

MINUTES OF BROTHERHOOD COUNCIL

held at
CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY, CEDARVILLE, OHIO
on
MAY 26, 2015

The campus of Cedarville University once again provided a very blessed setting for the membership of the Old German Baptist Brethren Church – New Conference to assemble for the annual conference. This gathering was characterized by Spirit-filled preaching, warm Christian fellowship, brotherhood communion and overall brotherly goodwill experienced in a variety of gatherings and meetings throughout the four-day conference. Following three days of worship services, the brotherhood met for a council meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. The following is a record of that council.

Introduction

Preparations for the day had been made, and the meeting was presided over, by a Conference Committee of nine elders previously selected by the messengers of the various churches. After the morning devotions, the organization of this committee was announced and the moderator offered suitable counsel for the anticipated proceedings of the day.

Query (Maple Grove District)

In 2009, as our New Conference fellowship was beginning, an unofficial website was developed as a central hub for information, schedules, documents, resources and updates. As the years have passed, a variety of challenges have occurred, prompting the brethren who manage this website to seek assistance for the oversight and continuance of it. Some of those challenges have been: keeping the calendars current, deciding what should or should not be posted, who should be selected to manage the website, and how this committee should be perpetuated.

In discussion and review of these concerns, there has been a desire to seek counsel from the brotherhood to address and answer the following questions:

1. Would this conference be willing that OGBBC.org become an endorsed, official website of the Old German Baptist Brethren Church – New Conference?

2. If yes, would this conference be willing to accept five brethren, chosen by the subcommittee, as an advisory board to oversee the current webmasters and determine the organization and perpetuation of the site and its administration?

Currently, Tim Deaton, Reuben Huffman and Grant Fullmer are serving as an advisory board. John Sink, Caleb Jenkins, Scot Boone and Ian Bowman are serving as webmasters.

Answer to Query:

First, we would like to acknowledge the many hours of hard work and thank the brethren who have been developing and maintaining the current website. In answer to the two questions presented, we offer the following: we feel to support and provide oversight for the website known as OGBBC.org. As such, we suggest five brethren to serve as advisors, along with our current webmasters, to give counsel and spiritual oversight so this website may continue to be a blessing to our brotherhood and provide clear testimony to the world of our faith and doctrine in the Lord Jesus Christ.

II Corinthians 1:12 “For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward.”

[The brethren selected for this committee were Tim Deaton, Grant Fullmer, Reuben Huffman, Leonard Meador and Gary Miller.]

Service Committee Report

The Service Committee wishes to commend our young people for their faithfulness to nonresistant principles taught by our Lord in every avenue of their lives.

It is still a legal requirement for all young men to register with the Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday.

We are committed to a CASP project in 2016. We covet your prayers and support for this project as we plan for the future. We encourage your input and participation. There will be need for staff, young men for volunteers, and funds. Thank you to all participants, donors and others for your past support and prayers.

CAM has purchased four trailers to be used on CASP projects, at a cost of \$120,000 to be shared by the 18 constituencies. Included are dining, kitchen, bunk and shower trailers. We are making a call for \$3.00 per member from the brotherhood to cover our share of the cost. Funds are requested to be sent from each district's treasurer to brother Larry Bower.

CAM is asking for volunteers with heavy ¾-ton or 1-ton pickup trucks to be on call to move CAM and CASP trailers between projects. Volunteers will have the option of accepting or declining when contacted. Anyone who accepts would be expected to provide a truck and fuel to move a trailer. Anyone willing may call CAM at (330) 893-2428.

The current balance in the Service Committee account is \$8,229.68. The current balance in the CASP fund is \$4,144.47.

Please continue to pray for the continued peace of this nation and the freedom to worship and practice as we understand the Scripture. We encourage each to continue to love our fellowman as Christ taught us to do.

The report of the Service Committee was accepted by the brotherhood.

Scheduling Committee Report

We are thankful for all the servants that are very willing to host our future Annual Conferences. May we continue to receive blessings as we assemble for worship and fellowship together, with all the glory and praise to our Heavenly Father.

Next year, the brethren and sisters from Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin will be hosting the 2016 Annual Conference at Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana on June 4-7, the Lord willing.

The Ohio districts will be hosting the 2017 Annual Conference at Cedarville University on May 27-30, the Lord willing.

The California congregations are planning to host the 2018 Annual Conference. We will keep the brotherhood informed via the OGBBC website.

According to the rotation schedule, brother Ed Bauman has fulfilled his term on the Scheduling Committee and has been replaced by brother Rick Kingery from the Salem district, subject to approval of this brotherhood.

Thank you, and God bless each one as we continue to seek Him first in our lives.

Again, we extend a deep and sincere appreciation to Cedarville University and to the staff for a warm welcome, a peaceful place to worship and fellowship together, and for so willingly supplying our needs for the Annual Conference. Thank you, Cedarville.

The report of the Scheduling Committee was accepted by the brotherhood.

Conclusion

The 2015 Conference concluded with brief devotions at about 12:25 PM on Tuesday, May 26. Following a noon meal, it appeared that most of the brotherhood met for one final time in the sanctuary at a brotherhood singing. Many of these brethren and sisters lingered on the campus throughout the afternoon and evening for fellowship, sweet reflection and praise to the King of Saints – the One who bought us, sought us and taught us so faithfully during this gathering of Jesus' disciples. Praise His holy name!

In behalf of the brotherhood,
Conference Committee – Randy Brubaker, John Fall, Galen Flory, Mark Grover, Gary Peters, Roger Rapp, Darrell Boyd (moderator), Curt Wagoner (secretary) and Lowell Miller (reading clerk)