

SOUTHWESTERN OHIO DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
District Advisory Board Meeting
January 6, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Chair: Bob Mahaffey

Members: Ministers – Daryl Blank, Terry Blosser, Kyle Lanham, Alex Mahaffey; Adam Profitt, Sheila Slone; Laypersons – Carol Neeld, Michael Graves, Karen Helton, Gary Johnson (*absent*), Paul Lail, Jill Peddenpohl,

District Treasurer – Lee Van Houten

District Secretary – David Crofford

MINUTES (Respectfully submitted by Jill Peddenpohl DAB Recording Secretary)

Pastor Bob opened the meeting at 7:01 p.m. and sent around Thank you notes received.

1. Devotions and Prayer: Adam Profitt

Pastor Adam shared a devotional from Luke 21. Sharing that when facing chaos do not lose sight of what is important. It is important to watch out for deception, remember the truths of scripture and take every opportunity to bear witness.

There was a time of prayer after sharing prayer requests.

2. Reports:

A. Recording Secretary – Jill Peddenpohl

1. November Minutes 11/04/25

2. Housing Allowance Vote taken at DAC Meeting on 11/19

MOTION: Terry Blosser made the motion to approve Bob Mahaffey's 2026 housing allowance designation of \$15,000 and David Crofford's 2026 housing allowance designation of \$14,000. Seconded by Gary Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

3. 12/9 Email Vote-Accept negotiated offer for of Morrow Building for \$60K+ – 11Y 0N

MOTION: Karen Helton made the motion to receive the November 4, 2025, meeting minutes, 11/19 DAC Meeting vote, and 12/9 Morrow Building email vote. Seconded by Daryl Blank. Motion passed unanimously.

B. District Treasurer – Lee Van Houten

1. Treasurer's Reports

Lee shared that we are currently trending behind in income from prior year. It is possible that we will have to use some reserves to keep things funded. He went on to say that the percentage of those participating in giving has grown.

MOTION: Terry Blosser made the motion to receive the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Michael Graves. Motion passed unanimously.

C. District Secretary – David Crofford

1. Credentials/Transfers.

MOTION: Kyle Lanham made the motion to receive the District Secretary's report which included:

- ***Transfer out of SWO Lea Gauthier transferring to the New England District***
- ***Transfer into SWO Kate Eaton from NW Ohio District***

Seconded by Adam Proffitt. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Higher Ground Conference and Retreat Center:

1. Finance Report/Including /update on new *entrance received by consensus*

E. Reports of New Start/District Supported Ministries

1. No update on Daytonview

F. Pastoral Changes in Process:

1. Brookville
2. Dayton First
3. Daytonview
4. Drexel
5. Georgetown
6. Peebles
7. Springdale
8. Victory
9. Waynesville

G. Pastoral Installation:

1. New Lebanon – Josh Center 01/04/26

H. Reviews:

1. *None to report*

3. Information & Action Items:

1. Sale of Morrow

Morrow church was sold for \$63K along with the buyer covering closing costs. There is a little more title work to be completed, and closing is in two weeks.

2. Sale of Drexel properties / church

The family purchasing the Drexel properties on land contract for \$16K did not make necessary letters available to the Title Company prior to the end of the year, that step still needs to be completed. The same family may buy the church.

3. Policies regarding building usage and Parent Affiliated Congregations

Sheila has taken the lead on developing policies regarding the Church Building usage and Parent Affiliated Congregations.

4. Pastor Bob shared that he will be using \$100 from his discretionary account to include in with a retirement card for Stan Reeder.

5. Penuel Building Fund

Penuel continues to work with David Frey regarding their building project. They have raised pledges of \$200K and the DAB had previously discussed assisting in the project.

MOTION: Terry Blosser made the motion to commit \$50,000 to Penuel for their Building Campaign, when needed, out of Diversity Assistance Fund. Seconded by Paul Lail. Motion passed unanimously.

Lee will create a new account called Penuel to put the \$50K in until they need it once they start to build.

4. Finance updates:

1. Church presentation; Be Hope

Brad Thompson and JC Slone joined the meeting to share the vision of Be Hope and to ask the district to partner with them in funding a position that would develop training for leadership development to raise up leaders to assist in campus planning in the future. Once developed the training would be open to participation from members of other churches. The position requires \$300K in equal increments over 3 years.

Sheila will provide Quarterly Updates on the progress of this project.

MOTION: Terry Blosser made the motion to commit \$300,000 to Be Hope with equal distributions over 3 years toward a position that will develop, train, and deploy leaders, paid on monthly basis starting January 2026 out of the New Start Account. Seconded by Paul Lail. Motion passed unanimously.

The funds are to be separated from New Start fund and designated to Be Hope.

2. Replacement of gutter on District Office – *Bids are being collected to replace loose gutter.*

3. Continuation of DS election preparation

By consensus, the DAB agreed to increase the funds awarded to the electronic balloting system by \$200 to run test elections with the selected Election Buddy Software.

4. Electronic Voting at District Assembly

To accommodate the blank ballot, all electronic ballots will contain a blank line for “write-ins”.

Pastor Bob left the meeting.

5. DS Transition Discussion

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Pastor Adam 9:36 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>TIME:</u>	<u>DEVOTIONS</u>
03/03/26	7:00 PM	Kyle Lanham
04/28/26	7:00 PM	Sheila Slone
07/13/26	Conclusion of Assembly	