

**Board of Directors Meeting
Michigan Conference, UCC
July 21**

Present: Dan Spaulding, Ivana Barrow, Cheryl Burke (Associate Conference Minister), Vaughn Peterson, Greg Briggs (vice-president), Ruth Moerdyk (secretary), Judy Furman, Karen Wheeler (treasurer), Coni Simon (via Skype), George Bozanich (moderator)

Excused: Judith Booker (president), Akua Badu-Watkins, Ralph Sims

In Judith's absence, Greg will conduct the meeting

Welcome and opening prayer
Cheryl opened with prayer

Board Development

Campbell introduced a short piece by Dan Hotchkiss re: fostering deep conversations by people of faith re: challenging topics, especially through governance practices. Conversation followed.

Consent agenda approved

Moved and seconded to approve May 19th minutes.
Passed

Financial Report (Karen Wheeler)

Treasurer's Report reviewed (see attached)

- Discussion re: Budget and Finance Committee sense that they should have charge of leading discussions re: physical property
- Karen agreed that Budget and Finance will talk with existing Building Committee, review existing building policy, and return to Board for more discussion.

OCWM Report reviewed (see attached)

Pohl fund update

- Campbell briefly reviewed funds received that will be transmitted to Southern Christian College in Phillipines

Budget and finance investment updates reviewed (see attached)

2019 Budget Proposal reviewed (see attached)

- Discussion emerged re: 1% increase for staff when inflation rate is 2%
- Moved and seconded to increase staff salaries by 2%
 - Discussion followed re: how to pay for additional 1% (approximately \$4000)
 - Passed

- Recommendation made that administrative fee be increased to 1.1% in order to cover additional costs.
- Motion made and seconded to forward amended budget with further vetting to Annual Meeting. Passed.
 - Vetting requested re: legality of using administrative fees as proposed in present budget

Conference Property Update and Options

Problem with culvert on property. Need to clarify responsible agency.

Conversation underway re: considering uses of property to reflect faith witness of the Conference

Property committee leaning away from keeping and maintaining church house

Lunch

Annual Meeting Update (George Bozanich)

Promotion needed for advance registration

Planning Committee glad about concurrent youth event

Local work project also planned

Trying to write a hymn specific to event

Planning to present plenary in single session on Saturday

Murdale Leysath Leadership Award

- Proposed and approved to give Murdale Leysath Award to Stan And Betsy Dole

For slate: need replacement for Dennis Green (Eastern Association), Karen Wheeler eligible to renew term as treasurer, Coni Simon eligible to renew term

- Also need candidates for General Synod 2019 replacements and those who will attend 2019 and 2021

New Business

Mission Area Teams (MATs)

- Prophetic Integrity MAT
 - Receiving resolutions until end of July
- Vital Growth MAT
 - Bertha Dayton grant awardees chosen
 - Will be receiving Innovation Award applications
- Faith Formation MAT
 - Building funding for new initiatives into budget
 - Considering actions that might be appropriate to make better use of Immanuel Scholarship Fund
- Compassionate Growth MAT
 - Successful Hearts & Treasures event in May

Greg requested a report from Campbell about Regional Youth Event

Request for Endorsement

- Voters Not Politicians request for endorsement (see attached) from Michigan Conference, based on 2017 resolution about voting accessibility and rights.
 - Moved and seconded to endorse effort of Voters Not Politicians to establish a non-partisan redistricting commission.
 - Passed

Other new business?

- Brief discussion of prior conversation suggesting that future budgets be prepared with salary increases at least equal to rate of inflation
 - Or use Consumer Price Index, which is calculated on a regional basis?
 - Move this to old business for next agenda

Conference Minister Update

Campbell reviewed his report (see attached)

- Conversation followed re: transitions in STEM program

Next meeting September 15, location TBD

Adjournment