

OMA Steering Committee Minutes

October 4-6, 2010 – Camp Mardela

Monday, October 4, 2010, 8:08 pm.

Calling of temporary secretary – Rex Miller

March Minutes – Accepted

Financial report – Rex presented the financial report as of 8/31/2010. \$1200 from Display/Booth was moved to YPTT. Amended report was accepted.

Review of To Do List – All members went through their lists and any remaining items were moved to this new list.

Camp staffing changes and Mentors - Camp Eder: looking for Executive Director and looking at open Program Director (Acting interim Director in place); Brethren Heights: Looking for Managers; Brethren Woods filled Food Service position. There was a question about the listing of all staff at camps. Jen has worked on this. We will keep working on this. A description of a mentoring program was presented. This would generally be for executive positions and Program Directors. It could all include other positions as needed. Linetta will edit the document as suggested and will send copies to us via e-mails to be revisited at the March meeting..

Steering Committee Vacancies – A note will be sent to all directors notifying them of the openings on the **Steering Committee** of the two director roles. This will be listed in the newsletter and in the membership letters.

Membership - Discussion on membership procedures took place. Need to develop membership process and procedures. Jen and Debbie will bring recommendations to the committee tomorrow. Rex will send an e-mail to all camps regarding the open positions on Steering Committee and the Ad in the messenger.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm following reading of Psalm 139 and prayer

Tuesday, October 5, 2010, 9:10 am

Debbie led in morning devotions

OMA Ad in Messenger– Barry reviewed the Messenger ad and talked about rationale behind the ad being to keep the vision of camps in front of the denomination. Contact is ad@Messenger.com. Josh volunteered to be the contact for this responsibility through CLM. He will see that the contact is made to get the ad space. We will now fold the cost of the ad folded into the budget.

Newsletter– Still need news from camps. Barry will get a newsletter out soon. Need to talk with D/M group regarding how to encourage persons from their District to get hooked into membership and the mailing list. Barry will continue to create the newsletter as an active member of OMA. Margo will be the whip cracker for him.

NYC/NOAC – **NYC**: Chelsea Goss and Tina Lowe did several sessions at NYC “Life After Camp.” They also did a campfire jamb. Chelsea noted that it was evident that people loved their camps. It was suggested that we use the YPTT to lead some workshops at the next NYC. Margo

will follow through on this task. **NOAC:** Rex shared his experience at NOAC where we had a workshop on volunteering and planned giving. It was noted that we were not able to get a display due to cost. Josh was asked if he would check on a sponsorship through CLM. It was also suggested that we do a workshop on ways that older adults can get involved with their local camps. It was the wishes of the committee that we look at ways that we could get interviews with people telling their camp stories. Rex will talk with Wayne about this possibility. We will revisit this in the March Meeting.

Publicity/PR OMA Website review – What would we want in a new page that is not a part of cob-net.org? Do we have a presence on the Brethren.org page instead of COB-Net.org.? Linetta will focus on items for the page and send them out to us. (Newsletter, EG, FH, membership, Camp listing and links) Josh will talk with website folks in Elgin to explore the options and possibilities.

Programs

Awards - Gieta will be doing the mailing for the volunteer/staff recognitions and Environmental Grant applications. These will be in the camp membership mailing. At the luncheon information on citation for volunteers was a little tricky due to the death nominator.

EG 2010- A note of appreciation was received from Camp Carmel. Linetta shared about the work at Brethren Woods around their grant.

YPTT – Margo shared the report for this summer. This was a challenging summer for the team as they dealt with differences in theological understandings and some gender issues, power struggles, and one major conflict. Counseling occurred at NYC in a group setting. At the evaluation all agreed that it was a hard summer but that they would be willing to do it over again. The leadership group has talked about how the team might be evaluated and will continue to explore options. Maybe some conversations can happen at AC. Maybe new options need to be explored in the areas of mentoring, reportability, discernment, etc. Marie Rhoades played a key role with the leadership team. Planning is going forward with a Peace Team Reunion - event. Conversations are on-going as to how they might get visible at AC. Do we incorporate the 20th Year of Peace Teams into the AC display? Do we hold some type of celebration and recognition at AC? Can we use some of the outdoor spaces for this celebration? Linetta will talk with the moderator (father) about how some recognition might happen. Some form of recognition like a t-shirt to acknowledge and celebrate the YPTT is needed. Maybe sold on consignment at Brethren Press. Someone would need to pay for the making the shirts. Maybe we can invite individuals to sponsor shirts for past members. Urge camps to adopt YPTT as the offering project. Funds collected would go to OEP into the endowment fund or into the FH endowment fund with OMA. Use the YPTT on the display then-now. Other places may be the OMA luncheon and insight session. **ARTICLE IN MARCH NEWSLETTER REGARDING TO 20TH YEAR OF YPTT INCLUDING AC EVENTS, OMA DISPLAY, T-SHIRTS AND ENDOWMENT FUND COLLECTION.**

Events

Annual Conference – The luncheon and insight session occurred at the same time. The participation at the insight session was about 24. Nancy Ferguson did a nice job of presenting the use of camps for retreats from congregations. The luncheon included the recognitions of volunteer and staff, presentation by Ed Poling on his ride and results. The goal for 2011 we will request an insight time from CLM or OPEA. Josh will take the request to national offices regarding insight sessions. **Display** – Do we need to replace the physical display? It was

determined to have Rex purchase a new display (New stickers). We will request two spaces for the display.

Afternoon, 1:07pm

Annual Retreat – Linetta presented the information about the Annual OM Retreat. Question was raised about the preparation and mailing of brochures. It became apparent that there needs to be a list developed for the planning and promotion of these annual events. Linetta will work with the current planning committee to create this list of items. These items will be added to the annual retreat document. Discussion of the agenda for this fall event was reviewed. Roundtable Discussions were reviewed and some ideas were shared. Linetta shared the variety of ways that this event is being promoted – letters, phone calls, e-mails, etc. Scholarships will be offered for up to \$1,000 from the Four Horseman Fund. This includes request from Inspiration Hills staff, Dan & Margo, and Jenn and Andrew if they are able to attend. Camp Eder is offering financial support for the keynote speaker.

National Conference 2012 – Conversation was held around the concept of national conference. It is the intent to look at the feasibility to look at a gathering in relationship with the Mennonites. Rex was asked to make a contact with the Mennonite Camping Association to explore the possibility of a joint event. It would be helpful to look at policies and procedures in relationship to this gathering. Margo and Gieta will work on this at the fall gathering.

Membership

- Joann receives membership info and money
- Rex gets a copy of membership and money from Joann
- Rex send a copy of the membership info to Jenn.
- Jenn will explore the possibility of using Google docs as the data base
- Jenn would send postcard to new member
- Barry would send newsletters using google docs mailing lists

Mailing of membership reminders will happen within two weeks of October SC Meeting. Reminders can be made at the November gathering.

Connections

Church of the Brethren– Josh talked about the possibility of gatherings held at camps. A list of dates was shared:

- NYC 2014 ?
- NYAC – June - August 2012
- JHC – June 17-19
- YAWC – June 4-14 – Taise
- MSS – June 3-8 (Is an option for camps- Josh will write an item for the newsletter – Gieta’s MSS person will write)
- YPTT – May 30-June 3
- YAC – May 28-30 Inspiration Hills

Additional conversations occurred on the topic of work camps.

In working with Spiritual Directors, Josh will be looking at camps as host locations for events. Continuity of participation at these events is part of their ongoing conversation.

NCCCOM

Jenn and Rex presented a review of the summit gathering. The gathering included representatives from 7 denominations. We brought a perspective of camping from smaller camps. The event was designed to look at new possibilities in working relationship between camps and denominations. New projects were focused on that include a website for Ecumenical listing of denominational leadership training and camps dates, exploring new curriculum models, and being proactive about inviting more people to the NCCCOM “table” for conversations around Outdoor Ministries. Several committees were set up to continue work on the top priority projects and the remaining list will go to the NCCCOM to prioritize and continue work on.

Rex presented the request from the NCCCOM regarding having a seat around the table in both the curriculum development group and the general meeting of the COM. Josh offered to look at providing funding for a person around the table at the curriculum group.

Tour of Camp Mardela

Curriculum

The current New Earth Series will be ending in 2012.

OMA A – Z At the next meeting we will add the documents that we are working on in the areas of mentoring, newsletter, membership, annual gathering, National Conference, and other documents.

Next Meeting

March 21 – 23, 2011 Camp Harmony

Budget

Income : Membership fee: Add student \$20

Individual - \$35

Family - \$55

Sustaining - \$150

Professional- \$175

Lifetime - \$500

Camp fee - raise minimum fee to \$100

Revenue		Expense	
Individual	750	YPTT	1200
Family	600	Booth	700
Professional		Honorarium	200
½ Annual	400	Awards	200
Camps	6500	Luncheon	200
Life	<u> </u>	Extra	<u>100</u>
	8250		1400
Gifts	1000	Scholarship	1500
Offering		Training Events	1000
Auction		Environmental Gr	1500

GB		Ecu Rep	800
Spec Pro		Spe Min	800
Other		Special Pro	1000
End Trans	<u>4800</u>	Promotion	1000
	<u>5800</u>	Newsletter	150
	14050	Travel	2500
		Office	200
		Treasurer	<u>1000</u>
			14050

Manchester College Simply Brethren Foursquare event

We will send info to them for their event. Josh will talk with Kay about this event.

Four Horsemen request

Gieta has requested additional support to finish up her CATS degree at Bethany Seminary. Committee agreed to fund at \$1,000.

Leadership for Nov Meeting

Margo will take the minutes of the meeting

Barry will be asked to chair the meeting, Gieta will provide coverage if Barry is not able to serve.

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