

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Michigan Conference, UCC (via Zoom)**  
**July 16, 2022**

*Present:* Liz Larrivee (vice-president), Ruth Moerdyk (secretary), Mary Ann Martin, Lillian Daniel (Conference Minister), Jean Winther, Judith Booker (President), Judy Furman, Ralph Sims, Greg Watling, Karen Wheeler (Acting Financial Director)

*Excused Absences:* Jonathan Riedel, Akua Budu-Watkins

Opened with prayer and introductions.

*Moved and seconded to adopt agenda.* Update on New Waves Church in Traverse City added. Passed.

*Moved and seconded to approve May 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes.* Passed.

Approval of Feb 12, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes moved to May meeting, due to late distribution of those minutes.

*Financial Report*

- Karen Wheeler, Acting Financial Director, reviewed previously distributed reports.
  - Noted that standard reports not yet available, as format is being reconfigured.
- Moved and seconded to accept the financial reports. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

*Camp Talahi*

- Judith Booker noted that the sale has been completed.

*Nominating Committee*

- Liz Larivee reported for the nominating committee. Six people need to be presented to the Annual Meeting:
  - Moderator
  - Treasurer
  - DMA liaison
  - SWA liaison
  - At large
  - Secretary

- Consideration of needs and composition of delegate to Synod is beginning

#### *Annual Meeting Update*

- Judith reported that a tentative agenda has been set for the Annual Meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### *Immanuel Scholarships*

- Ruth Moerdyk, who convenes the Faith Formation Mission Area Team, offered a summary of FFMAT's recommendations for this year's scholarships. Judith Booker (also a FFMAT member) offered remarks.
- Moved and seconded to affirm recommended disbursements. Passed.

##### *Romeo UCC/RISE New Church Start*

- Judith directed attention to previously distribute minutes from the Eastern Association and invited comments re: RISE.
- Hesitation emerged re: helping to fund RISE until more clarity was reached about a number of questions.

##### *New Waves UCC*

- Lillian Daniel noted that she has been in touch with New Waves UCC and that Habitat for Humanity has begun construction on the property even though deed transfer to New Waves was not yet complete.
- Karen Wheeler offered a summary of the Conference history of acquiring the property and a January 2021 Board decision to turn site control over to New Waves.
- A number of legal details need yet to be settled.
- Moved and seconded to affirm Conference Minister Lillian Danial as the Conference's agent to move forward in clarifying the status of the property transfer and any reversionary clause that might be part of the transfer. Passed.

##### *Other*

- Judith Booker noted several other items that the Board has pending for discussion:
  - Possible restructuring of MATs and revisions to bylaws
  - Addressing how best to handle Conference properties
  - Long-term planning for the Conference

##### *Conference Minister's Report*

- Lillian noted that since beginning July 1, she has been busy visiting congregations, arranging preaching opportunities, and generally getting acclimated to the Conference.

Closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Moerdyk, Secretary

**Next Board Meeting September 17, 2022**