

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

17 November 2016 – 4:30 pm ET

Attended: Rev. Rachelle Brown, SJ Ramage, Rev. Dr. Stephanie Burns, Kimberly Brown, Rev. Dr. William Knight, Mark Dalglish, Rev. Joe Cobb, Rev. Jakob Hero; Absent: Angel Collie

Staff Present: Barb Crabtree, Jack Hutter

Rachelle opened the meeting inviting a brief check-in and prayer.

The board reviewed the consent agenda, including the 2016 10-27 Governing Board Meeting Minutes. **A motion was made by SJ to accept the minutes of the 27 October Governing Board Meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Kimberly. The motion was unanimously adopted.**

Barb introduced the 2017 Housing Allowance Resolution for MCC Staff Clergy. **A motion was made by Kimberly to accept the Housing Allowance for 2017 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mark. The motion was unanimously adopted.**

Moderator's Report was given by Rachelle, which included a review of the myriad work already underway in response to the U.S. election, the Standing Rock webinar on indigenous rights and the Dakota pipeline, responses to recent hate crimes impacting MCC congregations, developing and finalizing SLT work plans for 2017. Rachelle also update the Governors on the legal proceedings regarding Rev. Brent Hawkes in Nova Scotia and the impact on MCC Toronto.

Committee Updates:

Finance – Kimberly is chairing this committee and has reviewed responsibilities of the committee, including monthly review of financial statements and ongoing work on the 2017 budget. The committee is set to meet on November 28 at 1:00 pm ET.

Governance - Stephanie is chairing this committee and reported that they will meet before the next Governing Board meeting. She noted several editorial corrections to the bylaws submitted and approved at General Conference. These were completed by Onetta and have been posted to the website. The Board of Pensions has a F2F meeting scheduled in Omaha on April 29, 2017.

Development – Joe reported that no meeting date has been set and he will work with Emily to get it scheduled. Clinton Crawshaw said that he would be on the committee

The Moderator's Circle is being rebranded and end of year appeal letters are being prepared, with an emphasis on donors who have not yet made a contribution in 2016. The Governing Board is being asked to help write thank you notes to donors.

Assessments – SJ met with Barb to discuss next steps in developing the Assessments Task Force, which will include an open call for applications to serve on the task force.

Communications – Joe reported that a response from the Governors to the COE letter has been approved and will be sent.

Strategic Planning – The Board will talk about this at our joint SLT/GB meeting on 1 December.

50th Anniversary Committee – Lauren Bennett and Barb Crabtree will be staff people Jakob, Kimberly, and Rachelle will also be on the committee.

MCC Professional Ethics Document: The Board was reminded that all need to sign this document on an annual basis. A link was provided for direct access.

Other Topics of discussion included the following:

- Joint SLT/GB meeting is scheduled for 1 December and will include bits of the F2F that did not get completed in our October meeting. Items will include conversation about General Conference 2022, work priorities and the budget process. We will also recognize World AIDS Day.
- Rachelle is inviting broad reflection on what is needed to be a denomination in the 21st Century
- Operations is working on new data base, which we hope to have ready by end of 1st QTR or early 2nd QTR 2017.
- Review and reallocation of resources
- Review and revisions of H/R manual

Consultants:

Rachelle is looking into potential consultants who work with non-profits to help us review our current bylaws and who could assist in organizational trauma and healing work.

Closing Prayer:

SJ closed the meeting with prayer.

