



KDBA Leadership Meeting
November 10, 2012
10:00 a.m.
New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Joseph Tolbert; scripture (Psalm 133:1) was read by Moderator Joe B. Maddox.

Proposed agenda was accepted.

Purpose of the meeting:

- Forum to discuss issues
- We should not be divided
- When we agree, let's continue to agree (e.g., voting, discussions, etc. in other meetings)
- Does it make sense to operate that way

The minutes from the prior meeting were read; motion to accept by Pastor Melvin Wright; seconded by Elder Christopher Battle and Bro. Dan Mason; motion was carried.

Financial Report was given by Sis. Aleda Douglas; total income by churches (9/1/2011—8/31/2012) \$39,991.38 was turned in.

Sister LaDalia Logan stated that the report at the November Board Meeting will include everything that happened. The report will be expenses.

Elder Maddox stated at his church that the Treasure was peculiar. If things are not feasible it shouldn't happen. For example, our District Revival was a financial disaster. We had previously agreed not to have the revival, but then we changed that decision at the Board meeting.

The Moderator stated that we should stick with the decision as a group. We also have to be aware of what the Association wants.

Sister Lakenya Middlebrook stated that she though we had not finalized the decision and would discuss it at the May Board meeting.

The Moderator stated that if we had not decided, but had made the recommendation NOT to have the revival, we should speak up. We should be able to disagree without being disagreeable. He stated that the Finance Ministry has worked very hard and that our Treasurer want to know where every penny is.

Report was given by Elder Tommie Mims

The November Board falls under auspices of ???

It will look like 2011, but this year we will include Committee reports. Also, Moderator would like to have a presentation from Lakenya Middlebrook regarding pharmaceutical companies.

If churches participate, a certain amount of funds for prescriptions would go into a kitty for those more in need.

Lakenya Middlebrook briefly explained the program. She had information available for attendees and will have it available at the Board Meeting.

The Moderator stated that this project is good for our community.

The Moderator discussed plans to have an asthma screening presentation at our November Board Meeting. He stated that we have to learn to come together.

Brother Dan Mason stated that the announcement was not delivered to his church.

The Moderator stated that we have to utilize both email and snail mail.

Rev. Melvin Wright stated that the Youth Council had to do lay work and get the names of youth leaders to send the message directly to them.

Discussion was held regarding a District Directory. The Moderator suggested that Sis. Caldwell lead a Directory Committee. He requested that she give him a list of names by next Saturday to start work on the directory.

Elder Battle suggested that Sis. Caldwell put together a plan by the November Board meeting.

Rev. Tolbert asked how often the directory would be updated (due to changes in church staff). The Moderator stated that the Directory should be updated annually.

The Moderator asked Elder Battle for comments regarding the Report from the Congress Department.

Rev. Wright gave details regarding youth plans;

- Soul Food Luncheon (12/1/2012)
- Knoxville reload conference; training for youth leaders

Elder Battle mentioned KAA (Kids Across America); more information will be available (Summer 2013)

The Trustees are currently working on changing the language of our District Constitution; he used Article 13 as an example

The Moderator stated that it has to be presented on the first day of our Annual Session.

First constitutional reading—March 2013

Second constitutional reading—May 2013

Third constitutional reading—August 2013

Elder Battle want to have ongoing training for our Congress. He would also like to offer training to churches, as needed. For example, Elder Mims is doing a Grief Counseling training at Tabernacle.

The Moderator stated that our Position Descriptions need to be updated. We really have no direction as to our official functions. Elder Battle is responsible. He should:

- Develop a template
- Work on Vice Moderators first
- Work with the Vice Moderators for their individual departments

The Moderator stated that he would like to have a draft of these position descriptions by our March Board meeting. A final document should be complete by our May Board meeting. All descriptions will then be presented at our 2013 Annual Session.

The Moderator stated that following our 2012 Annual Session, we had a Post Session meeting and discussed excluding the Women's Program during the Session week. He asked Sis. Caldwell if she had relayed the message to the Women's Ministry. Sis. Caldwell stated that Rev. Brown initially brought up why it is included. It has always just been done. Further discussion was had regarding the Women's Program. The Moderator stated that he will table the discussion until later.

The Moderator requested that KDBA members participate in the New Year's Day Prayer Day.

Sis. Logan asked the Moderator to clarify why we pay churches to use their facilities. Elder Battle stated that this was discussed state-wide and some of the reasons include electricity and church assessments. He personally feels it is a good gesture. Sis. Logan stated that she was mainly referring to Board Meetings (\$50).

The question was raised again about having a District Revival. Members commented that we should not do it if we cannot afford it. Rev. Ralph Miller stated that churches were assessed \$100 to help pay for it, but all did not give.

It was motioned by Elder Battle that the District NOT sponsor a revival for 2013; seconded by Sis. Thelma Baxter. Question? Sis. Logan asked if this will also apply to the Scholarship Banquet? The Moderator stated that the Loudon District raises money a different way for scholarships. They sponsor kings/queens who raise money. All the money raised does not currently go toward scholarships. Rev. Miller stated that he did not agree with the king/queen idea. Elder Battle stated that he does agree that we should do something different. The Moderator stated that we will table the discussion for now. The majority was in favor.

The Moderator thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Miller at 11:27 a.m.