**Christian Education Ministry Minutes Summary – 2020**

**January 9, 2020**

**Members Present**: Danny O’Neal (Chairman), Doug Jones (Secretary), Mark Simmons, Jonathan McEntire, Jason Nichols, Tim Campbell, and David Taylor.

**Location**: FWB State Office Conway AR.

**Opening Prayer**: Johnathan McEntire

**Minutes**: Minutes were emailed ahead of meeting for members to review to save time at this abbreviated meeting. No additions or corrections were raised for consideration.

**Discussion**:

1. Randall Welcome Days were scheduled for October 24th – 26th 2019. No students registered to attend. Several ideas were discussed as to why no students registered to attend.
2. 2019 Minister Retreat: The 2019 retreat attendance totaled 38 (40 registered). The overall response concerning the change in venue, (move from DeGray to Hot Springs) was positive. The accessibility to a variety of restaurants and attractions was seen as a great benefit. A majority were in favor of returning to Hot Springs in 2020.
3. Retreat Recommendations:
4. Provide a list of recommended activities available for free time with locations and prices.
5. Have single occupancy rooms as an option.
6. Have speakers provide topics for the retreat that they will be discussing.
7. Have gift baskets for attending pastors and a grand door prizes to be presented on the last day of the event.
8. Promote the retreat on social media and with a 2-minute video clip at the state meeting.
9. Update the ministers retreat brochure for 2020.
10. Have a supplement be added to the retreat brochure highlighting activities for participants.
11. Future Minister Retreats: 2020 retreat will be in Hot Springs with Christian Powell of Goldsboro NC as guest speaker.
12. 2020 Budget: refer to C.E.M. 2020 Budget Proposal (attached):
13. Embers to Flame Revitalization has been renamed as “REFRESH”. This is a program designed to come into churches that are struggling and evaluate the overall ministry, then offers assistance to help make adjustments and become more effective.
14. Motion carried to make a one-time gift of $500.00 to Refresh from the CEM 2019 surplus.
15. Student Ministries and Christian Education Ministries will join together on a Pillars retreat on bi-annual basis. Details to be discussed in future meetings.

Next meeting will be March 31, 2020 (10am, zoom).

Meeting Closed in prayer by Doug Jones

**March 31, 2020**

10am, zoom.

**Members Present**: Danny O’Neal (Chairman), Doug Jones (Secretary), Jonathan McEntire, Jason Nichols, Tim Campbell, and David Taylor

**Opening Prayer**: Jason Nichols

**Minutes**: Minutes were emailed ahead of meeting via email.

**Special Historical note**: Not a topic of discussion, but worthy of entering into our historical record. This meeting was scheduled as a ZOOM meeting at the January 9, 2020 meeting. However, as events unfolded this meeting took place 3 weeks into an international pandemic of the Corona virous (Covid-19). Governor Asa Hutchinson of Arkansas in accordance to President Donald Trump’s national request, has restricted public gatherings to 10 people or less. In addition, he asked that travel be reduced to essential business only. This meeting also falls on the heels of the second consecutive week in which churches were requested to temporarily discontinue cooperate worship services. Thus, forcing pastors to use creative ways to connect with their congregations. FaceBook, YouTube, Livestreaming on the internet and Zoom conference calling have become lifelines in the effort to stay connected.

**Business/Discussion**:

1. Scholarships. Applicants for scholarship include:

Applicant Home Church Selected School

Dylan Bishop Plainview FWB Randall University

Michael Bennett Ozark Church Randall University

Jessica Staples FFWB Mtn Home Randall University

Daniel Delgado Connect Church Welch College

Matthew Barnett Sutton FWB Welch College

Adam Abel Macedonia FWB Liberty University (Master’s degree)

Rachel Haralson Union Grove FWB Welch College

Chandler Spradlin Sutton FWB Welch College

Motion was made and seconded that each student will receive $457.00 per semester. Motion approved unanimously.

1. 2020 Minister Retreat.

The retreat will be returning to Hot Springs in 2020. A request was made that we offer single occupancy rooms in 2020. There is a possibility it will not be complete because of vender uncertainty of effect of Covid-19’s long term effect on businesses.

Meeting Closed in prayer by Jonathan McEntire

**July 22, 2020**

2pm, zoom.

**Members Present**: Danny O’Neal (Chairman), Doug Jones (Secretary), Jonathan McEntire, Jason Nichols, Tim Campbell, and Mark Simmons

**Opening Prayer**: Danny O’Neal

**Minutes**: Minutes were not read but will be emailed.

**Business/Discussion**:

1. Ministers Retreat.

Motion carried to cancel the 2020 retreat due to the Covid-19 virus and the uncertainty of CDC and state regulations moving forward. All members voted “yea” with no descending votes.

It was discussed and agreed upon that for those who may have already registered, and paid for, this year’s retreat, they be allowed the option of receiving a refund or rolling the 2020 registration over as registration for the 2021 retreat.

1. Brother Danny mentioned that because of canceling this year’s ministers retreat that it would be appropriate to move the speakers for subsequent minister retreats, back one year. The roster of speakers would then be as follows:

2021 Christian Powell

2022 Eddie Moody

2023 Keith Burden

2024 Joe Grizzle

2025 William Smith

This roster is pending approval from the individual speakers except for Christian Powell who already confirmed his availability for 2021. Confirmation by the others should be obtained by the next C.E.M. meeting.

Chairman Danny O’Neal lost connection with zoom. So, having fulfilled the purpose of this meeting Brother Mark made a motion to adjourn the motion was seconded and approved by all members present.

Next meeting’s date, location, and time was not discussed.