

Beachy Amish-Mennonite Ministers' Business Meeting Minutes

April 5-7, 2016

Beachy A-M churches of Central Pennsylvania, held at the Ridgeview Mennonite Church,
Intercourse, PA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2013

2:28pm: Introduction of the Newly Ordained—Earl Peachey (Valley View A-M, PA)

Name	Office	Church	Location	Date
Arlen Mast	Bishop	Arlington A-M	Arlington, KS	25 Jan 2015
Joel Gingerich	Bishop	Christian Fellowship	Minerva, OH	11 Oct 2015
Jonathan Raber	Bishop	Heritage M.	Byesville, OH	Nov 2015
Roy Hershberger	Bishop	Plainview Gospel F.	Guys Mills, PA	20 Mar 2016
Kinley Coulter	Deacon	Shade Mountain C.F.	Mifflin, PA	Sept 2013
Faron Wingard	Deacon	Montezuma A-M	Montezuma, GA	29 June 2014
David Troyer	Deacon	Faith & Light F.	Leesburg, OH	14 Dec 2014
Marcus Beiler	Deacon	Mine Road A-M	Lancaster Co., PA	20 Apr 2015
Javan Bender	Deacon	Cold Spring M.	Abbeville, SC	14 June 2015
Glenn Miller	Deacon	Weavertown A-M	Lancaster Co., PA	10 Jan 2016
Elwyn Stutzman	Minister	Sharon Bethel	Kalona, IA	Apr 2014
Paul Zook	Minister	Pequea A-M	Lancaster Co., PA	Nov 2014
Millard Yoder	Minister	Light of Hope C.F.	Wytheville, VA	08 Feb 2015
Andy Martin	Minister	Hicksville C.F.	Hicksville, OH	21 June 2015
Nate Zook	Minister	Cornerstone M.	Burgettstown, PA	Oct 2015
Jonathan Martin	Minister	Faith Mission F.	Free Union, VA	25 Oct 2015
Matthew Bontrager	Minister	Pleasant View A-M	Arcola, IL	15 Nov 2015

Prayer for the ordained by Ivan Beachy

Ushers distributed ballots while Earl encouraged speakers to be within time, stating that lights will be flashed one minute before time is up.

2:39pm: Bishop Committee Election and Report—Laban Kaufman (Zion C.F., OH)

Laban Kaufman's term has expired. Nominations for a new member were taken via email this year. The following candidates received the most nominations and were voted on by ballot:

- Wayne Lapp, Cornerstone Mennonite, Burgettstown, PA
- Merv Lapp, Trauger Mennonite, Latrobe, PA
- ✓ Roman Miller, Fellowship Haven, Spencerville, IN

The committee desires to remain true to the 2000 *Statement of Purpose, Function, and Structure*. The body is responsible to communicate concerns to the bishop committee about its compliance. Thanks are extended to those who have contributed thoughts and concerns. The committee report was read [*see report*].

Feedback about regional meetings has been very supportive and somewhat supportive. A few also expressed reservation about regional meetings.

A group of churches in the greater Holmes County region are establishing a new affiliation. They desire openness and clarity in the matter, so Bill Mullet (Bethel Fellowship) and Paul A. Miller (Crosspointe Mennonite) have prepared a letter that Laban read:

Grace and peace be multiplied,

After the April 2015 ministers meeting vote regarding setting criteria for participation in the Beachy constituency ended as it did, it became apparent that this vote did not provide a clear way forward. Further deliberation and interaction with members of the Bishop Committee led to an understanding that an honorable way to break this impasse would be for “non-participating congregations” to seek other fellowship. In an effort to find a way forward in our local area, the non-participating congregations of the Holmes County, Ohio area met during this past year to discuss formation of an affiliation of similar congregations. This local meeting was then expanded to include church leaders from surrounding states who expressed interest in the developing affiliation, and wished to learn more as they consider the future of the congregations they lead. As of this date, several congregations have voted to join this developing affiliation, with others pending. This statement is delivered in a spirit of open communication, to encourage good understanding, and minimize uninformed chatter among us. We trust this action will help clarify the current situation among Holmes County area Beachy congregations since the 2015 Ministers Meeting, and enable all parties to proceed in their respective roles with goodwill and mutual respect.

Sincerely,

Bill Mullet and Paul A Miller – on behalf of the non-participating congregation of the Holmes County area.

The committee has communicated with the new group and blesses them with their desire to be open about their intentions.

What was intended by the bishop committee response to last year's vote? The vote represented a motion to consider *additional* criteria for full constituency participation. Although it did not pass, this does not mean previous constituency resolutions are now annulled.

This year, a new bishop committee nomination process was implemented; last year, the committee had difficulty finding candidates willing to serve. Feedback on this year's process—which required bishops to withdraw their name before a nomination slate was delivered by email—will be sought Thursday.

Regarding regional meeting agendas, the committee does not feel responsible to design agendas alone but based on feedback from ministers. Agendas are meant to be a catalyst for more discussion, and discussions are not limited to agenda subjects.

At the 2015 bishop's meeting, one bishop sent a delegate in his stead. Other churches are welcome to do likewise in the bishop cannot make the meeting.

2:59pm: **Missions Interest Committee**

Treasurer's Report—Marvin Weirich (Rosewood F., IN)

The financial report is not complete yet, although it is expected soon. An interim estimate for total contributions is \$1,049,745.28, which includes \$638,000 in offerings and gifts (\$232,000

for the general fund; \$399,000 for Comeragh Boys' Camp; and \$6,500 for the Ontario bookstore), \$404,000 from Hillcrest Home, and \$8,000 in interest income.

Total expenses are estimated at \$1,488,467.98, which includes disbursements of \$510,000 for Believers' Fellowship, \$365,000 for Dunmore East (\$210,000 of which is dedicated to finishing a property purchase), \$574,000 for Comeragh Boys' Camp (\$378,000 of which is dedicated to a land purchase), \$8,000 for Calvary Bible School, and \$19,000 for administration / miscellaneous. (Remaining loans for Comeragh total \$44,000, and the board has decided not to take out new loans but purchase as funds become available.)

Net annual loss is estimated at \$438,722.70.

Chairman Steve Swartzentruber was recently re-elected to the board (also on the ballot were Ed Yoder, Lighthouse of Faith, Huntsville, AR, and Merv Lapp, Trauger Mennonite, Mt. Pleasant, PA). Marvin offered thanks for increased votes this year.

Board chairman—Steve Swartzentruber (Cold Spring M., SC)

Steve extended thanks for contributions. Sioux Lookout became fully autonomous January 1, 2016. Three board members were present for the transition service, blessing them in moving forward. The Red Lake transition is still in process.

Secretary-treasurer Marvin Weirich has requested release; consequently, MIC is seeking a new secretary-treasurer who is knowledgeable about accounting and tax laws. The time commitment is around 40 hours a month and nominations are welcome.

Faith Mission Home—Hosea Troyer (Bethesda F., OH)

Hosea provided an overview of FMH. More than just caring for residents, FMH is a *training* facility for people with intellectual disabilities. The program is jointly sponsored by AMA and MIC. Presently, FMH has 54 residents, 46 single staff, and 12 families. This summer, a possibility exists of adding four new female residents. The FMH program consists of the main home and four cottages for higher functioning residents. Upcoming staff needs include health care supervisor and bakeshop manager. Hosea concluded by describing the recent use of manpower to move a two ton shed.

Believers' Fellowship—Darrell Nisly (Cedar Crest A-M, KS)

Darrell encouraged families to take vacations at missions, as his own family did when he was 15; now he has served in Ontario for 29 years. Darrell stands with Sioux Lookout in the transition. He awaits locals to take on responsibilities, including legal paperwork for tax-exempt status.

Hillcrest—Phil Yoder (Pleasant View A-M, IL)

Thanks are extended to churches for sending young people. Phase two renovations, which are transforming the Home from an institutional layout to six household units of 15 to 20 residents each, are underway. Hillcrest also now provides rehabilitation services; last year, over 200 people were admitted as a resident, and while some remained, many others eventually went home.

Ireland—Wendell Hochstetler (Cold Spring M., SC)

The Ireland work consists of the Dunmore East church and the boys' camp. Church attendance is around 80 people. People come from all over Europe to visit, especially for the annual August

family conference. This July, the church will offer a ten-day youth Bible school. A woodshop and a gas station / store help support missionaries. Upcoming staff needs include a male teacher and a female teacher.

In recent years, the camp work has started and stopped several times but is now running steadily. Judson Schrocks from the Fair Play Boys' Camp have provided some direction.

Comeragh Wilderness Camp—John D. Hostetler (Haven F., OH)
Gratitude is expressed for financial support and for patience.

3:44 pm: Calvary Bible School—Anthony Miller (Dayspring C.F., NC)

The board's vision is that the generations will have opportunity to learn about God. An upcoming goal is to establish a newsletter. Significant renovation projects will soon be needed.

Anthony Miller's term has expired. The following nominees were voted on by ballot:

- Javan Bender, Cold Spring Mennonite, Abbeville, SC
- ✓ Anthony Miller, dayspring Christian Fellowship, Taylorsville, NC
- Tim Weaver, Fincastle Mennonite, Fincastle, VA

Principal's Report—Rodger Byers (Faith Mission F., VA)

All three terms were full this year, with waiting lists. The weather was good and no traveling accidents are known. Dr. Grass, a community doctor who began a clinic across from CBS years ago, passed on, and CBS students sang at a memorial service. Thanks are extended to ministers for speaking into the lives of youth. Please be honest about commenting on student applications; some come with baggage while the applications leave the impression that everything is fine.

Treasurer's Report—Stan Nisly (Cornerstone M., KS)

A finances sheet was distributed. From the sheet, Stan noted that total income was up approximately \$20,000 while total expenses were down approximately \$20,000, partly because of donated food. The ending balance was slightly over \$60,000. The boys' dorm roof will be replaced this November in conjunction with or around the time of the fall clean-up. If a renovation is pursued, additional funds will be needed.

4:03pm: Faith Builders Educational Programs—Steven Brubaker (Faith Builders, PA)

The question FBEP faces often is what keeps FBEP from becoming the next Goshen College or EMU? However, the better question is what FBEP wants to become, not what they do not want to become. Steven outlines FBEP's goals.

Pastoral Council—Ernest Hochstetler (Cold Spring M., SC)

Ernest has been on the council for 12 years. He affirms that FBEP has been responsive to concerns, noting case(s) of textbooks under consideration.

4:11pm: Youth Fellowship Meetings—Lamar Ropp (Sharon Bethel A-M, IA)

Jason Smoker's term has expired. The following nominees were voted on by ballot to represent the Northeast region:

- Duane Weaver, Pilgrim Christian Fellowship, Stuarts Draft, VA
- ✓ George Stoltzfus, Shekinah Christian Fellowship, Middleburg, PA

Last year, in the southeast region, around 145 attended, mostly outside the local church. In the northeast region, the meetings at Faith Mission Fellowship were well attended. In the north-central region, around 105 attended the meetings at Ebenezer Amish-Mennonite (McConnellsville, OH), including 30 local youth. The theme was "Planted in Christ." In the southwest region, around 70 attended the meetings at Calvary Christian Fellowship (Paris, TN). The theme was "Trees of Righteousness," with Dwight Miller giving three topics and Marvin Mast one. In the northwest region, the meeting at Believer's Fellowship Mennonite (Grove City, MN) was well attended, a surprise given the low attendance the last time they hosted. Dean Taylor had three topics.

The 2016 locations are:

Northeast	Valley View Amish-Mennonite	Belleville, PA
Northwest	Maple Lawn A-M & Clay Street A-M	Nappanee, IN
Southeast	Montezuma Amish-Mennonite	Montezuma, GA
Southwest	Lighthouse of Faith Fellowship	Huntsville, AR
North-central	Faith and Light Mennonite	Leesburg, OH

Youth Fellowship Meetings are fourth weekend in July; please leave that weekend open.

4:17pm: **Peace and Service (Tim Miller, McKenney M., VA)**

Merv Lapp's term has expired. The following nominees were voted on by ballot:

- ✓ Merv Lapp, Trauger Mennonite, Trauger, PA
- Eli Troyer, Farmville CF, Farmville, VA
- Elmer Stoltzfus, Bethesda Fellowship, Plain City, OH

The Peace and Service committee works with CASP under CAM; the committee and CAM meet twice a year. Once a year, a Selective Service representative is present at the meeting. The latest national development is that all combat roles are now open to women. How does that affect draft registration? Three outcomes are possible: (1) women will need to register like men, (2) Selective Service will be discontinued, and (3) continue as is. This debate will likely die in Congress. A change is most likely in the case of a civil rights lawsuit, where a male registers for the draft and sues so women have to as well.

Tim recently joined the joint MCC-USA / MCC-Canada meeting. Many Beachys have been involved in MCC over the years, including contributions to the new meat canner, which has made its rounds. Some meat is going to the Syria crisis. A common misconception is that MCC and MC-USA are linked more closely than they are. MCC is completely separate, run and managed by six Mennonite denominations, including Beachys. MC-USA is but one of those six represented on the national board, albeit the largest body represented. At regional levels, MC-USA's involvement is more evident.

The CASP program in Kansas now has a third term. Recruiting staff is easier than recruiting young men, so please keep reminding young men of the opportunity. This year, the three terms cost \$16,900 but only \$6,892 in donations was received. While a reserved fund offset the difference, contributions are needed.

Starting next year, CASP is considering adding a forestry project in which there would be a stronger emphasis on spiritual / personal development, less on the work project itself; feedback is

welcome. For staff suggestions and financial contributions, contact Dan Byler (Elmer Miller is no longer on the board). For alternative service workers, contact Dathan Stoltzfus.

The committee has been charged with keeping abreast with health care work; Eldon Hochstetler has been independently following the issue, and the committee has asked him to share.

Anabaptist HealthShare—Eldon Hochstetler (Gospel Light Mennonite, VA)

Obama Care has created an opportunity for a health expense sharing program. Eldon, with his son Tyler, have researched the new legislation and have developed an alternative program. If interested, Eldon is available to share more about Anabaptist HealthShare.

4:33pm: **Calvary Publications—Manfred McGrath (Dayspring C.F., NC)**

Manfred's term has expired. The following nominees were voted on by ballot:

- Darrell Hershberger, Pilgrim Christian Fellowship, Stuarts Draft, VA
- ✓ Mark Webb, Oak Grove Mennonite, Aroda, VA

Because of Editor Paul L. Miller's age, he and the board are seeking an apprentice editor to eventually take over his responsibilities.

Encouragement is given to be attentive to individual mailing address updates. Alternatively, the church bundle plan is an option that helps reduce the amount of work managing addresses.

Calvary Publications now has a website (www.calvarymessenger.org), which includes selected articles, a subscription form (with a PayPal payment option), and online article submission—more features to come. For a reduced price, you can receive the electronic version.

A new cover for *Calvary Messenger* is being considered, with plans to test new designs soon.

4:40pm: **Book Promotions—Elmer Glick (Slanesville Community M., WV)**

Elmer notes the recent passing of Lil (Mrs. Gary) Burkholder, whose funeral was Tuesday, April 5, in Nappanee, IN. Earl offers a prayer. Vision Publishers has merged into Christian Light Publications. Some old and new CLP and Vision titles are reviewed, including books by or about Beachy Amish-Mennonites.

4:53pm: **Announcements—Earl Peachey (Valley View A-M, PA)**

Lee Nisly is called upon to close in pray.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2013

2:31PM: **Bishop Committee—Laban Kauffman (Zion C.F., OH)**

Laban opened with two stories, including one from an upcoming Simon Schrock autobiography.

A hand raise vote was taken as whether or not to continue using this year's process of requesting bishops to withdraw their name in advance of the nomination process. All hands raised were in support.

Laban next addressed the challenges of technology, paraphrased as follows:

The main questions I dealt with over my five years on the bishop committee pertain to technology and media. Two basic schools of thought are, one, "Let's not use the problem of the internet as an excuse to justify the use of the radio," and, two, "Is it consistent to profess that we have a non-use policy on radio if we are accessing radio and other content on the phone and internet?" Regardless of one's thought, we need help knowing how to relate properly to this giant in our offices, bedrooms, automobiles, and so forth. Can we assume that we have done justice to this subject or the constituency by silencing the voices of those who do not have a non-use position? Most or all of us acknowledge that our churches have faced internet-related moral failures; further, a fair percentage here lives with disappointment over personal choices made.

Conversations going beyond the use of one specific device are needed, being open and honest about our own struggles and those in our congregations. Individual congregations influence each other in good and harmful ways; we need to be careful how much expectation we place on others to carry the weight of the struggles we face locally. Now is a good time to come alongside each other and say, "How can I help?" and "This is what we have found helpful," bowing before God and each other in repentance, acknowledging our neediness (1 Chronicles 7:14). What if we had a safe environment to do this, to be honest? Then we would be able to address the challenges media has brought. The next generation is looking for something real and authentic, a cause worth living for.

Laban opened the floor for comments. After a period of silence, Raymond Kauffman of Kempsville Mennonite (VA) thanked the committee for what has been shared. After another period of silence, Laban gave some closing thoughts, paraphrased as follows:

Every new challenge brings a new opportunity. Specific issues have changed across history, but the issues today are not too unlike those of the past. As God wanted Israel to depend on Him to take hold of the Promised Land city-by-city, so today God wants us to depend on him each generation. If we believe our best days are in the past and our highest goal is to recapture it, the next generation may leave. An illustration: basketball is played either to win all the way to the end (making more points) or until you are ahead (just controlling the ball after taking lead). But after getting ahead, many teams end up losing. Ten spies to Canaan felt the best days were behind them while two said the best days are ahead. Israel constantly wanted to set up camp at the site of God's most recent miracle, but the pillar would then move. He had an inheritance for them, but they had to move in faith into the future.

2:52PM: Amish-Mennonite Aid—Phil Beachy (Messiah A-M Fellowship, OH)

Thanks are given for staff, finances, and prayers.

Election—Jonas Beiler (Ebenezer A-M Brotherhood, OH)

Phil Beachy's term has expired. The following nominees were voted on by ballot:

- ✓ Phil Beachy, Messiah Amish-Mennonite Fellowship, Holmes County, OH
- Gabriel Beachy, Sharon Bethel Amish-Mennonite, Kalona, OH
- Titus Wagler, Cross Hill Mennonite Church, Cross Hill, SC

Secretary-Treasurer's Report—Ivan Beachy (Faith Mission F., VA)

The financial report for 2015 was presented. Total income was \$3,355,206 (including \$1,947,909 in unrestricted donations, \$678,971 in donated goods and services, and \$727,326 in designated donations). Total expenses were \$3,355,199, leaving a December 31, 2015 balance of \$524,962.57.

Distributions totaling \$3,271,199 went to Kenya (56.5% / \$1,841,123), El Salvador (21.5% /

\$704,492), Paraguay (\$8.7% 283,282), Belize (6.6% / \$216,552), U.S. (2.2% / \$72,000), and administration (4.7% / \$153,750). Last year's love offering of \$169,249.30 was the largest ever. The love offering as of April 2, 2016 is \$128,580.66.

Staff Report—Ray Stutzman (Bethesda F., OH)

Five singles and four families are being sent to the foreign field. For families, Gerald Millers from Still Waters M.—Georgetown (OH) left for Kenya three weeks ago, Steven Eshes from Whiteville M. (TN) are going to Nakuru (Kenya), John and Clara Beachy from Plainview M. (Auburn, KY) are going to the guest house in El Salvador, and Joe Allen and Glenda Yoder from Light of Hope C.F. (Wytheville, VA) and going to Kisumu, Kenya.

Among singles, Janelle Stoltzfus from West Haven A-M (Lancaster Co., PA) is going to Nakuru (Kenya), Carmen Hostetler from Oak Grove M. (Aroda, VA) to Haines Street (Belize), Katie Shenk from Oak Grove M. (Aroda, VA) to La Belleza (Paraguay), Rhoda Wengerd from Bethel C.F. (Paris, TN) to Kisumu (Kenya), and Laurena Lepp from Crystal Valley M. (Penn Yan, New York) to La Belleza (Paraguay) as an RN. From La Belleza, Paraguay, Justo Jara's daughter Lidia will be graduating from registered nurse training at Mountain View and by early next year will replace Mary Heather Bennett in the La Belleza clinic. For teaching in El Salvador, Janine Dueck from Hermandad Cristiana de Bijagua (Costa Rica) is going to La Casitas to teach Joseph Miller's children and Kendell Stutzman from Pleasant View M. (Zephyr Hills, Florida) is going to the El Resbaladaro school. Ray related some experiences searching for missionary prospects.

First Impressions—Mark Wagler (Pleasant View A-M, OH)

As a new AMA board member, Mark related experiences from a recent trip to Kenya.

- Schools are needed, as the churches lose many young people through public schools.
- Until recently, Agape Ministries had been the channel for financial aid. Because the church administered the aid, many were coming to church because of "the bread." CAM has now taken over the charity work. Many members were lost; the remaining members are the ones interested in the Gospel.
- In Nakuru, more men wear plain suits. In the past, AMA has made a plea for suits. The problem is delivering them. If you have a suit and find someone going to Kenya, make arrangements to send a suit along. Nakuru members like to wear them for identity's sake.
- Plans are coming together for a new Lamp & Light office.

Ratification of New Secretary-Treasurer—Phil Beachy (Messiah A-M Fellowship, OH)

AMA is seeking ratification of Ronald Miller's appointment as the new AMA secretary-treasurer. At the 2015 bishops' meeting, Ivan Beachy shared AMA's interest in appointing Ronald and asked for an affirmation. Bishop Committee Chairman Laban Kaufman asked if all present can give affirmation to the appointment; there was unanimous support. Ronald assumed this role January 1, 2016. This appointment procedure is not breaking from past protocol but is consistent with AMA by-laws: the board makes the appointment, which the constituency ratifies.

A hand raise was taken in favor of / in opposition to the appointment. All hands were in favor.

The treasurer report looked good this year, but Phil notes that twice recently it became very tight.

Mario Lanza—Paul Beachy (Grace Mennonite F., TX)

Paul relates having known Mario Lanza (Belize) for 35 to 40 years. Word just came that he had a heart attack and is still in the hospital. Paul offers a prayer for him.

3:30pm: Comeragh Wilderness Camp—Judson Schrock (Foothills Fellowship, SC)

Pictures were shown of the camp location and the small Comeragh store in town, where John and Karen Hostetler make baked goods. The store is helping to win trust in the community. The upcoming three to five year vision includes building local trust for the wilderness program (the program is a new idea), build partnerships with others in youth work, develop positive relationships through the village store and summer camp, give each young person served a chance to get a Bible, conduct a day program for locals and residential centers, continue developing the store, and conduct a summer camp for local children. The camp is in the process of completing its fourth ten-day residential discovery program, which includes seven boys. The first was in January and the plan is to do one each month.

3:40pm: Amish-Mennonite Historical Association—Cory Anderson (Salem A-M, OH)

The Amish-Mennonite archive collects materials by and about Amish-Mennonites, that is, the Beachys and related subgroups. With the recent building expansion at the Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center in Holmes County—where AMHA's collection is housed—the collection is now in a new wing with the collections of the Ohio Amish Library, Leroy Beachy, and the Center.

Several updates were provided:

1. Amish-Mennonite constituencies beyond the Beachys (e.g. Maranatha, Fellowship, Berea, etc.) have now been invited to join the effort.
2. Recent book donations have come from Green Pastures Press, TGS, and CLP.
3. Recent (near) complete newsletter sets have come from Mountain View Nursing Home, Penn Valley, Faith Builders, Mexico Mennonite Aid, and Cold Spring Mission.
4. Old ministers' meetings recordings are being transferred to digital format. Excerpts from the 1976 ministers' meeting business sessions were excerpted.

Among other materials sought at this time (to donate or loan) are more Amish-Mennonite organization newsletters, personal letters and correspondences from the past, and any personal notes from pre-2006 business meetings, to be used to create business session minutes in retrospect. Any sensitive or personal materials submitted like letters or committee materials are locked in cabinets. Sensitive materials submitted to the collection can be sealed for an agreed upon period. Even upon release, materials are placed under restricted terms of access.

The general collection is available on a drop-in basis, while a board member should be contacted to access the locked collection. Monetary donations, as with an annual church offering, are sought to pay for archival storage materials and ongoing collection acquisitions.

Local church appointments for AMHA representatives are encouraged. Representatives constitute the electoral body for AMHA. They also represent your church and submit materials to the archives. Presently there are 25 church and two organization representatives.

3:50pm: Anabaptist Financial / Anabaptist Foundation (Richie Lauer, VA)

Richie reviewed AF programs. Incoming investments are loaned back out to church members (especially for businesses and real estate). In all, 369 Beachy Amish-Mennonites have invested

\$27.6 million. Beachys have 171 loans representing \$27.3 million. Money sent through AF to Beachy missions is largely from Old Order Mennonites and Amish.

3:57pm: Penn Valley Christian Retreat—Homer Zook (Pleasant View A-M, OH)

The pastoral board is the go-between for the constituency (as well as the broader conservative community) and Penn Valley. Many more attendees are non-Beachy than Beachy.

Encouragement is given to return letters for voting, only around one-third are returned.

Ray Yutzy—Administrator (Sharon Bethel A-M, IA)

Encouragement is given to attend. Current staff come from Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Virginia, New Jersey, Kansas, Indiana, and Pennsylvania.

Penn Valley is currently looking for 2017 coordinators. For staff, two young men and four young women are needed for 2017, possibly one lady for 2016 yet.

In 2015, some seminars grew in size, and more are reaching the attendance cap. Some attendees do not want seminars to get so large while others don't mind the chance for extra friends to come along. Lodging fills up fast. A new Maple Syrup Urine Disease (MSUD) retreat was held this year. Among attendees, Penn Valley is more and more ministering to the more conservative side of the Mennonite spectrum.

Thanks are expressed for donations.

4:13pm: Conservative Anabaptist Education Committee—Gerald Miller (Faith Builders / Plainview Gospel M., PA)

Mark Miller's term has expired. The following nominees were voted on by ballot:

- ✓ Adin Stoltzfoos, Cornerstone Mennonite, Burgettstown, PA
- Dwayne Glick, Silver Lake Mennonite, Perry, NY

CAEC provides oversight of the Conservative Anabaptist School Board Institute, provides educational resources for schools, and develops vision for sustainable and quality Christian education from a conservative Anabaptist worldview.

CAEC is in the process of developing a website devoted to providing school resources. After last year's meeting, CAEC entered into a three year agreement with Faith Builders. CAEC will provide funding for and joint oversight to the website, while Faith Builders provides educational background and experience, and a project manager. The joint committee for the website includes three CAEC members and two Faith Builders members; any committee members must be approved by both organizations.

The goal is to "facilitate the creation of a user-friendly, content-rich, trustworthy, invaluable conservative Anabaptist education website." The website is a vehicle to connect small schools, and content will be available in about six months. Lael Miller from Holmes County has offered to do some background work, including \$10,000 worth of free labor. The website will hold around 10,000 items for downloads (mp3, articles, lesson plans, sermons, etc.), a classified section for schools and teachers, a forum, links to Anabaptist education organizations, and a calendar of educational events. Around \$20,000 is needed per year to sustain the effort; donations should be sent to Mark Webb.

A second CAEC project is a monthly column in the *Calvary Messenger*, "School Matters."

CAEC has \$36,032.68 on hand, \$2,548.83 for CASBI, for a total of \$38,581.51. CAEC recently received \$13,620 for the website primarily through the School Board Institute.

Two Beachy members, Mark Webb (Oak Grove M., VA) and Allen Beiler (Pilgrim C.F., VA), sit on the CASBI 2016 committee. The 2016 meeting was in Lancaster County, PA, and hosted by the Hope Fellowship churches, Attendance was around 400, representing 63 schools. Income for CASBI was \$8,445 and expenses were \$6,039.17, for a balance of \$2,406.51. Next year's CASBI is March 3 & 4, possibly in Ohio.

4:24pm: Living Water Mennonite Church and Ministry (Utah)—Luke Miller

Luke opened by noting that Utah has a high level of anti-depressant use. Do conservative Anabaptists have solutions to what is happening? Luke relates several stories of suicidal people that he has known and worked with. Cold Spring Mennonite supports the mission. The mission is looking for a school teacher, another minister, and a couple to work for Choice Books,

4:35pm: Billboard Evangelism—Johnny Miller (Christian Fellowship, OH)

A little over 8 million people view CAM billboards every day. Johnny relates some stories of callers. Opportunities are available to receive prayer alerts and to be a call evangelist. You can also call in and hear what the latest prayer needs are.

4:40pm: All-Nations Bible Translations—Aaron Crider

Anabaptists have done well going to places where some reaping has already been done, but what about unreached places? Nearly 7,000 languages are spoken today but only 8% have a full Bible translation. In 2009, some linguistic students had a burden to go and translate but found no Anabaptist organization that would stand behind them. The vision resulted in ABT. CAM provides financial support for ABT. Paul Weaver is one of the advisors. ABT.org has more information, including an organizational chart. ABT has visited several countries, including Papua New Guinea. Workers are also exploring possibilities in Colombia, Mexico, Africa, and Indonesia. Prayers and donations are encouraged.

4:50pm: IGO—Marvin Kauffman (Leon Salem M., IA)

An invitation was extended to leaders and laity to attend the cross-cultural leadership seminar in Thailand (March 13-31, 2017). It includes two weeks of classes and a six-day ministry trip. Concerns relating to IGO are welcomed; one question often raised is about the broad spectrum of churches represented. An invitation was extended to stop by the booth and pick up literature.

4:57pm: Closing—Earl Peachey (Valley View A-M, PA)

Earl invited John Glick to close with prayer for the ministries and the evening meal.

Beachy Amish-Mennonite Organizations: Committee & Board Members, April 2016

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<i>Outgoing: Stephen Russell</i>	

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