

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 2012 – 5:00 to 6:30 PM EDT

ATTENDEES:

Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, Moderator, Rev. Robert Griffin, Vice-Chair; Bryan Parker, Secretary; Liz Bisordi, Treasurer; Raquel Benitez, Rev. Onetta Brooks, Rev. Tony Freeman, Kareem Murphy, Bryan Parker, Rev. Candace Shultis, Linda Beckstead (Staff support),

Invited Staff Members to deliver report: Barbara Crabtree, Director of Operations; Carlos Chavez, and Jason O'Neill

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Candace opened in prayer & Nancy led all in a time for one another to share personal updates.

Consent Agenda

- Minutes of December 2011 Meeting (Bryan)
- Moderator's Report (Nancy)
- Director of Operations financial reports (Barb)
 - November P & L
 - November 30 Balance Sheet
 - Budget Summary at November 30
- Distribution of Funds received from Closed Churches
- Distribution of Funds received from Bequest

GB MOTION 012412.01 Motion to approve everything on the Consent Agenda by Candace; seconded by Liz M/S Approved

Communications: Branding/Marketing/Website

Barb Crabtree gave a thorough update on the work that Barb, Carlos and Jason have been doing with the Blur Advertising/Craig Media. The contract of Blur Advertising/Craig Media began on Sept. 1, 2011. The team has begun some exciting work to help MCC strengthen its communication strategy and brand. Some success already made have been Rev. Elder Dr. Nancy Wilson's contributions to the Gay Voices section of Huffington Post and assisting local churches with crafting press releases and dealing with media during crisis.

Currently the team is working on reformatting e-newsletters and website to be more user friendly. They are also road mapping plans to give Networks sections of the website that each Network Leader will be able to maintain and update.

A more detailed project outline will be presented to the Governing Board during the March face to face meeting for informational purposes rather than for policy approval to show what this team is doing to align

MCC's communication with the GB's Vision Goal - "Communicate to the world with passion and clarity who we are -- and that 'we want to know you!'"

Addendum 4 -the Judiciary Process approved

Rev. Onetta Brooks gave an update on the Judiciary Process and made the following motions:

GB MOTION 012412.02 Rev. Onetta Brooks moved to accept the updated Addendum 4 - MCC Policy and Process for Discipline of Ministry Leaders (January 2012) version, Rev. Robert Griffin seconded.
M/S Approved

GB MOTION 012412.03 Rev. Onetta Brooks moved to approve the list of 26 Judiciary Pool appointees of:

- 1) Rev Cecilia Eggleston - England
- 2) Jaco du Plessis - South Africa
- 3) Rev. Alycia Erickson - USA
- 4) Jude Litzenberger - USA
- 5) Rev. Paulette V. Armstead - USA
- 6) Rev Paul Eknes-Tucker - USA
- 7) Nerisse Karen Kaye M. Pamaran - Philippines
- 8) Ken Ehrke - USA
- 9) Ron LaRocque - USA
- 10) Andy Braunston - England
- 11) Alberto Nájera Flores - Nicaragua
- 12) Cathy Alexander - USA
- 13) Rev. Gavin Ward - Australia
- 14) Rev. Dr. Danny Spears - USA
- 15) Gail M. Bumala - USA
- 16) Rev. Edgard F. Danielsen-Morales - USA / Latin America
- 17) Rev. Catherine Houchins - USA
- 18) Victor H. Bracuto - Argentina

- 19) Rev. Rick Sosbe -USA
- 20) Rev. Steve Torrence - USA
- 21) Rev Robert Clark - Australia
- 22) Rev. María Araceli Ezzatti - Uruguay
- 23) Annette Hope Billings - USA
- 24) Elma de Vries - South Africa
- 25) Rev. Alejandro Escoto - Latin America
- 26) Gemma Burns - USA

for the next five years as recommended by the Council of Elders and OFLD, Kareem Murphy seconded.
M/S Approved

Governing Board Policy Handbook Update

Bryan Parker gave an updated of pending policies that have previously been assigned:

- Policy 11 - Finances - Liz & Finance Team
- Policy 13 - Compliance Oversight - Tony
- Policy 16 – Tithe Payment - TBD - Bryan to work with Nancy & Barb on direction
- Policy 18 - Gift Acceptance Policy - Tony
- Policy 21 - GB Grant Policy - Tony
- Policy 22 - Investment Policy - Investment Team
- Policy 23 - Audit Policy - Liz & Finance Team

Members will help create policies and submit for review prior to the March meeting in order to then finalize and vote on the policies. Kareem Murphy will also be involved in assisting to create policies where need be.

Approval of Elder Appointments

GB MOTION 012412.04 Rev. Onetta Brooks moved to approve the nomination of Reverend Dr. Mona West and Rev. **Hector Gutierrez** for appointment as an MCC Elder, seconded by Kareem.

M/S Approved

Special Virtual General Conference

Announcement of the Special Virtual General Conference and agenda will go out 60 days prior to the Special Virtual General Conference taking place. Voting will be conducted via Survey Monkey. In the parts of the world where Survey Monkey may not work alternative arrangements for submitting votes will be made on a case by case basis.

Suggested Business Forum date that will precede the Affirmation of Elders will be targeted for Tues, March 20, 2012 or Thur, March 1, 2012.

Churches that are not current on tithes or have an approved agreement for repaying tithes will be notified of their voting eligibility status.

GB MOTION 012412.05 Rev. Onetta Brooks made the motion to approve a virtual Special General Conference to affirm the appointment of Elders to the MCC Council of Elders on March 28 and 29, 2012. Rev. Dr. Candace Schultis seconded. M/S Approved

Review Action Items/Meeting Evaluation conducted by Rev. Elder Dr. Nancy Wilson

Closing Prayer led by Rev. Onetta Brooks

Next Meeting Dates:

- ❖ TUE 21 FEB 12 5:00 PM EST
- ❖ MON 7 – 11 MAR FACE TO FACE
- ❖ TUE 20 MAR 12 5:00 PM EST
- ❖ TUE 17 APR 12 5:00 PM EST
- ❖ TUE 15 MAY 12 5:00 PM EST
- ❖ TUE 19 JUN 12 5:00 PM EST
- ❖ TUE 17 JUL 12 5:00 PM EST
- ❖ THU 2 AUG – TUE 7 AUG 12 – 3 & 4 AUG WITH SLT
- ❖ THU 21 AUG 12 5:00 PM EST (IF NEEDED)
- ❖ THU 18 SEP 12 5:00 PM EST
- ❖ THU 16 OCT 12 5:00 PM EST
- ❖ THU 20 NOV 12 5:00 PM EST
- ❖ THU 18 DEC 12 5:00 PM EST