

Delaware Valley Chapter NACBA
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2008
Aldersgate United Methodist Church – Host, Royal Lowthert

Present: Mary Lou McKee, Debbie Brown, Royal Lowthert, Jim Power, Steve Ackerman (Pastor), Keith Dawson, Morton Bell, Mike Scharff, Fred Kirschman, Bill Kern, David Focht, Donna Rosenthal, Deede Cataldi, Cheryl Kurpiel

1. We opened the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Dave welcomed all and we went around the table and introduced ourselves. Royal's Pastor, Steve Ackerman, led a devotion using The Upper Room. He spoke about "stormy" weather; based on Mark 4:41, trusting God on pleasant and unpleasant days.
2. Our Christmas lunch will be hosted by Keith Dawson, Christ's Church. We will dine at a restaurant nearby. There will be several selections to choose from that day. Lunches will be paid for individually.
3. Cheryl reported no activity in the checking account – balance remains at \$5,474.66.
4. April Seminar will be held at Paoli Presbyterian Church, host is Jack Felch. Susquehanna Chapter will plan the program. Scott Vaughn will be the speaker.
5. Round Table discussion included questions regarding stewardship and salaries for 2009, Brain Bench, an on-line service for doing skill tests for hiring employees, e-giving, NACBA Salary survey, performance reviews. Video introducing 2009 conference was played.
6. Thank you to Royal and the Aldersgate caterer for a fabulous lunch. Professor, Dwight Dewerth-Pallmeyer, director of Communication Studies at Widner University and member of Wallingford Presbyterian Church gave a presentation on "Speaking to make a point". Dwight spoke about non verbal communication while speaking, anxiety about speaking, the structure of a speech, styles of impromptu, manuscripted, and speeches crafted to the audience. He spoke about how to convince and power point used in speaking.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Kurpiel