

MINUTES—MICHIGAN CONFERENCE UCC

January 21, 2023, VIA ZOOM

Present: Diane Baker (Moderator), Judith Booker (President), Cheryl Burke (Associate Conference Minister), Lilian Daniel (Conference Minister), Abbie Goerg, Sue Greenwood, Stephen Johnson, Liz Larrivee (Vice-president), Mary Ann Martin, Antoinette McGarvin (Secretary), Jonathan Riedel, Greg Watling, Karen Wheeler (acting Financial Director), Jean Winther

Absent: Judith Furman, Akua Budu- Watkins

Guest: Heather Kimmel

Welcome from Judith Booker

Devotions from Stephen Johnson

Agenda. Judith made a motion to modify the agenda to add the consent agenda.

- Moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Passed.

Minutes. Moved and seconded to approve November 19, 2022, Board Minutes. Passed.

Judith asked the body for recommendations for a Treasurer and to share with Liz Larrivee.

Board Orientation. All present introduced themselves to Heather Kimmel, General Council, UCC

- Heather shared other boards have outsourced the treasurer responsibility, as a possible consideration. Questions asked and answered.
 - Abbie Georg asked about checks and balances as it relates to upholding mission, values, etc. Heather clarified this is a question specifically for the Board.
 - Bylaw considerations: Indemnification addendum for director, provisions for having remote meetings, etc.

Interim Financial Director Report. Karen Wheeler reported we are in process of collecting final donations from churches. Preparing W2's and 1099s.

- All final numbers are not in.
 - OCWM Giving \$386,000 budgeted; received \$404,000.
 - Christmas fund received \$123,000.
 - Expenses similar to what they were last year.
 - Search committee expenses \$18,000
 - Camp Talahi sale received add'l \$25,000 unexpectedly (funds in escrow)
 - \$150,000 in bank for end of year expenses
- Motion made to accept the report. Moved and seconded. Passed.

East Lansing Property Review Judith reported that the Executive Board will be meeting to discuss the future plans for the direction and how we handle the property.

Annual Meeting Update. An in-person meeting is being considered however we may need to make provisions for those who prefer to meet virtually. Agreed on Saturday, October 28, 2023.

Board MATS. Judith has requested that every member selects a MAT to join. The Board has been asked to make a decision by next month.

By-Laws

Conference Minister Report Rev Daniel has visited a number of churches around the state. Provided staffing gap updates. Refer to previously submitted report.

Judith would like the Board to implement some of the suggestions Heather made. The Executive Board will review the By-Laws in the immediate future. Asked the BOD to share thoughts and concerns.

The next meeting of the Board is March 18, 2023.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:06 with closing prayer from Abbey Goerg.

Respectfully Submitted,
Antoinette McGarvin, Secretary