

# OUTDOOR MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

of the Virilina District Board - Church of the Brethren, Inc.

Friday, August 25, 2017, at the District Resource Center



**5:15 - OMEC** in attendance (circle): Naomi Powers (Chair), Stephanie Naff (Vice-Chair), Allison Mullins (Secretary), Zach Tabor (Finance Chair), Carol Hinton (Program Chair), Kimball Egge (Property Chair); Barry LeNoir (ex-officio).

- I. Update & Prayer - Barry LeNoir.
- II. 2018 Budget OMEC discussion and vote: **"Resolved, that the Outdoor Ministries Executive Committee recommends to the Outdoor Ministries Committee of the Virilina District Board - Church of the Brethren, Inc. the adoption of the Camp Bethel OMC 2018 Budget as presented."**

**6:00 - OMC** in attendance (circle): Bill Broyles, Emely D'Oleo, Sharon Flora, Brian Harmon, Charles Huffman, Junior King, Sam Light.

- I. Update & Prayer - Barry LeNoir.
- II. Minutes of the June 22, 2017 OMC Meeting (attached) - Allison Mullins.
- III. New OMC Business – Naomi Powers.
  - A. Credit Card for Food Services Coordinator: **"Resolved, that the Outdoor Ministries Committee does hereby recommend to the Virilina District Board - Church of the Brethren, Inc., to authorize a business credit card limited to \$5,000 maximum usage during each monthly billing period for Elizabeth Haley, Camp Bethel's Food Services Coordinator, in the discharge of her duties. Furthermore, this card shall be activated no sooner than November 1, 2017 upon completion of the 90-day probationary period per the Virilina District Personnel Policies."**
  - B. 2018 Budget discussion and vote: **"Resolved, that the Outdoor Ministries Committee recommends to the Virilina District Board - Church of the Brethren, Inc. the adoption of the Camp Bethel - OMC 2018 Budget as presented."**
- IV. Prayer and dismissal. Finance Sub-Committee invited **and encouraged** to stay for the 7:00pm meeting of the Commission on Stewardship, here at the DRC.

## **Next OMC meetings:**

August 26, 2017 (Sat), 6:30am: OMC invited to volunteer at the PEP! 5K at camp.

September OMC meeting not scheduled, but can be called if necessary.

October 7, 2017 (Sat): Need OMC to volunteer at Heritage Day parking cars. Contact Jenna.

November 10-11, 2017 (Fri-Sat), Virilina District Conference at Grandin Court Baptist Church.

November 11, 2017 (Sat), OMC Reorganization at Virilina District Conference.

December 2, 2017 (Sat), 9:00am OMC and District Board Retreat at Camp Bethel.

December 7, 2017 (Thur), 6:00pm: OMC helps serve guests at Christmas TOGETHER Banquet, (snow date Dec 14).

## **OMC Minutes 06.22.17**

The Outdoor Ministries Committee of the Virlina District Board met at 5:30pm on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at Camp Bethel with the following members present: Naomi Powers (Vice-Chair), Allison Mullins (Secretary), Zach Tabor (Finance Chair), Carol Hinton (Program Chair), Kimball Egge (Property Chair), Bill Broyles, Sharon Flora, Brian Harmon, Junior King, Sam Light, Stephanie Naff, Barry LeNoir (ex-officio).

Naomi Powers welcomed the group and opened with devotions and prayer. The agenda was approved by consensus.

Minutes were approved by consensus from last meeting 04.01.17

Tabitha Rudy accepted the call to serve as Interim Associate District Executive Minister for Virlina District, and she began this position on June 1, 2017. Naomi Powers has accepted and will serve as Chair through November 11, 2017. Stephanie Naff has rejoined the OMC and will serve on the Property Subcommittee. Stephanie Naff was also approved to be Vice Chair with a motion from Sharon and a second by Brian then by consensus.

### **Reports:**

**District Board:** Met on May 20, 2017 and approved Tabitha Rudy as Interim Associate District Executive Minister.

**OMEC:** Naomi reported from June 3, 2017 brief OMEC meeting with Brigitte Burton. Bridgette has been happy with the job and looks forward to her future studies at law school.

Barry reported on the Food Services Coordinator position search that there has been lots of interest but very few actual applicants. Advertised on Facebook, Brethren Networks, National Listing and Indeed.com. Once a suitable candidate has been interviewed Barry will contact OMEC, then OMC via email poll once a candidate is selected; meeting if necessary. OMC approves hire, then recommends and/or reports to District Board. FSC is District Board employee. No housing is being offered.

### **Mission Resource Campaign for Camp Bethel & Virlina: "Seed, Scattered & Sown"**

As of June 20, the Seed Scattered & Sown: Reaching Beyond This Generation mission resourcing campaign has 230 pledges with \$415,169.10 pledged and \$222,537.66 received. Lead gift visitation continues, and the Congregational Phase of the campaign is beginning with a letter already sent out to Pastors and Board Chairs and Church visitations by volunteers to spread the word.

Plans are being made for a visit to Bridgewater Retirement on July 20th.

**Finance:** Report from Commission on Stewardship by Zach. The Van Policy with the OMC suggested edits was submitted. Camp Bethel Income/Expense Data as of 05/31/2017 was presented. Refer to handout lines 201-203 for income / expense and surplus this year so far. Benefit Golf Tournament is August 23. Prizes, sleeves of balls, sponsors and participants needed. Banquet to follow at Camp.

**Program:** Carol Hinton reports SOTM is adding Kevin Kling to its lineup for 2018. SOTM income is estimated to be \$46,292, so Barry will research why income data showing for May 31 is so much lower. Summer Camp numbers are ahead of last year's numbers at this time. On our way to reaching goal of 1250 for Summer 2017! Franklin County gets out of school earlier than Roanoke and Salem. A suggestion was made to switch weeks for the traveling day camp next year of Antioch and Peters Creek. More kids could participate at Peters Creek.

**Property:** Kimball Egge reported. Pond work continues; Mickie hauling dirt away when dry enough to fill in around camp. Repairs to 568 Bethel Rd (where LeNoirs live). Mickey and his team have repaired facia

boards, removed ivy, removed shutters, repaired septic air pipe. New projector installed in Ark; new screen on its way. Mickey & team installed electrical; Lee Hartman & Sons installed projector. Hopefully funded by Laurel Branch and Christiansburg CoBs (TBD upon Angela Carr's return from sick leave).

**RV Village & Road Improvement Plan:** We have selected ECI for design work for the planned 15-site RV Village. ECI is honoring 2014 proposal. Surveying has begun.

**Camp Bethel PEP! 5K Trail Run (August 26, 2017):** (Rob Cassell, Mike Elmore, Angie LeNoir, Daniel Pinard, Jenna Stacy, Tony Wirt) has met four times, most recently on Tuesday, June 20. Proceeds for new (used) Maintenance Truck. Seeking sponsors and participants. Mountain Junkies helping with timing.

**Old Business:**

- Resolved - Jenna Stacy has received her business credit card.
- Future thought or action: The Roanoke Women's Foundation Grant Application was too complex for us to make time for this year, so we will explore this opportunity for 2018 starting in late October of this year.
- Future thought or action: Stephanie Naff made a suggestion to use local schools to volunteer and maintain camp's landscaped garden areas: entrance sign; pool bridge; Ark Peace gardens; Heritage raised bed; Gym entrances... or any of these.

**New Business:** Flash drives being offered this summer for kids to have pictures from their week here at camp.

Barry closed in prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Allison N. Mullins**