

**Maury River Mission Community
Coordinating Team Meeting**

September 13th, 2009

New Providence Presbyterian Church

Minutes

Open with Prayer – Christina Tutterow, Bethesda Pastor, opened the meeting at 2:30PM. Others attending were Sally Hinchman, Interim Executive Presbyter; Lisa Hedrick, Presbytery Resource Coordinator; Roy Fauber, member of New Providence; Malcolm Brownlee, honorably retired and MRMC Coordinator; Jerry Close, Fairfield; Olivia Patton, Lexington Presbyterian; Bonny Wilson, Fairfield and MRMC Treasurer; Janet Scott, Collierstown; Charles Reed, Warm Springs Pastor; Betty Dax, New Providence Interim Pastor and MRMC Convenor; and David Dax, Lexington Presbyterian and secretary pro-tem.

All present introduced themselves. Sally said that she was getting acquainted with all the congregations and would also be doing the same with the various Mission Communities. She will participate in the upcoming elder training and the Shenandoah 2010 efforts. She will send all the sessions surveys to obtain current information.

Lisa handed out flyers about the Ethiopian Partnership Celebration to be held on November 6th at Massanutten Church. She also talked about the upcoming visit from Nuhad Tomeh, missionary to the Middle East, who will visit churches throughout the Presbytery beginning October 2nd. His visit to the MRMC will be to the Hot Springs Church on October 5th.

Minutes of the last meeting – The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report- Bonnie Wilson – This was taken out of order and presented under Old Business as part of the discussion about the 2010 budget.

Coordinator's Report- Malcolm Brownlee

Malcolm referred to the elder training to be held on November 14th at New Monmouth Church. He also referred to the youth activity event to be scheduled – probably for April 2010. Finally, Malcolm talked about the upcoming follow-up Living Waters for the World (LWW) trip to Guatemala.

Committee Reports

- **Mission Fair – Bonny Wilson**

Bonny summarized what has been planned by herself, Janet, Martin Stokes, and Skip Hastings for the October 4th event to be held at New Monmouth. Announcements have been sent to all the churches. There will be a worship service and multi-church choir. The event is aimed at both youth and adults. A silent auction will be held to raise money for Living Waters, and donations should be sent to Heather Carter at the Presbytery office. A number of churches will have displays showing their mission activities. LWW will also have a display.

- **2010 Educational event- Olivia Patton and Janet Scott**

Olivia talked about the event that will be held in late February. It will include 10-12 workshops and worship. Deb Klein will conduct a workshop on spirituality, and there may be someone from UTS to discuss changes in the church. Other religions and women's studies are also likely to be discussed, as well as ethics and character building. Presbytery staff members will participate. (Janet confirmed what Olivia said.)

- **Youth- Olivia Patton and Janet Scott**

Olivia talked about a youth event to be scheduled in April. The following ideas are being considered: having someone from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes come, holding a cookout, going to Douthat State Park or Lake Robertson, and possibly conducting a gleaning. Contact will also be made to people at W&L and VMI.

Old Business:

- **Guatemala Living Waters**

- **December plans– David Dax, Roy Fauber** – Roy gave a summary of the May Living Waters for the World (LWW) trip in May and an overview of the vision for developing a long-term relationship with La Iglesia Alianza, the church where the Living Waters system was installed in May. He stressed the need to make this project something that the MRMC churches take as their own mission. Therefore, the follow-up trip to Guatemala in December is planned to include two new people from the MRMC to get to know the people of La Iglesia Alianza. Details about the trip are attached herewith.

David noted the array of issues that the folks at La Iglesia want to address as time goes. He also stated that he would be attending a training program at LWW's Clean Water U in California the first full week in October.

- **Finances- Malcolm Brownlee** – Malcolm discussed the current status of LWW financing. In summary approximately \$11,100 has been given or promised, with about \$2,900 to be raised. Malcolm encouraged people to hold more fund-raisers and to see if their churches will provide additional financial support. He entered a motion that the Maury River Mission Community recommit itself to raising the full \$13,000 that it had pledged for the LWW trips to Guatemala. The motion was seconded and passed. (The previously agreed on per capita amount from each congregation was \$2.70 over a 3-year period).
- **Pancake breakfast- Malcolm Brownlee** – This event will raise more funds for LWW. Volunteers will be needed to start set-ups at Applebee's at 7:30AM Saturday, September 26th, and tickets are available for the 8:00-10:00AM time period.
- **Silent auction- Malcolm Brownlee** -- He displayed numerous items will be available for the silent auction at the upcoming Mission Fair.

- **Elder Training- Christina Tutterow** –

Christina outlined the officer-training event to be held on November 14th at New Monmouth Church. This will include presentations by Malcolm, Sally, Betty, Carl Moore, and possibly Bill Klein, on various aspects of denominational polity.

- **2010 Budget** – Bonnie gave reports on both the current budget and the 2010 budget. Both were approved by the assembly. These are attached with these minutes.

New Business – None was brought up

Next meeting – January 17th, 2:30PM, at Lexington Presbyterian.

Adjourn with Prayer – Malcolm adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, David Dax, Secretary Pro-tem