Brethren Faith in Action Report

The BFIA Committee met on February 1, 2024, via Zoom. The BFIA fund for 2024 is approximately \$101,000. Two applications were discussed and Stan Dueck was tasked with requesting more information from both applications. The information needed had to do with providing a more detailed budget as to what the money would be used for. Many of the grant applications that come in need more information in them in order to be approved.

The first approval for 2024 was for Columbia City Church of the Brethren in Northern Indiana District for their Feed the Need initiative. From their application:

Feed the Need originated from church members who are passionate about helping the community and making breakfast. The idea is to provide an outreach that involves and benefits the community and congregation, affirming CCCOB's growing commitment to ministry in their neighborhood.

The outreach plans to help a different nonprofit within the community each month of the year except July. CCCOB will provide and serve the meal on the second Saturday of the month. Attendees may make a free-will donation. The monies will go to the designated nonprofit of the month. The interaction between the services, the community, and the congregation will provide an opportunity for awareness and connection.

The BFIA is scheduled to meet again March 6, 2024, at 2:30 pm via Zoom.

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