

Board of Directors Meeting
Michigan Conference, UCC (via Zoom)
May 21, 2022

Present: Judith Booker (President), Ruth Moerdyk (Secretary), Jean Winther, Mary Ann Martin, Jonathan Riedel, Phil Hart (Transitional Conference Minister), Cheryl Burke (Associate Conference Minister), Ralph Sims, Liz Larivee (Vice-president), Karen Wheeler (Acting Finance Director), Judy Furman, Ivana Pugh, Akua Budu-Watkins

Excused Absences: Greg Watling

Opening prayer offered by Liz Larivee.

Moved and seconded to adopt proposed agenda. Passed

Moved and seconded to approve January 8, 2022 Executive Meeting Minutes. Passed.

Moved and seconded to approve February 12, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes. Passed.

Moved and seconded to approve March 26, 2022 Board of Directors Minutes. Passed

Financial Report

- Karen Wheeler, Acting Finance Director, reviewed a previously distributed summary of finances.
- *Moved and seconded* to accept financial report

Camp Talahi Update. Phil Hart noted that earnest money has been received for the sale of Camp Talahi and that the closing is scheduled for before he leaves Michigan.

PIMAT Update.

- Judith Booker said that the Board does not have any regular representation on Prophetic Integrity MAT, and encouraged people to consider joining that Mission Area Team. She will attend their next meeting.
- Phil commented on PIMAT's role regarding resolutions and noted that the Conference may need a Business Committee for handling resolutions; perhaps Executive Committee could serve in that role.
- Jonathan Riedel said he will consider serving on this MAT.

Annual Meeting Update

- Judith referred people to previously distributed report from planning committee submitted by David Wheeler.

- Meeting will include installation of Lilian Daniel as Conference Minister.
- A determination needs to be made regarding who will moderate the meeting.

Courage Grants Update

- Phil said that 85-90 congregations have applied so far; uses of money are varied.

Nominating Committee Report

- Liz Larivee noted that Board is in need of Moderator, Treasurer, At-large member, DMA liaison, and SWA liaison.

Future Items to Consider

- Judith noted the restructuring of Mission Area Teams and operations, and clarifying tasks, needs further consideration in the future.
- She also said that potential sale of Conference properties will need consideration.

Transitional Conference Minister's Report. Phil offered comments:

- Transfer of property to New Waves UCC should be complete by end of summer.
- Property in East Lansing (office, parish house) has been appraised. Appraisals sent on to Lilian.
 - Cheryl noted also that the Conference still owns church building in Wyoming that Joy Like A River UCC is using. Conference continues to pay utilities, etc.
- Staff Covid policy, office closure remain in place until further re-evaluation.
- Staff updates and changes:
 - Positions are empty in UNA and DMA.
 - The goal at this point is to make sure all work is covered and to leave space open for reevaluation re: staff policy and structure. Special thanks to Cheryl for her flexibility and willingness to make things work.
 - The process of finalizing Lisa Souliere's position reconfiguration is underway; more administrative help may be necessary for both her and Lillian.
 - Phil has been connecting with DMA Linking Board and Church and Ministry Committee; Lilian will continue with that.
- Lisa has begun keeping a folder of info that Lilian will need, as well as keeping track of people and groups that have been requesting appointments with her.
- Phil noted that he leaves Michigan soon, and will be working for the Conference remotely from Omaha for the month of June.

Ivana Pugh announced her resignation from Board due to a job-related relocation to the Phillipines and offered many thanks and appreciations for her time on the Board.

Each Board member offered comments and thanks for Phil's ministry among us, as this is his final meeting with this Board. Many deep thanks, regards, and kudos shared.

Cheryl closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Moerdyk
Secretary

Next Board Meeting July 16, 2022