

AiG Meeting Minutes of the DC Local Committee, Sep 28, 2006.

1. Jeremy Gibson opened in prayer.
2. Members in attendance or participating by audio/web conferencing

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2. Ron Reese provided an update on speakers for the Conference. Ken Ham is the main speaker. AiG wants to have someone with a Ph.D. as the second speaker. Accordingly Dr. David Menton has replaced Mike Riddle in that slot. Ron has asked AiG if we could have Mike Riddle as a third speaker to address the subjects of radiometric dating, cosmology and information (as in “In the beginning there was information”), but a positive response to that request is doubtful. Dr. Jason Lisle is unavailable because AiG is keeping him fully occupied getting the planetarium for the Creation Museum operational and in writing articles for the new Answers Magazine (and also perhaps a book). Ron has not yet received a response on Dr. Menton’s availability to speak at morning worship services at Blue Ridge Bible Church on May 20.
3. Cris Loop contacted a literal Genesis supporting church, which she ascertained from the church’s website, and that church is taking care of finding the pastor names for all of Fauquier County.
4. The first church list building session for counties without coordinators was held September 16th at Blue Ridge Bible church in Purcellville, VA, with six volunteers. The next session will be held October 21 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the same location. Chap asked anyone interested in coming to contact him. He will send out an e-mail with the details, including directions.
5. Ron Reese mentioned that he has articles prepared for local newsletters to help publicize the May 2007 Conference. If anyone knows of an appropriate publication for an article to promote the conference, please contact Ron with the name of the publication and a maximum word count.

6. Ron Reese mentioned that the location of the CLM (Westpark Best Western) is not to be publicized until the invitations are mailed out. The location isn't intended to be secret, but to make sure people RSVP properly so enough food is prepared. If people inquire about the location, please just tell them it is being held at a hotel in the Tyson's Corner area.

7. Ron Reese asked people to contact their churches for financial support for the CLM. Church budgets are being formed now and a sample letters to request support is [here on the web](#). Personal donations from committee members would also be appreciated. Donations for the CLM can be made [here on the AiG website](#), using account #0803692 (Please send an e-mail to Jim Shipe as well.) Jim Shipe updated us on our donation status, and \$5,500 has been received so far. Our budget is \$13,000 needed.

8. Chap asked who is using Excel as opposed to the online MySQL website for updating church information. He requested that people, particularly those in large counties, use the MySQL website. This allows multiple people to update and retrieve data at the same time.

9. Chap reviewed the process for looking up new churches in a county and updating the MySQL website. This process is described [here on the web](#). Church list construction needs to be completed by November 16th, before the holidays.

a. "email Chap for the PW" is the password for the MySQL database. An extra "C" was appended because the system requires a password with 7 characters.)

b. Jeremy asked if the MySQL data is being backed up regularly. Chap said that the database is backed up nightly and that he manually exports a copy of the data weekly.

c. While showing how to look up zip codes on [www.MelissaData.com](#), a question arose as to what we should do if a zip code spans two counties (i.e. Centreville mostly in Fairfax and partially in Loudoun.) We decided that a county coordinator should cover a particular zip code when 50% or more of the addresses in that zip code are in the county. (The MelissaData.com website provides the percentage of addresses within a county.)

d. The question of how to delete, for example a duplicate record, came up since the "delete" button has been disabled on the MySQL website (for safety reasons). Chap said that there are two options. The first is to simply write over it with a new church. The second is to put "Delete" in the denomination field and these will be filtered out later.

e. The role of the local creation contact was discussed. Chap said the purpose of the local creation contact is to try to get their pastor to attend the CLM, handle bulletin inserts, and get the 3 minute AiG DVD played during services (or whatever they can do). Chap said that during this church list building period we do not need to be concerned about filling out these fields in the MySQL website.

10. Cris Loop mentioned that a few people had tried to request brochures for the conference on the AiG – Get Involved website and had not gotten a response. Chap will e-mail James Steffen for information on this.

11. Ron and Chap reviewed the timeline. Items in red indicate a date change from the previous meeting. Ron is going to update the timeline to include two calling Saturdays, February 17th and February 24th, for counties without callers. County coordinator positions need to be filled by February 12th when calling begins. Twice a month meetings will begin in February per AiG guidance.

12. Chap reviewed the status of open local committee positions. Willie Wong has been working with the Chinese churches, but we could still use managers for African American, Korean, and Spanish churches. Filling the county coordinator and caller positions are our greatest needs right now. The table below shows the status of each county. The possibility of doing Baltimore and other counties farther west were discussed. Chap said if someone is called and willing to step up and do a county that is farther out, to feel free (just let him know).

County	Coordinator	Callers
Fairfax County, VA	Steve Blanchard	25 needed
Arlington County / Alexandria, VA	Bryce Cumbie	5 needed
Prince William County, VA	Corry and Joni Isaac	6 needed
Loudoun County, VA	Vacant	5 needed
Fauquier County, VA	Cris Loop	4 needed
Culpeper, Rappahannock, and Orange Counties, VA	Tad Butler	3 needed
King George and Spotsylvania Counties/Fredericksburg, VA	Lanny Larrimore	0 needed
Clarke County, VA	Rachel Mickahail	0 needed
Montgomery County, MD	Fred Pearce	28 needed
Prince Georges County, MD	Vacant	35 needed
Howard County, MD	Jason Bassett	0 needed
Anne Arundel County/Annapolis, MD	Diane Smith	0 needed
Baltimore County/Baltimore City, MD	Vacant (?)	? needed
Charles County, MD	Vacant	5 needed
Calvert County, MD	Vacant	~4 needed
St. Mary's County, MD	Vacant	? needed
Frederick County/Frederick City, MD	Denise Cofer	11 needed
District of Columbia	Joyce Wardrick	? needed

13. Bryce Cumbie mentioned that video conferencing could be an option for people unable to attend the conference in person. Signup for this could be added as a telephone option when it is installed.

14. Joe Wang e-mailed Carl Kerby about the October 1&2 AiG event in Martinsburg, WV. Carl said he would be happy to meet with any committee members. Committee

members are urged to attend this or any of other upcoming AiG events in the DC area. Information on other events in Marshall, VA (Nov. 5 – Mike Riddle) and Fairfax, VA (Nov. 6 – Mike Riddle) is listed on the [AiG website](#). We may be able to recruit county coordinators and callers at these events. Chap suggested distributing [this one page handout](#) and getting people's contact information to follow up with them.

15. Action items briefly reviewed.

- Ron Reese is working with AiG on speakers for conference
- Ron will e-mail Joe Wang the frequencies of two Christian radio stations most listened to by African Americans in PG County
- Chap to e-mail James Steffen (AiG) about brochure requests
- Jeremy to brief www.gotvmail.com phone capabilities and costs at November meeting

16. Next meeting is on 26 Oct. Steve Blanchard closed the meeting in prayer.