

BAMA MINUTES – FEBRUARY 20, 2008

The Bristolville Area Ministerial Association met Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at Mecca Community Church--one week later than scheduled due to inclement weather. Present were host pastor Chris Furl, Tal Lewis, Ryan Hetzer, Rich Whipkey, Jim Gardiner, Dale Briggs, Jim George, and Fred Keener.

Chris Furl shared opening devotions from Numbers 20 about Moses' sin of striking the rock twice instead of speaking to it, with some thoughts about us needing to be aware of our vulnerabilities as leaders.

Following prayer, the minutes of the January 9, 2008 meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Jim George shared a report, noting that he has closed the savings account and transferred the \$376.50 to checking. Currently--including a Lenten service offering of \$169--this gives us a total of \$1,351.78 in checking. \$200 has been given to BAFM, as approved several months ago.

In Old Business, plans have been confirmed for the spring school outreach with Lee Hood. It will be held May 2, with an assembly at North Bloomfield at 8 or 8:15 a.m., Bristol from 10:40-11:20, and Maplewood at 1:30 p.m. There will also be an evening concert at Maplewood. It was thought that we may need to pay a janitor's fee at Maplewood, but nothing has been mentioned so far. There is still a need for a sound system. Dale said Jody was going to check on one. Chris offered some speakers from Mecca Community Church. Jim George offered an amplifier. Dale said Lee also knows someone in this area who has a system that may be able to be used. There was discussion of whether to send Lee part of the \$1,500 ahead of time for travel expenses; it was agreed to send half.

Dale noted that Ray Allen's wife had died this past Monday after an extended illness.

In other Old Business, the Lenten season is underway, with the first service needing to be canceled because of bad weather. Since Ryan Hetzer missed speaking at the first service, he agreed to speak at North Bloomfield Assembly of God on March 2. The remaining schedule is as follows:

February 24	North Bloomfield U.M.C.	Tal Lewis
March 2	North Bloomfield Assembly of God	Ryan Hetzer
March 9	West Mecca U.M.C.	Jim George
March 21 (Good Fri.)	Mecca Community	Dale Briggs

Each service begins at 6 p.m., except Good Friday at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned shortly before 10 a.m., following anointing and prayer for Fred Keener who requested it because of being diagnosed with prostate cancer. At the present time, there does not seem to be a location for our next meeting, but it will be held Wednesday, March 12 at 9 a.m. You will be notified later regarding the location.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Keener, Secretary