

Minutes of the Central Virginia Baptist Association Fall Meeting October 23, 2008

Dan Carlton called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He also gave the welcome and a prayer.

Dan Carlton introduced the steering committee report. He explained that the spring meeting was the time for missions networking.

Clothing Center

Carrie, the Clothing Center Director, gave the report on the clothing center. The prices have been raised to \$3 a bag, and coats are still \$2. She asked that people be sent in with referral forms. There are more people in need these days and clothes are leaving the store as fast as they are coming in. They are also providing toiletries to the homeless and receiving donations of toothpaste from a local dentist. They provide undergarments to the local prison.

CVBA Interns

Alan Thompson presented a video about the past summer's intern program.

Leland Seminary

Jeff Cranford presented a report on the Leland Seminary program. The center has started ministry training for ministers and lay people. He had two students come and speak. Lee Bryant from Effort Baptist church said that his classes had helped him learn and be able to answer people's questions about the Bible more effectively. He is working with the youth in his church.

Jane Chicone is in ministry, an associate pastor at a local church. She said that the Leland Center has helped her keep up with her studies while she is in Central Virginia. The host site for the spring will be Mountain View Baptist Church.

Fellowship Opportunities

Dan Carlton suggested that people read about the association sponsored fellowship times on the report.

Day Care Property

The day care property is not selling, as are many properties in this economy.

Church Planting

The association is involved in two church plantings. The pastors of these two new congregations spoke.

Winn Collier of All Souls Church said that he is seeing a lot of racial divide and poverty in Charlottesville. He has been asking questions and meeting people to see what kind of church is needed.

Bruce Hunter of Crossroads Community Church currently has 28-29 people a week. They started services in June. The church is developing into a multi-cultural church community.

Church Grants

Jack Thomas shared about Family Outreach Night at his church. They have an outside family movie night every other week. The church has doubled in size since the program started. The grants also started sports camps, which involve several churches.

Buddy Woodson's church had a Special Needs Weekend conference. It was successful but only attended by members of his church, and he suggests that other churches promote these sorts of events.

Operation Inasmuch was reported on in the steering committee report.

Finances

The CVBA treasurer is with a sick family member, so Dan Carlton referred everyone to the printed report. He suggested people email if they have specific questions.

Web Site

The new CVBA website is www.mycvba.org

This is the best means of communication with the association.

Dan encouraged everyone to send in their church profiles.

Business

Warren Johnson presented the nominating committees nominations:

- ✦ Al Thompson – moderator
- ✦ Phil Taylor – vice moderator
- ✦ BGAV representatives; Greg Anderson and Mike Critzer
- ✦ Steering Committee Additions: Jack Thomas, Lance King, Kyle Clements

The motion carried.

Alan Thompson presented the budget, explaining that it will dip into the reserve fund.

Doug Frasier of Bybees Road asked if the steering committee will have any say or oversight into the church plants, as they are financially contributing.

Alan explained that the Virginia Board has oversight through Courageous Churches and he is on that committee.

Bruce Hunter was asked if he was part of two associations, and he said that he was.

The motion for the budget carried.

The benediction was given and the meeting was dismissed at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Sebastian

Clerk

(attachment: CVBA Steering Committee Report, Dan Carlton)

CVBA Steering Committee Report

October 23, 2008

Missions

More than \$10,000 has been distributed to individuals and churches of the CVBA that participated in partnership mission trips in the last year. Individuals make request for funding to the Steering Committee who acts on these requests. At our spring 2008 meeting people who received funding shared their experiences. We will do that again in the spring of 2009.

Angel Tree – Working with Patty DeCourcy (Swift Run) we provided 350 Easter Baskets for the Easter Angel Project. Patty writes, “The churches along with a group from our church delivered 305 baskets this year. I was really fortunate this year to have Chic fil A donate coupons for free chicken sandwiches for all 45 out of town children. I purchased stamps and cards for every child and each one received a coupon and card. It makes me sad to leave out any child in this project. We meet many people of different races this year and each one was left holding a basket and a smile to know that someone really does love them and that person is Jesus.”

The Clothing Center continues to be a vital ministry of the CVBA.

Leadership

We sponsored a Church Communications seminar on April 19 at Broadus Memorial with 9 CVBA churches participating. Scott Vaughn was our keynote speaker.

We partnered with First Baptist- Park on the Beth Moore simulcast August 1-2. More than 200 women joined together for that event.

Summer interns were Stephen Fitzgerald from Spring Hill and Stephen Thompson from Hillsboro. They worked with 12 of our churches this summer providing youth and children’s ministry.

Leland Seminary –Under the leadership of Jeff Cranford, classes are being offered in the association.

Fellowship

Partnering with Red Light Management, the CVBA brought contemporary Christian band Switchfoot to the Charlottesville Pavilion on April 27. 2000 people joined together for this concert with about 350 from CVBA churches.

Golf Tournaments – we held two golf tournaments this year to raise money for partnership missions and the church plant led by Winn Collier. The spring tournament was held at Old Trail in Crozet and the fall tournament was held at Laurel Ridge in Palmyra. Nearly \$1000 was raised from these 2 events.

CVBA sponsored a trip to the Washington Nationals Game May 3. Two churches participated.

CVBA promoted Camp Young at Heart – an ecumenical senior adult conference that was held at Aldersgate United Methodist August 25-27.

Daycare property

In the past year the Steering Committee cleaned out the building and listed the property with Clarion Realty in Palmyra. To date there has not been a lot of interest in the property. We continue to pay the mortgage on the property and insurance as well as maintain the facility. A major task this past year was cleaning out the facility so we could list it with a realtor.

Church Planting

After five years of planning and discussions the CVBA took a step forward in church planting. Winn Collier moved to Charlottesville in August to start a church to reach out to college students and young adults. The name of the church is All Souls.

The Steering Committee has begun work with Crossroads Community Church at Zion Crossroads.

We continue to explore other church planting opportunities.

Church Grants

Lyles Church – Family Outreach Nights

Fluvanna churches – Area sports clinic

Bethel – special needs weekend

University Baptist – Operation Inasmuch – Tom Leland

“On May 3rd, approximately 160 UBC'ers participated in Operation Inasmuch through 19 different projects. Thanks to a grant from the Central Virginia Baptist Association, UBC was able to complete 3 projects which, otherwise, might not have been completed.

1. One team held a neighborhood hot dog cookout in a largely African-American community behind the church. Several hundred hot dogs, buns, drinks, chips and cookies were prepared and gladly received by residents. UBC partnered with the Charlottesville Police Department in this cookout which helped present the police in a less authoritarian role. The police felt the cookout was a great success! CVBA funds paid for the food and drinks.
 2. While the cookout was being held, a second UBC team painted the house in whose yard the cookout was taking place. With approximately 7-8 painters, the exterior of the house was painted in one day. CVBA funds allowed the purchase of the paint and painting supplies.
 3. At the Region 10 Blue Ridge House, UBC'ers were able to prime and paint interior walls and doors and build horseshoe pits. CVBA funds were used to purchase the paint and supplies.
- UBC is grateful to the CVBA for partnering with them in these ministry projects.”

To find out how your church could receive a CVBA church grant go to www.mycvba.org and click on “church resources.”

Finances

Receipt from churches (1/1/2008-9/30/2008)	\$48,971.56
Expenses (1/1/2008-9/30/2008)	\$48,875.66

Communication

The Steering Committee has mailed several packets of information out to all the churches this year. We are fully aware that the packets do not always get to the right people at the right time. Communication remains a challenge. We continue to post information on our website on a regular basis (www.mycvba.org) if you would like to receive regular e-mail updates about the work of the CVBA please e-mail Dan Carlton (dan@springhillbaptist.org)

Future

The CVBA is on mission. Since our transition to the Steering Committee model we have been able to contribute greater portions of our resources to ministry and mission. We need to continue to work on connecting churches that want to be a part of our ministry and expanding relationships in our local community so we can do more cooperatively. The future of all local Baptist associations is cloudy at best. The CVBA has become a nimble organization the past 3 years and is making a Kingdom impact.

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