

MINUTES

Michigan Conference United Church of Christ ~ Board of Directors

July 20, 2019

Present: Vaughn Peterson, Ruth Moerdyk (Secretary), Cheryl Burke (Associate Conference Minister), Bob Heisler (Business Manager), Mary Ann Martin, Campbell Lovett (Conference Minister), Judith Booker (Board President), Akua Budu-Watkins, Karen Wheeler, Greg Briggs (via Zoom), Phiwa Langeni (Moderator), Ivana Barrow, Ralph Sims (arrived for afternoon)

Excused absences: Dan Spaulding, Judy Furman

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Board Development

- Discussion of “Starting with Why” with Simon Sinek, YouTube video
 - Turned into discussion of mission statement. Suggestions for new mission statement included:
 - We believe that God’s expansive love transforms the world [possible addition: through abundant diversity].
 - We strive to faithfully equip purposeful leadership and meaningful relationships for God’s Transformation

Adoption of Consent Agenda

- Moved and seconded to approve consent agenda. Passed.

Approval of May 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

- Amend notes on financial report report to read “\$755,000 in gains, recovering from a market loss of \$734,000 in 2018.” Moved and seconded to approve amended May 2019 minutes

Financial Report

- Budget and Finance & Investment Update. Bob Heisler reviewed previously distributed report.
 - Deficit ytd is \$83,499. Pending fund transfers to reduce deficit include:
 - Applying \$16,000 from building funds to parking lot repaving expenses
 - Reducing current expenses for Synod from an accrued Synod account and MID grant for a delegate, yielding approximately a \$15,000 reduction from incurred expenses.
 - An administrative fee for investments directed to unrestricted income is not included in ytd income. Holding that line item adjustment for end of year.
 - If these adjustments were included budget deficit ytd would be about \$18,500.
- Treasurer’s Report. Karen Wheeler reviewed previously distributed report.
- Moved and seconded to accept financial and treasurers reports. Passed.

Synod Updates

- Delegates and attendees at Synod shared thoughts and impressions.
- Discussion of letter to UCC Board re: following up on tabling of resolution about stewardship of exhibit space that came from Michigan. Work on letter will continue via email.

Annual Meeting Planning

- Phiwa Langeni offered updates on Annual Meeting.
 - Pose question of who shows up regularly, who are we missing regularly

Murdale Leysath Leadership Award Recommendation

- Moved and seconded to give Murdale Leysath Award to the youth from Michigan at General Synod 32. Passed.

Nominating Committee

- Greg Briggs reported on nominations in process

Mission Area Team Reports

- See previously distributed written reports

Judith Booker asked for a motion to go into executive session after lunch. Made and seconded. Passed

LUNCH

Executive Session

- Campbell commented on previously distributed report
- After remarks, stated that he would retire from position by end of year

Discussion followed after review by Judith Booker of consult with Lee Albertson, Coordinator for Conference Minister and Coordinator for Conference of Council Ministers.

- After discussion, Board concurred that Executive Committee discuss desirable characteristics and qualifications of candidates for position, conduct interviews and report to Board.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: September 21, 2019