

**Delaware Valley Chapter NACBA  
Meeting Minutes  
February 5, 2009  
Limestone Presbyterian, Wilmington, DE**

Present: Morton Bell, Debbie Brown, Lorraine Buchakjian, Pat Canavan, Deede Cataldi, Keith Dawson, Dave Focht, Charlie Huntingdon, Fred Kirschman, Cheryl Kurpiel, Royal Lowthert, Ruth Morrison, Bill Nace, Mike Scharff, Dory Speer, Roy Timmer and Dorothy Wood.

1. The meeting was opened at 10:30 a.m.
2. Rev. Bruce Gillette, Pastor of Limestone Presbyterian led devotions based on Psalm 148, "All of Creation Praising God".
3. Minutes from December 4, 2008 meeting were approved.
4. The treasurer's report was distributed. Balance as of 02/04/2009 was \$4,939.66.
5. Information regarding 2009's conference was shared; the promo video was watched.
6. Motion - The Chapter Scholarship of \$500.00 toward the 2009 NACBA Conference in Long Beach, CA was awarded to Mike Scharff by a unanimous vote (motion made by Deede, seconded by Dory).
7. Motion – To contribute \$501.00 to NACBA Endowment Fund for Conference Scholarships by a unanimous vote (motion made by Charlie, seconded by Mike).
8. Motion – To increase our Chapter Scholarship toward the annual NACBA Conference to \$600.00 by a unanimous vote (motion made by Debbie, seconded by Charlie). The motion included that this increase would begin for the 2009 Conference, thereby increasing the amount awarded to Mike Scharff to \$600.00.
9. Mort reported on the joint Seminar to be held on April 2, "Church Communications" at Paoli Presbyterian Church. The Susquehanna chapter will be receiving the registrations. The fee for paid members of the Delaware Valley Chapter will be \$35.00. Members should send \$35.00 with their registration form; the Del Val Chapter will reimburse Susquehanna Chapter the additional \$5.00.
10. Joyce Ackerman will be the presenter at our June 4 meeting at Newark United Methodist Church. Her topic will be "Personnel Guidelines".
11. Hosting schedule for 2009/2010 was distributed requesting sign ups for volunteers. Dory reviewed hosting requirements.
12. Dory will check with Don Martin regarding a possible program on insurance – accident, church, certificates of insurance, etc.
13. Round table discussions ensued:
  - a. Capital Campaigns during these economic times (Roy)
  - b. Portable Baptistries for immersion baptisms (Charlie)
  - c. Market survey being done for wedding fees, memorial gardens (Debbie)
  - d. Building usage fees for outside groups (Fred)
  - e. Giving and attendance trends (Deede)
  - f. Unemployment insurance claims by employees (Keith)
14. Introductions were made

Following a tour and lunch, Andy Rudin from The Interfaith Coalition on Energy gave an excellent presentation on Energy Conservation in our churches. For more information visit [www.interfaithenergy.com](http://www.interfaithenergy.com).

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Morrison  
Secretary