

Mennonite Mission Health Association
5th Annual Meeting
Portage Ave MB Church, Winnipeg
October 21-22, 2005

Members Present: Ferd Pauls (chair), Dave Wiebe, Jake Friesen, Viktor Hamm, Rick Hamm, Peter Kroeker, Glen Miller, Helmut Huebert, Bob Buhr

Guests: Dave Dyck

Regrets: Peter Block, Tom Klein, Deen Gaddam, Murray Nickel

1. **Devotional**

The meeting was called to order by Ferd Pauls who welcomed all board members to the meeting. All members gave a brief word of introduction. Ferd Pauls introduced Rose Sawatzky who will be recording the minutes of the annual meeting. Ferd Pauls introduced Dave Dyck who will share the devotion and presentation.

Dave Dyck referred to “Assessing Wings of Change” in his devotion. Change is not a new thing. Paul wrote to the Ephesians in Chapter 4, and warned the church to be alert of fads. D. Dyck spoke about how changes are accepted and embraced, and how to identify when spirit is driving the change. The emergence of the church as a global reality is probably the greatest achievement of the 20th century. Dave Dyck led in prayer.

2. **In Remembrance:**

Ernie Schmidt- Bob Buhr shared about Ernie Schmidt’s life journey. Ernie Schmidt passed away a few weeks ago. Ernie is remembered as a tremendous example, an inspirational, warm person who would have made a contribution to many people.

Herb Friesen- Jake Friesen shared about Herb Friesen’s journey. Dr. Friesen was an ophthalmologist who played an integral part in establishing a hospital in Kabul. His children all learned by his example and are all involved in service here or overseas. He passed away on September 12, 2005.

The Board stood for a moment of silence in remembrance of Ernie and Herb.

3. **Minutes of October 16, 2004**

It was moved, seconded and passed

That the minutes of the meeting held October 16, 2004 be accepted as circulated.

4. **Additions to the Agenda**

None. The India report and discussion was held October 21 as Viktor was unable to attend on October 22.

5. **Presentation:** “Inter-Mennonite Co-Operation; The AIMM Experiment”- Dave Dyck

Dave Dyck presented on the evolution of AIMM, and spoke to how the MMHA could be involved in partnership with AIMM. Using an overhead presentation he showed the structure of the old AIMM and the new AIMM. He also showed overheads of all possible partnerships with AIMM. It was suggested that MMHA seems to have a broad enough “agenda” which could include AIMM. It was suggested that the MMHA clarify their motivation for becoming involved. Encouraged to read John 17 and take words seriously. The new lingo in business these days is “capacity building” and should be front and center for any entity.

Discussion ensued. It was commented that MMHA is a special interest group of Health Care Professionals. MMHA would like to identify areas where they could assist AIMM. It was questioned what is the most effective way to interact with AIMM to find out more about how MMHA could be involved. It was suggested to speak to the Chairs of the Country Councils who could be reached by e-mail.

Ferd Pauls thanked Dave Dyck for his presentation.

6. **MMHA Relationships with**

MBMSI- F. Pauls circulated (# 8) the Memorandum of Understanding between the MBMSI and MMHA for review and discussion. It is felt that a representative from the MBMSI continue to sit on the MMHA Board. It was felt that clarification is required regarding what the MMHA can expect from the MBMSI office. It was suggested that MMHA be represented on the MBMSI board.

MCC- F. Pauls had invited Dr. Paul Peters, who had been on the Board of MCC Canada, to this meeting. He was unable to attend. He had also spoken to Don Peters, MCC Canada Executive Director and had been referred to the International Director of MCC for further discussion.

AIMM- It was felt that the presentation D. Dyck shared October 21, 2005 was a good presentation in that it clarified what AIMM is all about.

MMH- A one page draft of the Memorandum of Understanding was circulated. This document is not complete to date, still working on it. Will sign once complete. MMH will contribute \$20,000 USD to the Congo Medication Project with priority to the Kajiji hospital.

AMMC- F. Pauls reported that the funds from MMHA have been sent to AMMC to support their annual meeting. The MMHA will continue in their fraternal relationship with AMMC. It was commented it might be possible to attend their meetings.

Others

It was commented that the Mennonite Medical Association is active in Canada and the U.S. D. Wiebe to pursue if the MMA would be of interest to the MMHA.

ACTION: D. Wiebe

G. Miller commented that he is a member of the Mennonite Nursing Association.

It was suggested that the MMHA continue with what they have already become involved in and review other organizations at a later date.

F. Pauls encouraged board members to let him know of any other organizations they may be aware of.

7. **www.mennonitemha.org**

G. Miller reported on the web page that has been developed. The web master will be contracted from Marshall Janzen at the MB Conference. G. Miller did a PowerPoint presentation showing the information available on the MMHA web site. He questioned whether the Board was interested in having "blogging" as an option on the web site. It was agreed to include the ability to "blog".

G. Miller presented 3 logos that have been created for review. After some discussion it was decided that more work should be done in finding the right logo. The logo should be something simple that easily identifies MMHA.

F. Pauls reported that a Memo of Understanding (circulated, #9) has been developed between the MMHA and Glen Miller. Glen will be the web host, and all information posted on web site will be approved by the chair prior to inclusion on the web site. "Thanks" was expressed to Glen for a job well done.

8. **Committee Meetings**

The committees were encouraged to become active in the next couple of months.

9. **Ratification of Executive Minutes June 3, 2005 & October 21, 2005**

The minutes of June 3 & 4, 2005 were circulated for review (# 13).

It was moved, seconded, and passed that

The minutes of the MMHA Executive Meeting held June 3 & 4, 2005 be accepted as circulated.

The minutes of the Executive Meeting held October 21, 2005 will be circulated upon completion.

10. **Chairman's Report - Ferd Pauls**

F. Pauls presented the Chairman's report (circulated, #14). A plaque was presented to Rick Hamm to acknowledge his contribution as Chair of the MMHA from 2003 until 2004. Thanks were extended to Peter Block for his contribution as Chair of the MMHA from 2004 to 2005, his plaque will be sent to him as he was unable to attend.

It was moved, seconded, and passed

That the Chairman's report be accepted.

11. **Financial Report - Rick Hamm**

R. Hamm presented the financial report for January 1, 2004 to October 22, 2005. He reported it is difficult to figure out the funds accurately as some funds are managed in the U.S, and some are through MBMSI Account P0106. The report is submitted to the best of his knowledge. He is confident the report for the MMHA Inc. is accurately reflected. It

was commented that receipts for people who volunteer their time and are given a receipt to offset travel expenses are not reflected in the financial statement. At the present time there is \$11,778.55 in the MMHA account, of this \$10,500.00 has been designated for the Medication Project. Refer to the financial report circulated.

R. Hamm has also indicated his resignation as Treasurer for the MMHA. He will continue until the end of December 2005 to complete the books.

It was moved, seconded, and passed

That the Financial Report be accepted.

12. **Budget 2006**

R. Hamm circulated a draft of the budget for 2006. The Administrative Expenses total \$7700.00, the MMHA Sponsored Projects (fund raising targets) total \$128,000.00(refer to draft budget circulated). There was discussion regarding the projects undertaken by the MMHA and changes that would need to be made to the budget for 2006. It was felt that more information is required on the laundry project before determining the amount necessary. This information was obtained before the meetings were concluded from Doug Cressman. It appears that the Laundry project is completed, but that other smaller projects require some funding. This would add \$20,000 to the budget for India. With the above mentioned changes the total amount that would need to be fundraised totals \$128,000.00.

It was moved, seconded, and passed

That the Budget for 2006 be accepted with above mentioned changes.

As per the minutes of the last board meeting, the board was reminded that they are responsible for the Administrative budget. Donations designated to Administrative expenses can be made to the Canada or U.S. office and will be acknowledged and receipts will be provided.

There was discussion regarding grants. G. Miller and Tom have some experience with grant writing, although it was commented that you need seed money to apply for grants. Many organizations would be looking at large grants.

It was suggested that information be made available on the web site regarding donations to the MMHA. It was commented that donations can be made to the Canada or US office and that they would be acknowledged and receipted.

13. **India Update**

The India Report submitted by Doug Cressman (# 17) was circulated at the meeting. The report was reviewed and discussed. There was discussion regarding the amount quoted for laundry. F. Pauls will confirm with Doug Cressman the amount required for laundry. It was commented that the funds for the laundry project would have to be raised before April 2006, as that is when Doug Cressman will be leaving Jadcheria.

Action: F. Pauls

F. Pauls circulated an email received from Marj Gerbrandt Wiens regarding Jadcheria, dated October 14/05, and an email from Henry Tessman, Concordia Hospital, dated

October 17/05 for review. The Concordia Hospital would not be able to be involved for approximately one year as the OR is in major transition at this time and would not be able to handle staff on a LOA. An e-mail from Dr. Arnold was also submitted for review.

After some discussion it was moved, seconded and passed that

The MMHA promote the visitation of health care professionals to India on a regular basis.

It was commented that interpreters should be part of any proposals drawn up as this would be beneficial to the health care professionals.

14. **Congo Report**

F. Pauls reported that Ernie Dyck (MBMSI appointed CIDA liaison) was invited to this meeting, but was unable to attend. The report submitted by Murray Nickel was circulated (#18), reviewed and discussed. It was felt that MMHA would continue to support projects 1 & 3 (see report). It was suggested that projects 2 & 3 could possibly be accepted as a projects for next year. The MMHA will continue to support the Medication Credit Line project. The process for which medications will be obtained was explained. This project will not limit drugs available, and the health facilities would have the ability to order the medications they really need. F. Pauls will speak to Murray regarding the projects.

ACTION: F. Pauls

15. **Administration**

A MMHA office announcement was circulated (#19) and discussed. As per previous agreement an office was established. It was originally thought that the MMHA should recruit an executive director. The office was established in September 2005. The following people have agreed to serve in the following capacity: Ferd Pauls- Office Manager, Rose Sawatzky-Administrative Assistant (on an as needed basis), Glen Miller - Web Host, and the Web Master will be contracted from Marshall Janzen at the MB Conference. The office will be located at 568 Campbell St, Winnipeg, R3N 1C1, phone 204-489-2812.

A sample of the MMHA letterhead was circulated. Once a logo has been decided on it will be added to the letterhead. A copy of the receipt was also circulated. Donations sent to the US will use a different receipt. R. Hamm reported that a change of address needs to be reported to Revenue Canada, the lawyer, and people on the mailing lists.

16. **Membership**

There was discussion regarding opening the organization up to include memberships of anyone interested. It was commented that the annual board meeting could be opened up to people that are interested in attending. It was felt this could have a positive impact in terms of fundraising, as more people would be aware of the MMHA and the projects they have undertaken. It was suggested that this could be trialed at the next annual meeting.

17. **Election of Officers**

Board Executive:

It was moved, seconded and passed

That Helmut Huebert be appointed as Secretary.

Chair - Ferd Pauls
Vice Chair - Dave Wiebe
Secretary - Helmut Huebert
Treasurer- in process
Partnership representative - Viktor Hamm

There was discussion of including a member at large on the Board. Bob Buhr was asked to serve as member at large, but declined at this time. It was felt that it would be beneficial to have a member at large. F Pauls to pursue. **ACTION: F. Pauls**

18. **Appointment of Board Members**

It was moved, seconded and passed

That the following be appointed for a three year term: David Wiebe, Peter Kroeker, and Glen Miller.

19. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the MMHA will be held October 20 & 21, 2006, in Winnipeg.

20. **Around the Table**

H. Huebert questioned whether there were any programs in Africa that required volunteers. F. Pauls will keep him informed.

D. Wiebe questioned what the plans are when Doug Cressman leaves India. He reported that Darren Derksen the MBMSI rep in New Delhi may be interested, Paul Wiebe may also be interested as liaison if necessary. This concern was discussed. It was suggested to continue dialogue with Doug to see what his suggestions might be. MMHA Executive will stay "in tune" with what is going on and relay information to one another.

21. **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1205.

The Canadian and American officers of MMHA met to meet the requirements of incorporation for the both Countries.