

Mission Board Minutes
Tuesday, March 10, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Present: Katie Basham, Steve Boyce, Doug Hindman, Loretta Mountjoy, Mark Pettis, Paul Smithson,
Kent Gilbert (part of the time)

Absent: Dorothy Chao, Teri Mehler, Judy Rowell, Annriette Stolte, Sarah Vaughn

Visitors: Betty Hibler, Joe Spencer

1. Opening Devotion—Loretta—“Sermon without a word”. Preacher visits missing member, sits in silence. Puts coal on hearth of fireplace, where it goes out. Puts coal back in fire, where it reignites. The symbolism of the support that our friends give us in our Christian journey wasn’t lost on the member who had gone missing from church. Followed by reading and commentary on Psalm 23.
2. Approval of February minutes—approved as submitted.
3. Identify Mission Board positions for 2009: chair, recorder, General Committee rep, other? Teri Mehler has agreed to be co-chair with Doug Hindman, with an agreed-upon division of labor that they have worked out. Katie Basham will be recorder. General Committee duties to be shared by Teri and Doug.
4. Set date of April MB meeting: we need to move away from the second Tuesday—Second Monday seems to be the best overall choice for the moment. Monday 13th will be the April meeting.
5. Reports and updates:
 - Financial report—attached at end of document—one correction from original Excel file: Remove asterisk from Habitat for Humanity donation—it is no longer new business, was done last month.
 - Woman’s Industrial—Loretta—Appalachian Fund Affiliates meet 30 Apr-1 May. MB member could attend but at own expense. Hope Hounshell is still battling cancer. Drs at UK are waiting to see if the tumor grows in 3 mo. Reorganization of Woman’s Industrial storage areas is well underway. Loretta is teaching a quilting course this Friday. Contact her if interested. An experienced user of the long-arm quilting machine is coming to teach the ladies how to use our machine. There will be a potluck on 3 April, the Friday prior to Good Friday.
 - Re-Entry Partners (REP) report—Mark—Two significant points: 1) Structure and organization didn’t get covered, will be covered 22 Mar at United Methodist Church, who have expressed interest in getting involved. 2) Kent will do a worship service at Luther Luckett Correctional Facility. 3) Dean Bucalos, minister at LLCC, has asked REP to put together a road show to take around various locations in the state. Kent notes that in conversation with Jeff From, they make the point that Berea may be better as instigator and teacher, but not the best physical location for re-entry into society from prison, due to lack of jobs and public transport here.
 - Update on the Back Bay Mission trip for Nov 15-21, 2009—Steve (for Anriette)—Still in the planning process. Anriette has expressions of interest from 15 or more people.
 - Mission Board article for the April *Consider*—Paul will put a blurb in about the Bread for the World Offering of Letters; Steve will work with Joe Spencer to be sure the “Fighting Goliath” screening on April 26 is announced.
 - Report on Sustainability Work Group: (a) work teams and (b) March 18 Wed Night Live? Doug will do the Wed Nite Live on the 18th. Work teams are still working—update would best wait for more progress to occur. As an aside, the Trustees note that we run out of hot water during dinner preparation and clean-up. They’re considering an on-demand heater. Steve will get Josh Bills’s opinion on our best options, and Trustees will pursue estimates of electric and gas options.
 - Update on the April 26 screening of Fighting Goliath and panel discussion—Joe Spencer—“Fighting Goliath” is about an unlikely coalition of diverse interests who got together in Texas to fight and block

construction of 15 of 18 proposed coal-fired power plants. Panelists include Tom FitzGerald of Kentucky Resources Council, Elizabeth Crowe of KY Environmental Federation, Rick Clewett of Sierra Club, Matt Partymiller of Solar Solutions, and Bill Lowder, an engineer, perhaps others. Possible Youth Group participation, possibly to do a pancake dinner, with Union Church members bringing accessory foods, instead of a regular potluck. Any ideas or input, contact Joe, josephbspencer@yahoo.com. Mission Board will support the advertisement effort with up to \$100 for copies or other expenses.

- One Great Hour of Sharing—Kent—started after WWII as an ecumenical effort to rebuild Europe. It continues as an ecumenical project, funding work of Church World Service, with emphasis on disaster relief. We usually do our bit as a church on 5th or 6th Sunday of Lent. Kent and Joan will order materials and Mission Board will support.
 - Update on the Wednesday, March 11 potluck: Speak For Peace—It is on, and do note that it is a potluck, so bring food.
 - Update on the “Eyes Wide Open” exhibit on March 19 & 20, 11 am – 6 pm—Steve—it’s an exhibit highlighting the loss of life in Iraq. There’s not a whole lot we need to do, except maybe move the display around if need be.
6. MB do the March 22 Lenten Lunch after worship service? Yes, we’ll do it. We need to cook for about 120 people, maybe more since that is the day of the congregational meeting. Menu will be organized by email. Doug will coordinate. Katie notes that there’s a restaurant supply store called GFS, in Lexington next to the Liquor Barn, with good quality and prices on bulk food items. Kent has a “Cooking for 50” cookbook, with good recipes and also useful for estimating amounts of ingredients.
 7. March or April Offering of Letters for Bread for the World—Betty Hibler—Betty went to workshop in Richmond last Saturday. Theme of Offering of Letters this year is to simplify and redraft the legislation dealing with foreign assistance, which dates from 1961 and is incredibly complex. Possible dates are 19 Apr or 3 May. We decided on 3 May. Another idea is to put a sample letter and invitation to write in the April *Consider*. Paul will do the *Consider* blurb and assist in setup and organization. Betty also notes there’s a BfW meeting and lobbying day up in DC 14-16 June. Mission Board could probably subsidize the travel if Betty decides to attend.
 8. Possible participation in Kentucky Environmental Foundation’s compact fluorescent promotion? As fund raiser? As a benefit for Habitat? Coordinated by one of the sustainability work teams?—Steve—Doug notes that results of the on-line survey show that most folks in the church already have CFL bulbs. Another possible project is to retrofit Habitat homes with CFLs (they use them in new builds but formerly did not). Doug will discuss with his sustainability work team “Bringing It Home” and possibly Habitat to see if the work team wants to explore coordinating such a project with possible Mission Board funding. Another idea is to give each BUURR client one bulb with some educational material. (BUURR is Bereans United for Utility and Rent Relief.) Steve will discuss this possibility with the BFCO Board to gauge their interest and report back the MB. KY Environmental Foundation has found a good price on high-quality bulbs. We can get them for \$1.60 to \$1.70 each for 13 to 20 W bulbs.
 9. Discussion of how Union Church currently does and does not seem to reflect the Kentucky Council of Church’s document, “A Social Creed for the 21st Century”?—Mark (Delay until April)

Pending:

1. Possible theme for Union Church support for Habitat for Humanity of Madison & Clark County “green build” enhancements? Some examples:
 - Support to put CFL lights in new and/or old Madison County Habitat houses?
 - Support to include solar water heater in new Madison County Habitat homes? Matching funds?
 - Support placement of PV panels on selected Hope Estates roof tops?Next steps: explore some of these possibilities with Madison County Habitat people—Steve
2. Fund raising dinner “with pretty decorations,” maybe for a Habitat or other project—Judy, Annriette—
3. Pin down guidelines for administering the Re-entry Partners Fund

Mission Board Resources and Expenditures for 2009

Year to date: March 4, 2009

Resources

Matthew 25 Charities & Gifts	10,520	Funds budgeted by Union Church for Mission Board charity and gift allocations.
Bazaar Proceeds	<u>6,000</u>	Guess at this point for planning purposes. Bazaar not until October 2009.
Charities & Gifts total	16,520	
Mission Outreach Fund	3,905	A "venture fund" usually for one-time purposes. Income comes primarily from Lambert Trust, 10% of Union Church budget surplus, and other special gifts.

Expenditures

From Matthew 25 Charities & Gifts and Bazaar Proceeds

Local

Habitat for Humanity Madison & Clark Cnty	1000
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Local subtotal	1,000
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State and National

Bread for the World	500
Kentucky Council of Churches	250

State and National subtotal	750
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Global

Global subtotal	0
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Current "Matthew 25 and Bazaar Proceeds" total	1,750
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What remains to allocate?

14,770

**From Mission Outreach
Funds**

Christelle Louis (childcare for Haitian
student)

200 *

Project Salud Y Paz (Dave Harl, Guatemala, plumbing)

1,000 *

Mission Outreach total

1200

What remains to allocate?

2,705

* Asterisk indicates allocations that are new since the last report