go to language school for 7 months. Then they will move to the area where they will be working and live with a Peruvian family and work in a church for a year in the state of Iaqucho. A road is now being built to the area in the mountains where they will work. Pastor Wilfredo is in training with SAM right now. Rick said he has 3 convictions: 1) that God called him to this area of Peru in 2011, 2) that if we will be faithful in planting the seed there will be a harvest, and 3) since Jesus and Paul started churches with a team Rick wants to have a Church Planting Team by 2016. People from our Association have made at least 18 trips to this area of Peru and Rick is planning to take another group to Peru in April. So far 40% of Rick and Donna's support

has been raised.

### **Testimonies from the Churches.**

1. Agape, Norwich. Pastor Harold Lefler, introduced a Davis College student, John Jablonski, who is coming to work with the Agape church. John and his wife are originally from Norwich. John shared that there are 4 Baptist churches in Norwich, a GARB church, 2 King James only churches, and Agape. He shared that the church building and the parsonage need a lot of work. Pastor Lefler shared that the church had some property given to it a number of years ago with some strings attached. The church has been able to remove the strings. He asked for prayer that the church would be able to sell the property. Waylen Bray prayed for these needs of the Agape church.
2. Stamford. Pastor Waylen Bray shared that they are having a good response to a once a month Family Movie night. They had 30 attend their yearly Columbus Day luncheon which was down from previous years but they had a lot of their people to help. They have some new families with children but they do not have any youth. They want prayer for growth and more church leadership.
3. Vietnamese, Utica. Pastor Liem Do said even though he lives in Endicott he has been working in Utica for over 2 years now. There are a lot of empty churches in Utica and 10-15,000 immigrants live in Utica. The church now has 23 Vietnamese and Cambodian members and 15 children. Pray for Liem Do and his family as they want to move to Utica in 2 years when their son graduates from high school. Liem also introduced Tan Do who is the pastor of the Endicott Vietnamese church and who was recently licensed to the ministry. Dan Schallmo prayed for the needs of the Stamford and Vietnamese churches.
4. Lakeshore, Cicero. Bonnie Novak shared that recently the \$10,000 mortgage for their church has been forgiven by the owner. Praise God!
5. West Hill, Ithaca. Helen Armstrong said that their pastor, Bill Lower, could not attend today because he had a funeral. Their church started with 27 attending and they now have 100 in attendance. This year they have had 13 baptisms and 14 others have joined their church. They have a fellowship dinner every week. Their need is for the men to grow.

### **Director of Missions Report & Challenge.**

1. Report. Ed Hart, CNYBA DOM, called our attention to CNYBA Church Giving by Month (Last 5 Years) on page 13. Even though Sept. 2012 - Aug. 2013 \$57,788.79 (almost our 2013 budget of \$58,000) we are \$1661.96 below our 2013 budget for Jan. - Aug. 2013. He also called our attention to his DOM Activity Report on page 14. Ed has already worked 138 days of his 130 days to be part time but he is not going to stop working. He called our attention to the 2014 Calendar on page 11. There will be some Leadership and Discipleship Forums in 2014 as leadership is very important. Also there will be a Pastor's luncheon in addition to the Pastors and Wives Dinner and on-line Pastor's meetings. Ed asked for everyone to send him the e-mail addresses for the key leadership in our churches. When he visit's the churches he would like to have the opportunity to share about the Association.

2. Challenge. Ed read 1 Thessalonians 4:1 and shared some thoughts from 1 Thessalonians 4:1-11 on How we must walk and please God and do more. Ephesians 4 and 5 says we must 1) walk worthy, 2) walk in love, and 3) walk as children of the light. 2 Corinthians 5:7 says we walk by faith not by sight. Hebrews tells us we must be progressing in our walk. 2 Corinthians 12:9 says walk, stay with it, and keep going when we are weak then we are strong. He then shared 3 kinds of walk from 1 Thessalonians 4:1-11. 1. Walk in holiness - to please God, to be submissive to God's precepts, and because of God's punishment. 2. Walk in harmony - increase in harmony. 3. Walk in honesty - practice what you preach.

**Dismissal Prayer.** Moderator, Dan Schallmo, led in a dismissal Prayer and blessing for the food. Emory Chapel served a delicious lunch including a tremendous assortment of deserts.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Harold Lefler, Clerk

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