

Board Meeting

China Lake Camps

August 11, 2022

The meeting opened with prayer by Doris. Those in attendance were: Doris, Stacey, Linda, Judy, Sandy, Dina, and Martha. The other officers were involved in the registration process, at this time.

Doris also led devotions based on Psalms 101:1-2 and Psalms 149:1. What makes your heart sing? To sing yourself, to listen to others sing, to listen to birds sing, to experience physical healing, your morning devotions, to see the sunrise or a sunset, or be in the company of another Christian?

Linda asked for prayer for her sister Lisa. Her best friend had just died, and Lisa asked Linda, "Does God hate me?" We prayed.

Reports were given by each coordinator, starting with Dina. Mission work in Maine is still affectionately known as White Cross. There are three levels.

International Ministries support is cash only. Mailing costs are prohibitive and there is no guarantee merchandise will actually arrive. The ABC-USA website has a list of all Global Servants and their financial needs. All purchases are made in the country.

American Baptist Home Mission Societies handles National Ministries, that is all ministries in the United States and Puerto Rico. Again, the website lists all ministries and contact information. Each local ABW group is encouraged to choose the ministry nearest them to support with goods and cash. This is known as Operation Planting Hope. The nearest missions to us are Massachusetts Baptist Multicultural Ministries and Teens Alive at Calvary Baptist Church. MBMM was out state project this year. We have received a much appreciated thank you from them.

State Missions is just that, Christian ministries in your state. Strictly American Baptist in Maine are the three summer camps: Baptist Park in Mapleton, Christian Youth Camp in Charlotte and China Lake Camp. These camps will receive the money from the silent auction, basket auction and jewelry sales.

Other ministries in Maine are your local food and clothing cupboards, schools, immigrant ministries, pregnancy resource centers, Sarah's House in Holden, and the Ronald McDonald House. Those trafficked in Maine remains confidential. Contact is made through the state hot-line.

Marge reported Judy has the Summer Conference ready to go. She also reported that our past president Wandah remains very ill and has plans to go to Boston soon. Her husband plans to bring her to conference for the day on Friday. Her husband has recently been diagnosed with kidney cancer. They both need our prayers.

Treasurer, Stacey reported she is still learning. She expressed a frustration with the ABC Extension and the Foundation. Even having received formal notice, that at the annual convention, Stacey Emery had been elected Treasurer and Sandra Rhoda, Assistant Treasurer, they continue to send interest payment to past treasurers.

Educational Gifts Coordinator Judy Ledger reported three applications had been requested. Theresa Savage never replied. Olivia Washburn submitted her application. She has become ill and withdrew. The third applicant, Cara Jurczak, has received our gift the past two years. She will be a senior at New Brunswick Bible Institute. She remains an A student. She is also spending her summer with campers at China Lake. The vote was unanimous to award Cara the gift of \$1,000.

Also discussed was the need to advertise ourselves. Possible suggestions were: press releases and Christian radio.

Treasurer, Stacey presented a written report. After paying all our bills and expenses as of August 2, 2022. We have \$15,789 in our TD checking account and invested funds in the American Baptist Extension \$5,000 and American Baptist Foundation Educational Gifts \$20,000.

Martha turned in a bill for the publication of the directories and trifolds for \$330.

It was voted to give all proceeds from the auction, basket auction and jewelry sales to our three camps. This vote was unanimous.

Doris read the letter she prepared and had read at Bea Violette's funeral. She was unable to attend.

Doris reported that she has been advised that the American Baptist Women of Maine have been remembered in the will of Bea Violette. It will take time to settle her estate, but the best estimate is we will receive around \$20,000.

It was voted to continue Zoom Meetings.

The next board meeting will be October 15, 2022, at the home of Martha Walker, in Anson.

The March meeting is on the 25th, 2023, in East Millinocket.

The meeting adjourned with prayer and following lunch prepared by China Lake, then everyone attended Summer Conference.

Respectfully Submitted

Martha L. Walker

Secretary