

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

October 18, 2011

ATTENDEES:

Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, Moderator, Liz Bisordi, Treasurer; Bryan Parker, Secretary; Raquel Benitez, Rev. Onetta Brooks, Rev. Tony Freeman, Kareem Murphy, Connie Meadows (Staff support), Irma Bauer Levesque

Absent: Rev. Candace Shultis, Rev. Robert Griffin, Vice Chair

I. **Welcome and Opening Prayer 5:00 PM EST** led by Nancy

II. **Consent Agenda**

- Minutes of September Meeting (Bryan)
- Moderator's Report (Nancy)
- Director of Operations financial reports (Barb)
 - August P & L
 - August 31 Balance Sheet
 - Budget Summary at August 31
- Vote to approve Kareem Murphy as member of Governing Board

Onetta moved, Liz second, M/S Approved.

III. **Discussion on Dan Hotchkiss' comments on "Investing in MCC"**

GB discussed comments by consultant Dan Hotchkiss on the Investing in MCC Policy. The discussion outcome: The policy team will work with Bryan to put the finished policy in the handbook. Tony and Liz to get the team back together and include Bryan on writing the policy. Policy will need to better outline the Global Delegation aspect of the policy manual. Nancy to follow-up with Dan once the policy is written for his review.

IV. **Report from the ITF Steering Committee**

Nancy acknowledged the recommendation in the report that refers sending items to the theologies team on MCC's State of Faith since it is not in the ITFs prevue . Nancy said that this already on the Theologies Team's agenda for their next meeting.

Tony was encouraged by the report and looking forward to the three models that they are developing.

Nancy noted that this was not an easy task for the ITF to get up to speed and do this tedious

work and is impressed with the results of the ITF thus far. She also noted that the meeting in Toronto was very productive and that these are very bright and committed people. The difference to "fixing some problems" vs. the adaptive change that needs to occur has helped shaped where the ITF will move forward.

Tony asked if the timeline is still realistic for the ITF considering all the work that has to be done?

Raquel confirmed that the timeline is still realistic due to the upcoming face to face meeting in St. Petersburg, FL with some GB members present. This will help move the work along. The biggest frustrations the ITF is having is managing time zone differences on conference calls so the face to face meetings truly advance the work in a rapid manner.

Nancy noted she is looking for a facilitator/consultant person to work with the Steering Committee and for the Face to Face. My preference would be a non-American with the necessary skills.

Kareem asked if the recommendation is that the Theologies Team wrestle with the Statement of Faith?

Nancy confirmed that this is where it would go for consideration and to work on it, and not come from the ITF.

Raquel noted that this is how the ITF works – they are finding that they are getting feedback from a lot of people on a lot of topics. These may be things that are not in the role of the ITF, but the ITF feels they are important issues that have to be referred to the appropriate entity to deal with them, i.e. the GB, the Theologies Team, etc.

Onetta reminded the GB that the Bylaws Team will be looped in and they will review what is proposed by the Theologies Team and ITF and its impact on the bylaws for 2013.

V. Fund Development Updates

Irma - Generous in faith campaign - ready to do a follow-up with Churches. So far there have been seven churches that have responded. A similar plan used for Fellowship Sunday will be used to Follow-up with churches. Year End Campaign software fixes have allowed for correct coding of major donor prospects. Irma has sent the list and would like each GB Member to review the list and indicate if they are the best person to make a solicitation call to these individuals and who will be most effective.

There has been no response on if Lilly Foundation Grant for \$1M that spans over three years and tied to size summit, leadership development and church planting has been awarded. Irma expects to hear something in the coming days. [POST MEETING UPDATE: The grant was not awarded]

Irma and team have created grant writing webinars with 50 people signed up and another 30 people on the waiting list.

VI. Strategic Plan

Nancy shared that Robert was hoping to spend time focusing on our open questions especially as it pertains to strategic planning. The GB should be thinking about and prepare to discuss strategic planning as related to our open questions.

Nancy to Kareem - Review the August the detailed minutes regarding SP and we would like to hear your input on where you would like to be involved in this area. Robert and Nancy will discuss in detail when Kareem in is in Sarasota at the end of the month.

VII. **Finical Review**

Tony suggested that in addition of receiving and reviewing monthly financial statements we do a in-depth finical review on our meetings quarterly - similar to the deep dive we do during our face to face meetings.

Liz and Nancy reported that Barb is working to have the 2012 budget ready for the November meeting but awaiting news on Lilly Grant.

VIII. **Meeting Adjourned 5:45 PM EST** in prayer led by Onetta

Next Meeting Dates:

- TUE 15 NOV 11 5:00 PM EST