

MINUTES 3RD ANNUAL MENNONITE MISSION HEALTH ASSOCIATION MEETING

Garden Park MB Church, Denver, CO

October 24-25, 2003

Present: Peter Block (chair), David Wiebe, Doug Snyder, Murray Nickel, Warren Froese, Rick Hamm, Ron Penner, Deen Gaddam, Tom Klein, Robert Buhr, Mark Shelly

Late: John Faul, Jake Friesen, Dale & Teresa Regier

Regrets: Saji Oommen, Pakisa Tshimika, Ferd Pauls, Paul Bottom

October 24, 2003 - Friday

Block chaired meeting. Nickel was secretary.

1. Devotions (Block): I Cor. 12:4, 11 – various gifts/backgrounds, all given for the ‘common good’, from the Holy Spirit as he chooses. We must recognize our gifts and humbly bring them to the building up of the Kingdom. II Cor 4:1 – graciously God uses us. We are responsible to use them. Idea: antidote to competition (danger to community) is compassion. We are members of the same body. Challenge: avoid competition in ministries and work together as a community (listen, love). Col. 3:12-17 – conclusion. Prayer.
2. Minutes 2nd Annual MMHA Meeting Nov 8-9, 2003 – approved with no changes
3. Business arising
 - 3.1. *MMHA logo*: Hamm has draft. Flyer and brochure still pending. **Action: Hamm to show logo tomorrow**
 - 3.2. *Darrell & Daniela Hamm*: declined becoming a part of board but an understanding was reached in March '03 after meeting with Art Hamm.
 - 3.3. *Constitution*: loose ends regarding choosing commission members.
 - 3.3.1. Members of commissions **Action: motion formally appointing commissions – passed**
 - 3.3.2. Should commission members be board members? MMHA is a board of 8 or more people and does not have a list of association members presently **Action: tabled until tomorrow**
 - 3.3.3. Review constitution regarding number of board members. **Action: Hamm to work on proposal**
 - 3.4. *Membership*
 - 3.4.1. New members: Tshimika, Pauls **Action: accepted**
 - 3.4.2. Declined: Kroeker, Hamm (Rudy)?
 - 3.4.3. Suggested: Helmut Hiebert **Action: accepted**
4. Ratification of Executive decisions – March 1, 2003 – approved with no changes
 - 4.1. *Budget*
 - 4.1.1. see March 1, 2003 minutes **Action: accepted**
 - 4.1.2. separate MBMSI coreplus account (P0335), money in P0106 will be left in account (no transfer of \$2435 from P0106 to P0335) **Action: accepted**
 - 4.2. *Fund raising policy* – pending
 - 4.3. *Administrator post* – tabled for further discussion later
5. President's report (see appendix 1) - approved
6. Incorporation report
 - 6.1. *Canada* (Hamm) – done. \$560.42 lawyer bill pending. \$359.11 left in the account.
 - 6.2. *USA* (Klien) – done in Kansas but not in the rest of the USA.

6.2.1. 501CE3 designation. 2 ways

6.2.1.1. public charity (churches) – need larger source of funds. “Walk-along corporation” strict requirements prevent us from qualifying on this basis. A large number of small donations (broad base support) can also qualify us but we may have too small a constituency and too few large givers.

6.2.1.2. private foundation – limited resources, more rules needing more attorney and accountant involvement

Action: continue to pursue US MB Conference. Consider obtaining information from Mennonite Medical Association.

7. Draft agreement with MBMSI (see appendix 2) – approved

7.1. Discussion:

7.1.1. personnel pastoral care issues – MBMSI has agreed to the “pastoral” responsibility of personnel. What is MMHA’s responsibility? - tabled

7.1.2. what is the policy of handling personnel outside the Mennonite realm? (in reference to short-term missions) - tabled

8. Introduction of Regiers – going to Jadcherla

October 25, 2003 - Saturday

9. Commissions meet

10. Commission reports

10.1. India commission – documents:

10.1.1. Report (Wiebe) – see appendix 3

10.1.2. Recommendations (Hamm)

10.1.2.1. Accept Cressman’s Hospital Administrator’s report 2003; Audited Financial Statements for 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003; operating budget for 2004 and; draft 5 year strategic plan with consecutive feedback for the next draft. **Action: accepted**

10.1.2.2. Commission members should be MMHA board members **Action: tabled**

10.1.2.3. MMHA should move to a broader association of paid memberships **Action: withdrawn**

10.2. Congo commission

10.2.1. Report (Nickel, Shelly) – power point presentation. Emphasis on people and vision rather than institutions and structures. (handout out appendix 4)

10.2.2. Recommendations: Platform for one to one relationship building

Kinshasa teaching clinic	\$150,000
UCKin student sponsorship	\$24,000
Physician sponsorship	\$6000
Physician visits (short-term)	\$0
Infrastructure projects - container/year	\$15,000

10.2.3. Discussion:

10.2.3.1. Issue: personnel ministry support. Should MMHA support ministry budgets on the field? – tabled

10.2.3.2. Motion to accept the recommendations (10.2.2) (Nickel): **Action: withdrawn**

10.2.3.3. Alternative motion (Hamm) Approve the motion in principle, certain aspects need to be worked out by the commission over the next few weeks, brought to the exec and then to the board **Action: approved**

10.2.3.4. (Froese): to arrange a phone meeting with Congo Commission before Nickel leaves the continent.

10.2.3.5.(Gaddam): Letter of understanding needed before approval. Pakisa to help work out how to communicate to the DRC church

11. Election of officers

11.1. Conflict of interest

11.1.1. Issue (Block): Nickel, is MMHA's only contact in Congo and is therefore in conflict of interest. *Nickel is "Congo" coming to MMHA for assistance.*

11.1.2. Counter issue (Nickel): Nickel as a Congo representative frequently on the field presents Congo's interest in the form of projects to MMHA but does not stand to personally benefit. *Nickel is not "Congo" but rather an "MMHA" resource.*

11.1.3. Concern (Nickel): Lack of Congo representation on the exec.

11.1.4. (Klein): Seek legal advice on conflict of interest issue in Canada and USA

11.2. Exec officers

11.2.1. Klein: stepping down as treasurer

11.2.2. Nickel: stepping down as secretary

11.2.3. Pauls: secretary **Action: nominated**

11.2.4. Hamm: treasurer **Action: nominated**

11.2.5. Gaddam, Oommen, Block: continue terms

12. Financial statements/budget

12.1. P0106 – over the next few weeks details will be clear. If there are deficits, these will need to be paid out first with incoming donations.

12.2. Money designated for both Congo and India – still pending decision

12.3. Canadian bank account (Signatories: Pauls, Hamm) **Action: passed**

12.3.1. Canadian corporate office address: Winnipeg, MA

12.3.2. Year end: December 31

12.4. USA corporation account (Signatories: Klein, Gaddam) maintained by Klein **Action: accepted**

12.5. Budget (USD) and costs to be met by the board **Action: accepted**

Office supply	\$135
Telephone	\$325
Publicity/fund raising	\$650
Meetings	\$325
Travel	<u>\$1000</u>
	\$2435

13. Approval of projects - accepted

13.1. Written proposals for a new project shall be presented to the respective commission for review.

13.2. If the project is approved by the commission after review, it shall be presented to the board by the respective commission in the form of a recommendation for acceptance.

13.3. The board shall review the project and make a decision to accept it or reject it.

14. Policy on fund raising and disbursement - accepted

All fund raising should be coordinated by MMHA centrally and such funds that are raised shall go into the MMHA central accounts from which they shall be dispersed in accordance with the designation of the donors for approved projects. Undesignated funds shall be dispensed at the discretion of the MMHA Board.

15. Other business

15.1. Appointing boards

- 15.1.1. Canadian board: Pauls, Hebert, Nickel, Hamm, Block (chairman)
- 15.1.2. USA board: Wiebe, Gaddam (chairman), Faul, Friesen, Buhr, Klein, Oommen
- 15.2. Logo – presented by Hamm - general acceptance. Hamm will work on finalizing letter head.
- 15.3. Volunteers/personnel
 - 15.3.1. Short-term: coordinating and recruitment of visitors. Motion: create post of healthcare professional network coordinator. Possibility: Froese **Action: accepted**
 - 15.3.2. Long-term: - tabled
- 15.4. Administrator: Exec to be given latitude to engage an administrator given there are adequate funds and the costs are reasonable. Possibility: Gerbrandt. **Action: accepted**
- 16. Next meeting: Oct 16-17, 2004, Wichita, KS
- 17. Adjournment: 17:05 Oct 25, 2003