

Minutes from December 2, 2010 Del Val chapter, NACBA General Meeting at Church of the Advent, Kennett Square, PA Christmas Luncheon at Longwood Gardens

Jim Power welcomed us and opened the meeting with prayer. All his Pastors were out on communion visitations, so were not available to greet us.

18 persons attended: Mort Bell, Debbie Brown, Lorraine Buchakjian, DeeDee Cataldi, Keith Dawson, Jack Felch, Dave Focht, Drew Gysi, Charlie Huntington, Bill Kern, Fred Kirschman, Cheryl Kurpiel, Royal Lowthert, Mary Lou McKee, Ruth Morrison, Jim Power, Mike Scharff, Joanne Solarz. It was a delight to meet some of the wives that came for the special time at Longwood (Liel Bell, Judy Felch, Joann Huntington).

Handouts available:

Agenda (My apologies for not catching the error in the date on the agenda)

Minutes from November 4, 2010

Treasurer's Report, with list of those who paid dues to date for 2011 as compared to those who paid in 2010.

Chapter Brochures

Calendar for the year

The minutes for November 4, 2010 were approved.

Cheryl Kurpiel made her treasurer's report. It is so helpful to have the reminder to get our dues in. Dues of \$25.00 is due to Cheryl Kurpiel. Make check payable to Del. Val. Chpt NACBA and mail to Cheryl at First Presbyterian Church of Ambler, 4 Southridge Ave, Ambler, PA 19002.

We decided not to send a gift to NACBA 55 Campaign. Only those chapter members who are certified or in the process of being certified are eligible for the scholarship which that funds. We have only two members who would be eligible for that. Our chapter provides some scholarship money so we feel we have done our part in encouraging attendance at the Annual Conference.

Round table discussion:

- Comments indicated these times of discussion are anchors and encouragement for our members as we draw from other's experiences and are encouraged that we all have many of the same issues to contend with. We are not alone. It is a tremendous boost, especially during the holiday hectics.
- Security process for children entering and leaving for church and programs. Discussed a variety of how tos.
- Looking for supplier of portable wheel chair ramps.
- Reminder that there have been rashes of thefts from cars, during the day. People need reminded not to leave pocketbooks and valuables visible.
- Handling walk-ins.
 - Several churches have been scammed. A recent warning: Hazel Wurtz. Do not give any assistance. Has been know to steal.
 - Love, Inc. is a national organization with local chapters that some use as a clearing house. They connect those with items to donate and those with needs. Donations are made to them, and they make the connection with those in need.
 - Friendship House is one organization that some use. All the churches in the area refer everyone to that one place and then give support to that organization. One church makes "Go Bags" for adults and children containing fruit drink, health bar, knife, fork, spoon, canned/open-able fruit, list of help resources, etc. which they have available.
- Wide ranging discussion on building use.

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- Contributions, not rent.
- Contracts constantly needing revision.
- Some have had difficulty with groups actually setting up backdrops to hide the church's cross.
- Church Mutual provides a list of organizations they will cover. Others need certificates of insurance.
- For those whose facilities are considered outreach tools: provide a list of what is and is not allowed.
- Helpful to require the publicity of groups to be approved by the church. Some have had television coverage that the church didn't know about until after it hit the papers.
- Make sure that both sides are represented if the meeting is political in nature. A few horror stories of experiences here.
- IRS requires that usage conforms to your specific vision statement and by-laws.
- One outreach was Pastors volunteering to do funerals at local funeral homes when the deceased families have no local church connection.
- When you choose to subscribe to NACBA job descriptions please let Mary Lou McKee (mckeeml@bethmeth.com) know, as it needs to be reported in our Chapter Annual Report. This is one part of credit toward our ranking. So far we have Jack Felch and Bill Kern.
- Drew has contacted Will Mancini to see if he would be available as our April speaker. Will not only taught some excellent seminars at the Conference, but was a Keynote Speaker as well.

We had a delightful lunch at Longwood Gardens with multiple items to choose from, cafeteria style (the desserts were amazing!), and time to tour the Christmas Displays and Gardens, sing-a-long concert and shopping in the gift store.

Next meeting is February 3, 2011 at First Presbyterian Church, West Chester. Topic is Social Networking, specifically for Churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lou McKee