

WITNESS AND PROCLAMATION MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2015

Those present: John Mummert, Jan Pennington, Terry Kohanski, Dan Busch, Kathy Tashima

Devotions - Terry Kohanski mentioned those who have health concerns.
Psalm 117

Approval of Minutes

OLD BUSINESS:

Team vacancies – Nominating Committee is working on these.

Vacancies for: Jan Pennington, Mary Court, Steve Mortach, Madeline Klingensmith
So far the following have agreed to serve on Witness and Proclamation; Rene
Caskie, Dave Rice, Darren Harvey and James Robinson, Lic. Minister from Shelby

Green Project - *“The Great American Cleanup” Check with your city/county for this event. This is a wonderful way for churches and church youth groups to make a difference in their community and to be out in the public working for the good of the community, not for the good of the church itself. It is a statement of the good stewardship God has asked us to do. The cleanup usually occurs during May and June, but registration is in April. Advertise this in your own church.*

Volunteers for: Mission Minute in the VINE

- Internet Communities (John - June VINE)
Extravagance UCC (Facebook and online – 9 p.m. Thursday and Sunday/a geographically diverse online community. You can interact with others online.
- Heroin Issues in NWOA (Ruth will look into her county - May VINE)
- Peace Sunday (Sept. 27) (Terry - Aug VINE)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Paton Award – Ruth (no applications)
- Clean up and personal care kits – Kathy (VINE April)
- Iglesia Luterana NWOA Partnership –Dan – 9 or 10 just traveled to El Salvador. Christian Chavarria, the interesting young man from El Salvador, will be at the association meeting.

Regional, State and Cabinet Reports

- Auglaize – Ruth Whitten
- Lakeshore – Terry Kohanski for Madelaine -
Some questions were raised about volunteering at the General Synod.
Barb Dobson from Sycamore is the Cookie Chair for this area.
- Sandusky – John Mummert
- Cabinet – Don Rock- reviewed the budget. They will recommend to increase the association’s percentage of OCWM money in the coming years.

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Regional, State and Cabinet Reports (continued)

- Association, State & National – Dan Busch
 - Association Annual Meeting** – April 25 – St. Stephen in Sandusky
7 forums (including Human trafficking and Wounded Warriors)
 - Ohio Conference Meeting** – September 27 – four locations including Defiance
A shared speaker with the Pacific NW Conference – connected online.
 - Back Bay Mission** – a group from Heidelberg University just came back
 - General Synod** – 3 busses are going from NW Ohio so far. Terry will contact Darla Metz to check if Toledo can be included in this. (cost is \$20-25)
Volunteers can sign up for a week at General Synod for \$50.
Dan will be overseeing resolution takers and can use volunteers.
 - New General Minister and President – Rev. John Dorhauer from the SW Conf.
 - Faith Practices – the association has bought this for our use. Password is on the Vine. A large amount of helpful topics are available to download.

Other Business

1. Volunteer for an article in July VINE, Sept VINE – will keep important issues in front of Association.
2. Volunteer to be at Annual Gathering with boards and handouts – any volunteer?
Terry asked for our 3 boards to be taken. Dan said okay.

Next Meeting – All-Team Meeting, May 21 (more info to come)

Respectfully submitted – Kathy Tashima