

WITNESS AND PROCLAMATION MINUTES

January 22, 2015

Present: Don Geisman, Terry Kohanski, John Mummert, Jan Pennington, (in the building) and Ruth Whitten (by teleconference)

Old Business:

Team vacancies – Nominating committee is working on filling vacancies.

In 2015 the 2nd terms of Kathy Tashima and Mary Court are completed. Jan Pennington and Ruth Whitten will have completed their 1st terms. We still have an open position a lay person from Auglaize.

Steve Mortach has moved to Hilliard, OH (near Columbus) making it impossible for him to attend meetings. Therefore, his term (2017) will need to be filled.

Green Project -

- **Jan** Pennington will write an article about the “*The Great American Cleanup*” for the March Vine.
- **Terry** Kohanski will make sure Joan has Green Tips from now through December.

Iglesia Luterana -

- **Dan** Busch was in another meeting and unable to give us an update regarding Iglesia Luterana Partnership.

New Business:

News regarding:

General Synod is this June in Cleveland. Volunteers are needed for many jobs. Volunteers receive a discounted fee for attending Synod.

Our team is considering having a bus, if enough people are interested, to take people to General Synod on Sunday June 28 for the Worship Service. The Worship Service is always spectacular, inspiring, faith lifting and a time of being united with people from many different places.

Paton Award – **Ruth** will do this one for FEB Vine. 1st Tuesday in March (March 3) is the deadline for churches to make application, based on their improvements for people with disabilities.

Clean up and personal care kits – **Kathy** will take “care kits” at anytime. Good Lenten project for youth groups or women’s groups. She will put an article in the Vine for MARCH encouraging churches to bring them to the Annual Gathering in April.

Currently Promoted

Directory of Church Websites – the listing of church websites from the NWOA website will be promoted with an article by **Don** Geisman. *Don can you write this for the APRIL issue?*

The new way **Heroin issues** are being dealt with in Van Wert County will be assessed by **Ruth** Whitten. She will give us the information, probably by email, since she conference calls into our meetings. We hope to have an article summing it up for the MAY issue of the Vine.

A new way of having **church communities is on the Internet**. **John** Mummert has investigated this previously. He will do more research regarding it. He will give us a presentation and have an article regarding this for the JUNE issue of the Vine.

Peace Sunday - **Terry** will make liturgies available on the Vine in the month of AUGUST.

Regional, State and Cabinet Reports

Auglaize – Ruth Whitten. Ruth has not received any notice regarding a meeting for the Auglaize Region. Therefore she has no report.

Lakeshore – Terry Kohanski. A monthly meeting is held the 3rd Tuesday each month. One month we meet in West Toledo at the Tiger Bakery & Deli and the following month we meet at the Family Table in Oregon near St. Charles Hospital. In March we will be meeting in Lima at the Chinese Buffet. This is a time of sharing, caring and supporting one another.

Sandusky – John Mummert reported that an event was held Jan 11. A meal and Taize worship was held at Trinity Church, Sandusky. The weather was frightful but 20 brave souls representing 4 churches came together.

They are also working with Fairhaven. There is an area that was a playground and they are making plans to make it accessible for the residents. Sycamore has the playground equipment.

Cabinet – Don Rock. No report. Don was at the dentist.

State & National – Dan Busch. No report. Dan was in another meeting.

Other Business:

Is it the mission of our team to consider Publicity for church events? We discussed using the free advertisement available in the free publications “Toledo Parent” and “Mature Living” as well as Time Warner cable. Don brought up the excellence of the Religious Page in the Blade’s Saturday edition. T.K.Barger is an excellent and accurate reporter.

Mary Court reported that her health is not improving. All treatments tried have not agreed with her. She is trying one more. She has enjoyed being on the W & P team, as well as being our representative to the Cabinet prior to her illness. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Cards were sent to Mary, Madeline and Steve. They are all fighting health issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Kohanski

Next Meeting: Tiffin, March 26 at 2pm

Devotions: Terry Kohanski, unless someone else would like to do it.